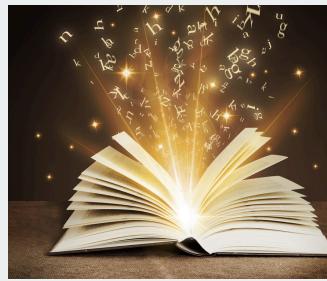


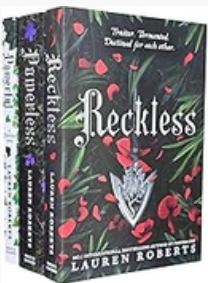


# READING NEWS



February 2025

If you like ..... If you like the Shatter Me series by Tahera Mafi...



...then  
you'll love

...then read

Powerless series by Lauren Roberts.

This book is about a kingdom where Paedyn is an ordinary person who pretends to be an elite and poses as a psychic so that her true identity is not exposed. but when Paedyn saves prince Kai, she finds herself thrown into the purging trials, a deadly competition held to showcase the elites' powers — the one thing Paedyn lacks.

Genre: Romantasy (Romance and Fantasy)

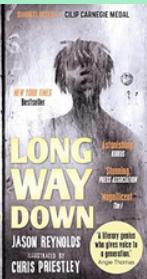
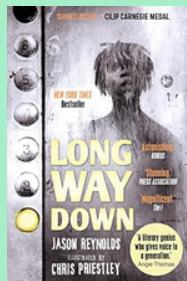
Audience: Young Adults (13-18)

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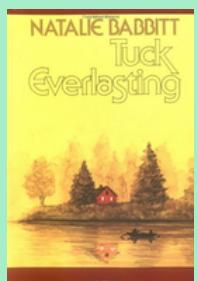
## Upcoming Events

- 1st February - 9th February National Storytelling Week
- Thursday 6th February Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 6th February Primary Dance Live
- Tuesday 11th February PD Day
- Friday 14th February Valentines Day
- Friday 14th February Closing Date of the **Nick and Charlie Competition**
- 17th - 23rd February - HALF TERM
- Friday 28th February Ramadan begins.

## Staff Recommendations.



Long Way Down  
by Jason Reynolds  
recommended by Ms Cotton.



Tuck Everlasting  
by Natalie Babbitt  
recommended by Dr Stoops.

## QUIZ TIME

1) Who is the main villain in Harry Potter?

2) Which god is Percy Jackson's dad?

3) How many Roald Dahl books are there?

by Jamie.

## YA Book of the month!



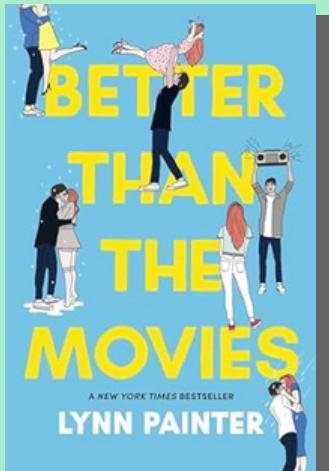
A cute rom-com about rom-coms that tells the story of a girl falling head-over-heels for the boy next door. Definitely worth the read.



# Book Review and Author Spotlight



## Book review



"**Better Than the Movies**" by Lynn Painter is a delightful young adult contemporary romance that captures the essence of high school crushes, friendship, and the awkwardness of growing up. The story revolves around Liz Buxbaum, a hopeless romantic who dreams of a love story straight out of her favorite movies. When the charming and enigmatic Wes Bennett steps back into her life, Liz finds herself navigating the complexities of relationships, expectations, and her own heart.

Painter's writing is vibrant and relatable, drawing readers into Liz's world with a charming mix of humor and genuine emotion. Liz's character is wonderfully developed, embodying the quirks and insecurities of a teen in love. The chemistry between Liz and Wes is palpable, filled with witty banter and tender moments that keep readers engaged throughout.

One of the highlights of the novel is its exploration of the idea that life can often mirror the films we watch, but understanding that real relationships require more than the fairy tale magic typically depicted on screen. The book skillfully combines elements of nostalgia, particularly for those who grew up with classic romantic comedies, while still providing fresh themes and relatable scenarios.

Overall, "Better Than the Movies" is an enchanting read that balances humor with heartfelt moments. Painter has crafted a story that resonates with anyone who has ever navigated the tangled web of teenage love. If you're looking for a charming, feel-good romance that will take you back to the days of young love, this book is a must-read.

by Emily.

## Author spotlight



**Suzanne Collins**

**Suzanne Collins** is an American author who is best known for her bestselling trilogy - *The Hunger Games*. Collins was born on the 10th August 1962 in Connecticut. She studied theatre and telecommunications at Indiana University in 1985. She then went on to receive an M.F.A in dramatic writing at New York University. The opening to the *Hunger Games* trilogy was released in 2008, the other 2 books being published shortly after in 2009 and 2010. She then went on to write a prequel that was published in 2020, its film being released in 2023. Despite the series being her most popular books, Collins has written many more books. Her newest book, *Sunrise on the Reaping* is being released later on in the year and after, will be turned into a film, just like her other 4 very successful books.

by Daisy.