

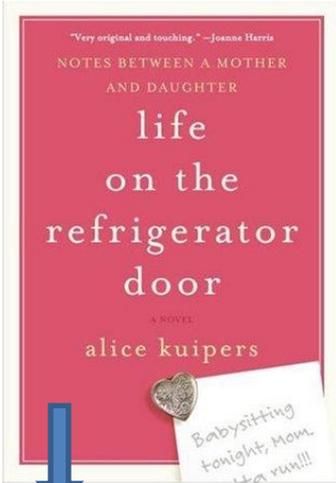


# Literacy Autumn News

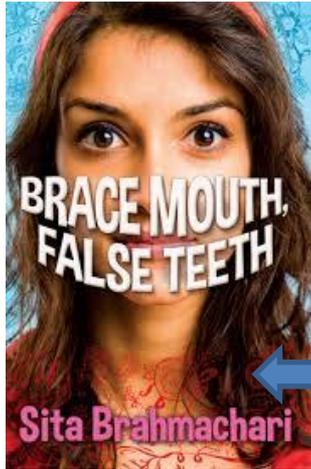
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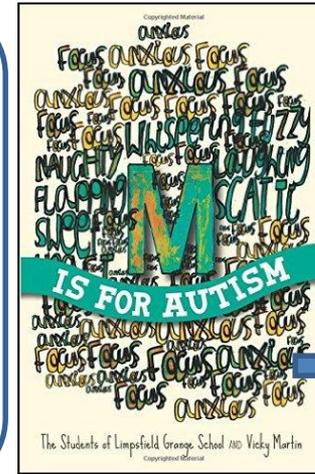
# Top 10 speedy reads



**Life on the refrigerator door** by Alice Kuipers  
 Blurb: Claire and her mum are like ships in the night, forever passing and missing each other, and only communicating with notes they leave each other on the fridge door. When we first dip into their lives, those notes - in which the whole story is told - are silly, fond and full of everyday chit-chat... till life happens to take an unexpected and frightening turn.



**Brace Mouth, False Teeth** by Sita Brahmachari  
 Blurb: Zeni's work experience placement sucks - she's sent to help out an old people's nursing home. But she quickly comes to notice Alice, who lives in her own little wonderland of lost memories.

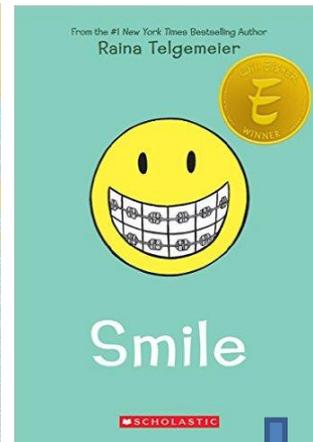
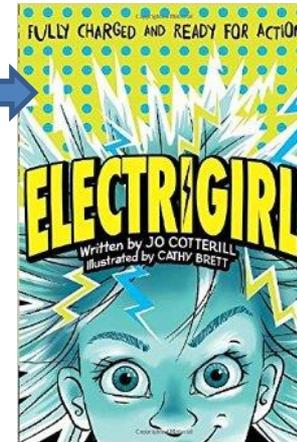


**M is for Autism** by the students of Limpsfield Grange School and Vicky Martin  
 Blurb: Meet M, a teenage girl on a mission to find out what normal's all about, from the viewpoint of being on the autistic spectrum.



**May B** by Caroline Starr Rose  
 Blurb: A novel in verse, it tells the story of May B, a pioneer girl stranded alone in the Kansas prairies. Think 'Little House on the Prairie' meets 'The Weight of Water' and you'll get a flavour of this only-published-in-the-US gem.

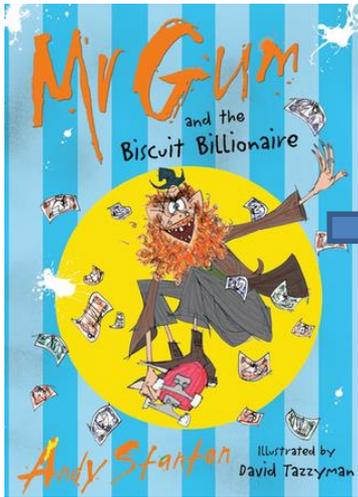
**Electricgirl** by Jo Cotterill  
 Blurb: Holly is an average schoolgirl, who falls out with her friend one minute, and is struck by lightning and turns into a superhero the next! Part book, part comic, this book is fast and furious fun



**Smile** by Raina Telgemeier  
 Blurb: Totally fun graphic novel of the trials of being a teenager - a teenager dealing with friends, boys, braces and earthquakes!

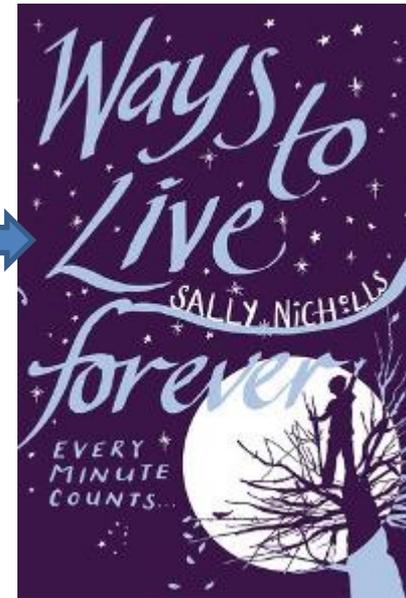


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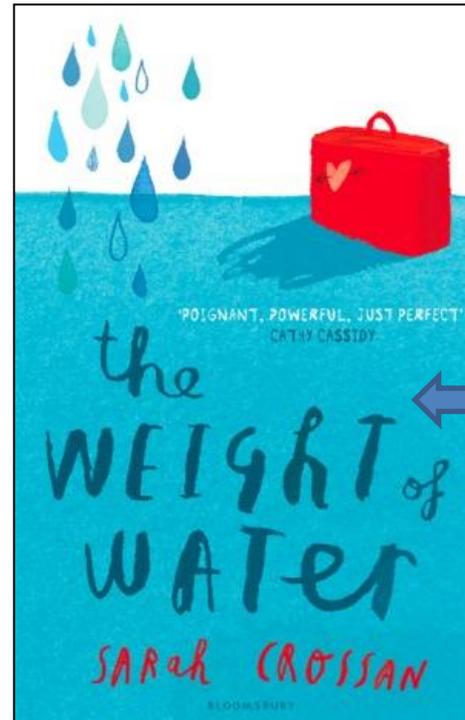
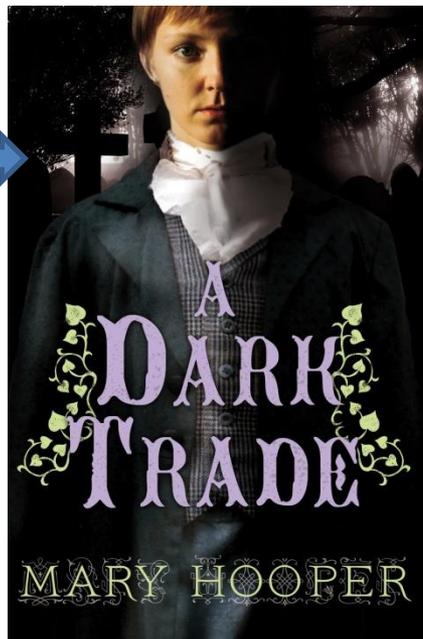


*Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire* by Andy Stanton  
 Blurb: Mr Gum books are officially 96% bonkers and 100% wondrous, for all ages. How can I pick a favourite out of this dazzling bundle of stupidly good fun? Well, because this second in the series stars a living, breathing billionaire gingerbread man called Alan Taylor

*Ways to Live Forever* by Sally Nicholls  
 Blurb: Sam is ill, really ill. Through short but affecting chapters - interspersed with notes and lists - you're really there with him, wondering, hoping, crying and laughing



*A Dark Trade* by Mary Hooper  
 Blurb: A Victorian maid who disguises herself as a boy to escape danger - and walks straight into a situation much more dangerous...



*The Weight of Water* by Sarah Crossan  
 Blurb: Kasienska and her mother arrive in the UK with a suitcase and laundry bag stuffed with clothes, as well as hope and fear in equal measure. Kasienska's window on life as an immigrant is told in a fresh, poetic and rivetting way. Unputdownable.





# Audio Literacy

The screenshot shows the BBC iPlayer Radio interface for the 'Book at Bedtime' program. The header includes the BBC logo, navigation links (Sign in, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, More), and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of a woman reading a book. Below the image, there are sections for 'On demand' (Episode 10: The Muse) and 'On radio' (Episode 1: Dirt Road). A 'More' section lists 48 clips available online. The program is described as 'Readings from modern classics, new works by leading writers and literature from around the world'.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qtlx>

BBC 4 radio offers a variety of audio literacy experiences.

From Book of the Week which includes serialised book readings, the nightly Book at Bedtime and Front row a literature and media discussion show.

All the programmes can be downloaded so you can listen to them when you want.

The screenshot shows the BBC iPlayer Radio interface for the 'frontrow' program. The header includes the BBC logo, navigation links (Sign in, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, More), and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of three people. Below the image, there are sections for 'On demand' (Episode 1: Simon Pegg on Star Trek, Beatrix Potter at 150, Stalking the...) and 'On radio' (Episode 1: Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile). A 'More' section lists 824 clips available as a podcast. The program is described as 'Weekdays 7.15pm Books, film, music, performance, visual art, media and more'.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qsq5>

The screenshot shows the BBC iPlayer Radio interface for the 'Book of the Week' program. The header includes the BBC logo, navigation links (Sign in, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, More), and a search bar. The main content area features a large image of an open book. Below the image, there are sections for 'On demand' (Episode 1: Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile) and 'On radio' (Episode 1: Tim Jeal - Explorers of the Nile). A 'More' section lists 56 episodes available on BBC iPlayer Radio. The program is described as 'Serialised book readings, featuring works of non-fiction, biography, autobiography, travel, diaries, essays, humour and history'.

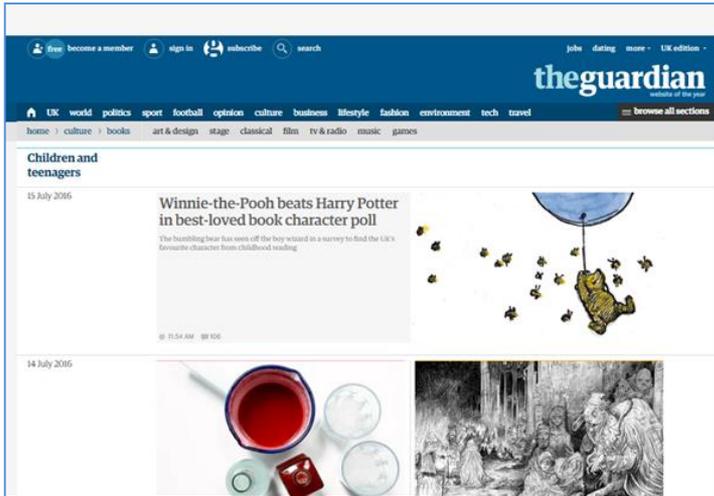
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# Book Review Websites

Want to know what a book is really like? Or what book to read next? There are a number of book review websites, these are some of the best.



<https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksforchildrenandteenagers>



<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



<https://www.goodreads.com/>



# Reading for Pleasure

Studies show reading for pleasure makes a big difference to a student's educational performance.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a student does well at school than their social or economic background.

