



# READING *Newsletter*



## *Winter: the perfect weather for, well, staying inside and reading!*

The days are short, the skies are grey and the wind is whipping and nipping at us relentlessly. Things might seem depressing at first glance but, as any book lover will agree, a miserable day outside can mean a glorious day inside: a cup of tea, several robust biscuits and a fluffy blanket are the only ingredients needed to keep a bookworm happy this season...and a new book, of course. Read on and discover your new favourite novel and a few more excuses to just curl up and read.

## *Livestreamed author events at a library near you*

Do you love reading but wish you had the chance to hear someone else tell the tale? Do you have burning questions that only an author can answer? Well, your local library is offering you an amazing opportunity to listen to a fantastic author discuss their book. Each month you can meet a new author virtually from the comfort of your own home or livestreamed to a local library where you can enjoy friendly company and a cup of tea and a biscuit while watching the session together. This month, among others, is Katherine Graham: Katherine will be in conversation with Jackie Kaines Lang, discussing her brilliant book 'Salt Girl'. Her latest was published in May 2023 and was a LoveReading.co.uk 'Books We Love' and five stars Readers' Favorite. Salt Girl is the third in the Seahouses Mystery series, amateur sleuth small-town mysteries set in the picturesque village of Seahouses. The second in the series, Salted Earth, was shortlisted for the Lindisfarne Prize. Interested? Google 'Author Afternoons Northumberland Libraries' and sign up for a free ticket.



## *Non-fiction November*

As the nights draw in and the days get shorter, join us and the nation in celebrating Non-Fiction November with your little ones.

We all love stories and story-telling, and reading is such a wonderful pastime, so why not extend your enjoyment to non-fiction? This way, we can share knowledge that will enable our young children to grow and learn about the world around them. Research from the National

Literacy Trust found that children and young people who read non-fiction are more engaged with environmental issues and more likely to want to take care of the environment. Through their fantastic website [www.wordsforlife.org.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk), they have created some fantastic tips for getting your young people interested in non-fiction. They've also compiled a great non-fiction reading list to help you on your way.



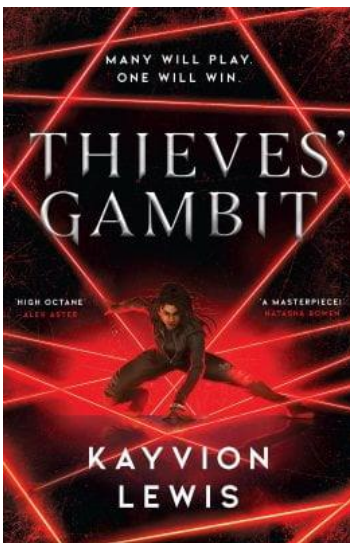
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## *Tip of the month – Recipes for reading*



Finding a simple recipe and having your young ones follow along and get involved is a great way to help boost their reading skills. It encourages them to read and chat whilst having fun as well as helping them build great life skills like problem solving and prioritizing.

Show the recipe to your child before you begin and read out the ingredients; talk about what you need and get them involved in the preparation. You could also take the recipe to the shop and look for ingredients together, even making a game out of finding the ingredients. When you're baking, help your child measure out ingredients as this will help their numeracy and by following a recipe, you are helping your child understand that there is a beginning, middle and end, just like in stories.



## *Recommended Reads*

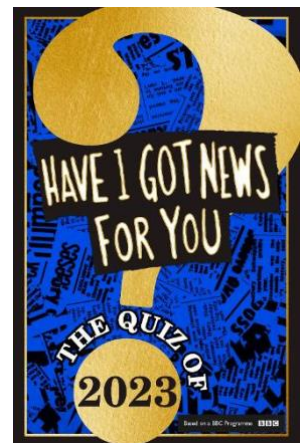
### *Thieves gambit by Kayvion Lewis*

The most highly-anticipated YA launch of the year, soon to be a major movie, a cinematic enemies-to-lovers heist, for fans of Jennifer Lynn Barnes and Suzanne Collins. This propulsive romantic fantasy pitches seventeen-year-old Rosalyn Quest into a deadly competition to save her mother - as long as she can resist the charms of an alluring fellow player. Rule 1: Never fall in love with your opponent, Rule 2: The only thief you can trust is yourself, Endgame: Win the heist to save your family - and yourself.

(And for the grown-ups)

### *Have I Got News For You: The Quiz of 2023*

Whether it was Prince Harry and his controversial autobiography, celebrities dominating the news agenda, strikes, inflation, wildfires, an ill-fated trip to the Titanic, and - as usual - a stack of scandals leaking out of the Cabinet, 2023 has had just as many newsworthy things you'd like to forget as any other year. Before you can do that though, this book is going to quiz you on them. With over 1,000 questions on everything from politics to pop culture, this book promises hours of entertainment.



## *Where next?*

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