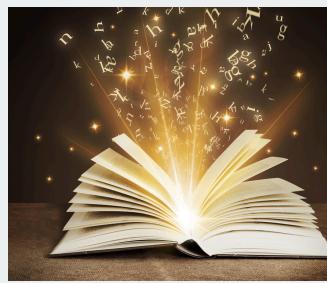


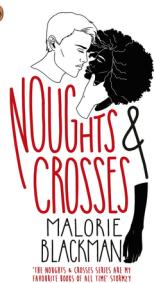


READING NEWS



January 2025

If you like



...then
you'll love

If you like Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman...

The first in the series, Noughts and Crosses is a book about star-crossed lovers set in a dystopian future where the people are divided into two classes. Sephy is Cross and Callum a Nought. The division causes racism and violence and splits their families apart. Will Sephy and Callum ever be together?

...then read

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

An exploration of growing up amidst racial tensions in North America. Police kill Starr's childhood friend Khalil by mistake. One night, Starr and her childhood friend Khalil get pulled over by police. They end up shooting and killing Khalil after apparently mistaking the boy's hairbrush for a gun. Starr is the only witness, but will she speak when doing so may destroy her community and endanger herself?

Upcoming Events

- Global Word Search Day (16 January)
- Winnie the Pooh Day (18 January)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (20 January)
- Inset Day (20th January)
- Red Squirrel Appreciation Day (21 January)
- Burns Night (25 January)
- International Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)
- Dance Live Seniors (27 January
Lunar)
- New Year - The Year of the Snake (29 January)

Finish the book title

(hint: The name of the author is Alan Schofield)

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J a n u a r y



A quiz based on January

1. The Eurovision Song Contest 2025 will be held in which country, following their victory in 2024?
2. Is the sun closer to the earth in January? (True or false)
3. Who added January to the calendar by introducing the Julian calendar in 45 B.C.?
4. January always starts on the same day of the week as what other month in the same year?
5. What city translates as 'River of January'?

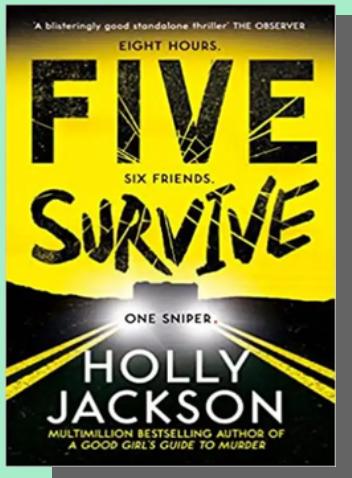


Book Review and Author Spotlight



Book review

Five Survive



When eighteen year old Red and her 5 friends are on a road trip in an RV, the worst case scenario happens and they are stuck in an unknown forest alone. With no mobile reception and no one around to help, the six friends are left to their resources. But as all 4 wheels are shot out, the friends begin to realise their stop was no accident. Beyond their vision, someone is out there. Someone that knows every single one of them. The sniper wants one thing and one thing only. A secret that one of them is holding, and is willing to kill for it. Holly Jackson wrote this amazingly thrilling stand-alone book which left readers clinging onto the end and asking for more. Filled with suspense and mystery, this book is by far one of the best young adult crime books every written. If you like this one you should definitely check out her other young adult thriller books.

by Daisy.

Author spotlight

Malorie Blackman

Malorie Blackman was born in 1962.

She had a successful career in computing, before becoming a writer at the age of 28. Her first published book was *Not So Stupid!* (1990), a book of short stories. Since then, she has written many books and scripts. Her scripts for television include several episodes of *Byker Grove*, *Whizziwig* and *Pig-Heart Boy*

She is an award-winning author and was the Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015.

She addresses social and racial issues in her books including her best known series *Noughts and Crosses*.



Malorie Blackman

by Jamie.