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Newsletter



Long live the King!

This month saw history being made as King Charles III became the official monarch. Street parties, tea parties... all the parties were thrown to celebrate the Prince becoming a King and for young people in the UK, this should be great news. King Charles is passionate supporter of the environment, education and opportunity; this means that his support for schools, the arts and our planet will continue to grow along with the children who, like him, have an exciting future ahead.

Children in England ranked fourth globally for reading

Primary school children in England have ranked fourth in the international rankings for reading, which is great news for our young people. The latest results in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study - known as Pirls - saw England's rank jump from eighth to enter the top five. Based on tests taken every five years, the study places countries in a global education league table. The 2021 testing round assessed nearly 400,000 pupils in 57 countries. The government have pledged that by 2030, 90% of children leaving primary school should reach the expected standards in reading, writing and maths.

Queen Camilla opens library in first solo engagement since Coronation

Queen Camilla has opened a library in her first solo public engagement since the Coronation. As patron of the National Literacy Trust, the Queen opened the first Coronation library at Shirehampton Primary School in Bristol. 50 Coronation libraries will be created for children in communities with low levels of literacy in the UK and celebrate the Queen's advocacy for reading, literacy and primary school libraries. The project is in collaboration with the Primary School Library Alliance and the National Literacy Trust (NLT) who work to improve the reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Queen Camilla met pupils schools at the school while they were taking part in an activity to create their dream library with author Cressida Cowell. Headteacher Louisa Munton said: "The library will harness their enthusiasm for reading even more, help them to continue to see the pleasure books bring. To see, first hand, the passion the Her Majesty Queen Camilla has for reading, and share with her the difference our new library will make to the school community was a privilege."





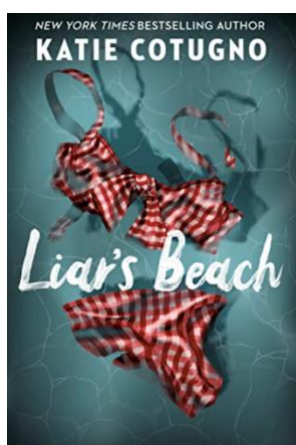
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Tip of the month - The tricks that can turn you into a speed reader



Many of us would love to be able to read faster, yet still take everything in. There are methods dating back decades that people have tried in the hope of being able to digest a lengthy book in well under an hour. The most obvious method, which we all do from time to time, is to skim read, glancing through the text and flicking through the pages to try to find the key points. So is there a way to speed up how quickly we can comprehend a word? When we read, our inner voice sometimes vocalises the words in our head and this skill, called, 'internal vocalising' might be helping us to understand what's happening. But the good news is that there is a way of learning to read faster, and that is to practise. So what better time to start than now...grab that new book and get going!

Recommended Reads



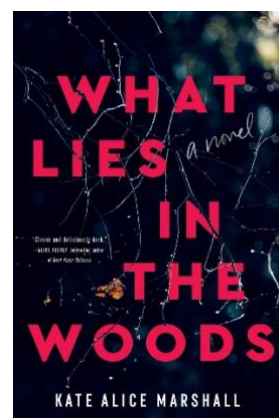
"Liar's Beach" by Katie Cotugno

Dubbed as a new take on Agatha Christie's thriller *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, Katie Cotugno's *Liar's Beach* takes place on idyllic Martha's Vineyard, where Michael Linden's been invited to spend the summer with his wealthy boarding school roommate, Jasper. But their carefree summer is cut short when a body is found unconscious in Jasper's pool. No one will fess up, and Linden soon becomes convinced that the house is fraught with liars. The only person to crack the case is his best friend, Holiday Proctor, who's poised to unmask the mysterious killer.

(And for the grown ups)

What Lies in the Woods by Kate Alice Marshall

Naomi Shaw used to believe in magic. Twenty-two years ago, she and her two best friends, Cassidy and Olivia, spent the summer roaming the woods, imagining a world of ceremony and wonder. They called it the Goddess Game. The summer ended suddenly when Naomi was attacked. The girls' testimony put away a serial killer, wanted for murdering six women. They were heroes. And they were liars. For decades, the friends have kept a secret worth killing for. But now Olivia wants to tell, and Naomi sets out to find out what really happened in the woods—no matter how dangerous the truth turns out to be.



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