



Burford School Reading Review

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How do you interpret these comments by famous individuals about reading?

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”

Walt Disney

“Books shouldn’t be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage.”

Roald Dahl

“I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read, one to write in.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.”

C.S. Lewis

“Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.”

Harper Lee

What does reading mean to you? What would you like to tell others about reading?

Write your own quotation about the importance of reading so that you are ready for the day that you become a famous author.



Burford’s peer reading recommendations

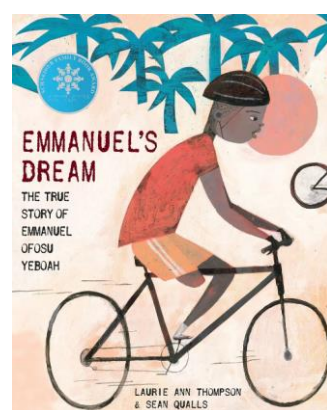
Children who are encouraged to read and who have books suggested to them by their peers are significantly more likely to enjoy reading and say that it is ‘cool’ than those who don’t (National Literacy Trust surveys, 2008-2016). Creating a culture of peer recommendation takes time and effort, but the results are definitely worth the investment.

Hearing a child say, ‘You just have to read _____’ or ‘I absolutely loved _____ and think you will too’ to a peer is a magical moment. At Burford, we have a school of genuine readers, from our pupils, to our staff, to our families and friends. What book will you recommend next?

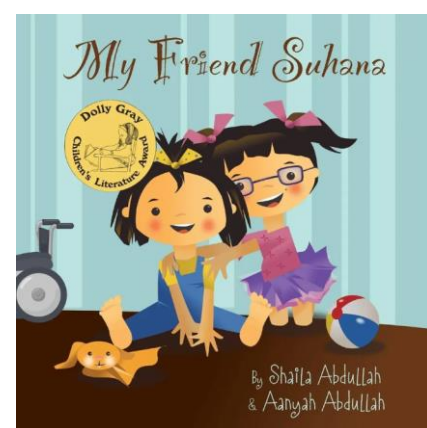
Children’s books that feature characters with disabilities

It’s important for children to feel represented in the books they read. It’s also important for books to expose children to the beautiful diversity of our world. This includes the varying abilities and disabilities around the globe.

"Emmanuel's Dream" tells the true story of Emmanuel Oforu Yeboah, a Ghanaian athlete and disability rights activist.



Author Shaila Abdullah teamed up with her 10-year-old daughter Aanyah to write this book about a friendship between two girls, one of whom has cerebral palsy.



Award-winning books

The Diverse Book Award Winner
2022

Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by Benjamin Dean

10+ years

‘Joyful, funny and heartfelt’ - Katie Tsang, co-author of Sam Wu is Not Afraid and Dragon Mountain

Award-winning books

Waterstones Children's Book
Prize 2022

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

8+ years

“It is deeply moving, beautifully told, quite unforgettable.” Michael Morpurgo

Award-winning books

British Book Awards 2022 Overall
Winner

You Are A Champion by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka

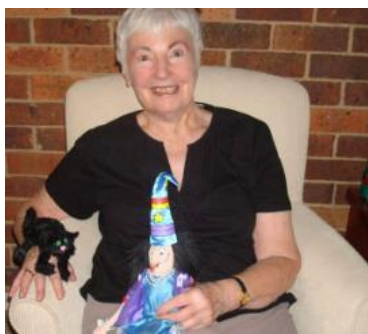
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‘Marcus has spoken for, and inspired, millions of children. That is so so powerful.’ - Siya Kolisi, South African rugby captain and world cup winner

Celebrating 35 years of Winnie and Wilbur since 1987

Lovingly created by Valerie Thomas and Korcky Paul

"I can hardly believe that it's thirty-five years since I first thought of Winnie and Wilbur. The story just popped into my head like magic. The most magical aspect of Winnie and Wilbur is that after thirty-five years they haven't aged at all. My hair has turned to silver, but Winnie doesn't have a single grey hair. Let us hope that in another thirty-five years they will still be enjoying their magical lives."



"Drawing the first Winnie and Wilbur picture book was a spell-binding experience. Illustrating Valerie Thomas's enchanting Winnie and Wilbur stories over the last thirty-five years has given me a cauldron-full of creative opportunities and many magic moments. 'Purrrrr-fect...' as Wilbur would say."



To mark the anniversary, Oxford University Press have published a hardback edition of the first Winnie the Witch story complete with extra information about the characters, memories of Winnie and Wilbur's most magical moments and an insight into the early sketches from Korcky Paul.

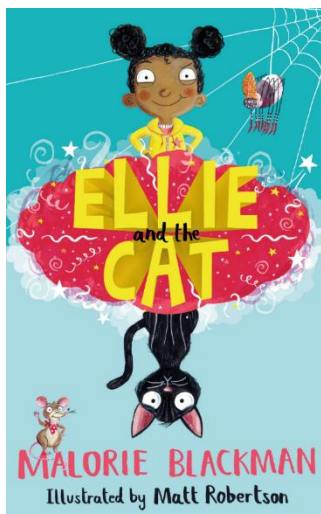


Miss Hatvany recommends

Ellie and the Cat by Malorie Blackman

Ellie and the Cat will make you think carefully about the Burford Body and Burford Values. Ellie is the rudest, most spoiled child her grandma has ever met. So Grandma, who is a little bit magic, decides to teach her a lesson and switches Ellie's body with Jolly the cat's. As Ellie starts to make friends with the other animals in the house, the mice and the spiders, she learns how to be a good friend.

You can find this book in Burford's library! If you choose to read this book, be sure to let me know what you thought of it.



Miss Hatvany also recommends

Space Race by Malorie Blackman

Originally published in 1997, Space Race is a blast of a story.

Five...four...three...two...one. Lift-off! What can Lizzie do when big-headed Jake challenges her to a race in space? She's GOT to beat him. But Jake has a super-duper, deluxe new spaceship that runs on special fuel...

Who do you think deserves to win the race? Your opinion may change as you read on. This book will particularly make you reflect on the Burford Values of honesty and kindness.



Book Quiz Time

Celebrate the best of children's literature.

1. What is the name of Matilda's teacher?
a) Mrs Lizzie Sugar
b) Miss Jennifer Honey
c) Miss Lavender Bogtrotter
d) Mrs Agatha Trunchbull
2. What instrument does Peter play in Peter Pan?
a) Harmonica
b) Flute
c) Mandolin
d) Trumpet
3. In The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, what is the name of the children who go to Narnia?
a) The Parker siblings.
b) The Kirke siblings.
c) The Pevensie siblings.
d) The Ketterly siblings.
4. Where does the Dursley family live in the Harry Potter series?
a) 6 Drill Street, Petunia Crossing
b) 4 Privet Drive, Little Whinging
c) 16 Diagon Alley, London

Can you come up with your own question?

Answers