

# QEGGS LIBRARY

2026 NATIONAL YEAR OF READING



There were over 20 entries for the Book Review Competition and it was impossible to pick just one winner. The four winners are pictured here and each received a book and a £5 book token to use at our recent Book Fair. All the runners up were also able to choose a free book and everyone who entered earned themselves a merit. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners.



Noah



Manha



Maryam



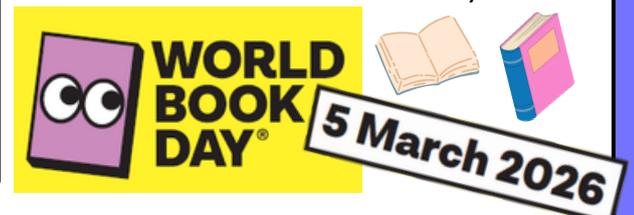
Stacy

See their reviews in full further down.

## WBD door design comp



World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. All tutor groups have been asked to decorate their tutor room door as a book cover of their choice. The winning tutor group will receive house points as well as a tasty treat!



There will be 5 different books to choose from this year for World Book Day. These books will be available for students to collect from the Library from Thursday onwards. If there are lots left next week students may come and select a second book on a first come first served basis.

World Book Day is a fantastic time to ask you friends and family what they are reading and share with others what you are reading.



# 2026 NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

2026 has been declared the National Year of Reading in response to recent research showing that reading for pleasure among children and young people continues to decline. This national focus aims to encourage a renewed culture of reading, both at school and at home. Reading is fundamental to academic success, supporting vocabulary development, comprehension, critical thinking and creativity. Beyond the classroom, regular reading builds empathy, resilience and confidence – skills that are essential for lifelong learning and wellbeing. We look forward to working in partnership with parents to help foster a love of reading in every child. To find about more about this - [CLICK HERE](#).

## Thank You!

Your support at our recent Book Fair meant we managed to earn a whopping £400 to spend on books for our Library!



### BOOK FAIR

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and excitement for new books.

There will be lots of new titles added to the Library each month this year.

If you have a request please come and let me know.

Our trip to The Waterstones Children's Book Festival was a huge success and children we hope to have more opportunities to meet authors in the future. I know many students have been inspired to start writing their own stories and also drawing lots of donuts!

Hello  
Ms Jade

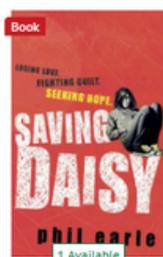


# Phil Earle FINDING THE RIGHT BOOK

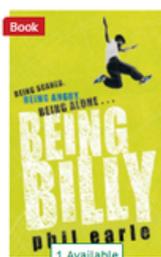


Mrs Hull  
Head of English

Phil Earle was at the event to promote his new humorous novel 'Finn's Epic Fails', which he explained was based on some of his own experiences as a boy. He talked about how he really didn't enjoy reading in school as his teachers had very narrow ideas of what makes a "good" book. However, when he was older, he discovered 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which he said "Changed his life" - it had everything you could possibly want from a book - lizards, murder, mystery, adventure...! For Phil Earle, finding the right book opened up a whole new world. If 'Holes' sounds like something you might enjoy, we have a lot of copies in the library. We also have the following books by Phil Earle:



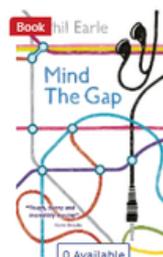
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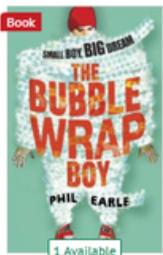
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When the sky falls



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While the storm rages

# BOOKFLIX

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Forget scrolling for hours — your teachers have already curated the ultimate **"Must-Read"** list for your brain. Our Bookflox boards feature hand picked reads by your subject teachers. These aren't just random books they are the **"Director's Cut"** of your favorite subjects.

They are tailored for you with recommendations by Key Stage, so you'll always find a "title" that fits for you. **"If You're Into It, Read Into It"**

That is the mantra of the national **Go All** In year of reading campaign. Whether you're obsessed with the science of explosions, the elite mindset of athletes, or the logic of code, there is a book waiting for you to indulge in your passion.

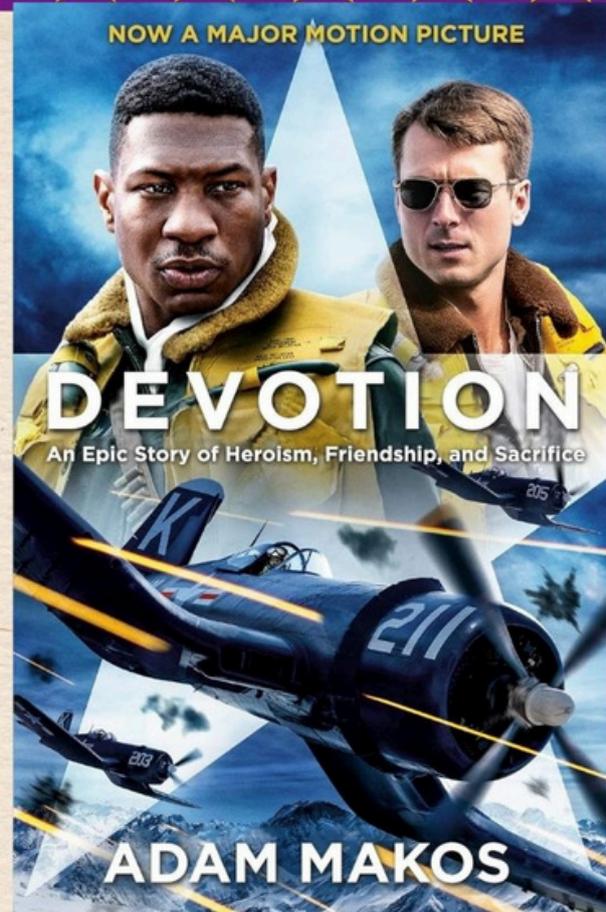


Mr Johnson  
Associate Assistant Headteacher &  
Subject Leader for Computer Science

Next time you're entering or exiting a classroom stop by the Bookflox display.

# BOOK REVIEW

*Winner!*



I chose this book because I really like learning about past wars, but what caught my attention on this particular book was the front cover, title "**Devotion**" and blurb, the title caught my attention as the word devotion associated in my brain as a soldier's devotion to the cause and what also caught my gaze was the massive aircraft on the front cover with my love of aviation it didn't take much for it to reel me in.

I think this would be an exciting read for anyone who is interested in the military, aviation or historical wars. Despite being a fictional book, it is based on a true story and therefore contains facts about the Korean War so it may be of interest to History and Geography students.

I found this an easy read the author even gives further details to help the reader understand these historical events.

I absolutely enjoyed this book! This story was action packed, full of cliffhangers and left me wanting more! The story had plenty of emotion. Particularly for the actions and efforts of the soldiers left me gripped to the story.

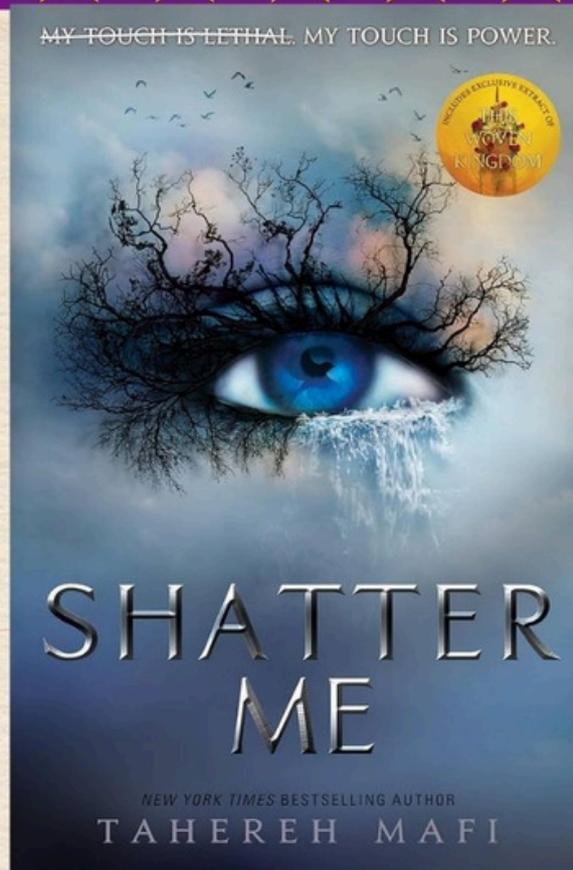
**This book is an amazing read it surely left me feeling devoted!**

# BOOK REVIEW

# Winner!



MY TOUCH IS LETHAL. MY TOUCH IS POWER.



This book deserves all the stars in the sky! This book wasn't just a story it was an EXPERIENCE!!! It may sound a bit over enthusiastic but there aren't enough words to describe the masterpiece Tahereh Mafi has created. This crafted piece of work is nothing short of art. Each word is skillfully crafted from the setting of the plot and the heart aching twists from "264 days " to "I am not insane "and even to describe the mental state of such a troubled character so cleanly and the amazing character development. I love the 'Shatter Me' series with my heart and soul. My favourite character is KENJI!!! He is the fun side character that everyone loves and in my opinion he carried the whole team, he is soo under appreciated.

And to describe the plot, the book starts with a 17 year old girl called Juliette who had been living in an asylum for 264 days (I will never forget the first sentence) and she has to navigate through this new found world full of problems after of being tossed and moved between psych wards and asylums hurt and tested for powers she didn't ask for or control from the age of 14. The world is controlled by the Reestablishment and she needs to find a way to protect the ones she loves and save everyone from the Reestablishment's cruelty. This is the first book to the Shatter Me series and it is for ages 12,13 and above. This is a series I recommend to literally to every person I know, this is a special book and if you like romantasy, dystopia and maybe even sci fi this is the book for you.

**It is THE series I ABSOLUTELY LOVE and I hope you do too!!!**

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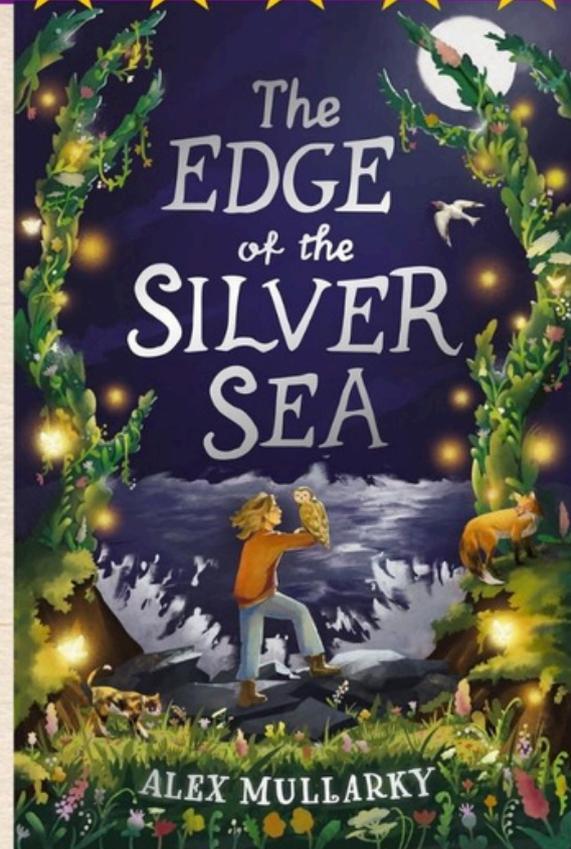


**The Edge of the Silver Sea** is a thoughtful and engaging novel that draws readers into a world shaped by mystery, change, and discovery. The author uses the image of the "silver sea" not just as a setting, but as a symbol of the unknown, representing both opportunity and fear. As the story unfolds, the main character is pushed beyond what feels safe and familiar, leading to important moments of growth and self-understanding.

One of the strongest parts of the book is its atmosphere. The descriptions of the sea and surrounding environments create a vivid mood that makes the reader feel immersed in the story. The writing is often calm and reflective, but it also builds tension when the characters are faced with difficult choices. This balance keeps the story interesting while still giving space for deeper ideas.

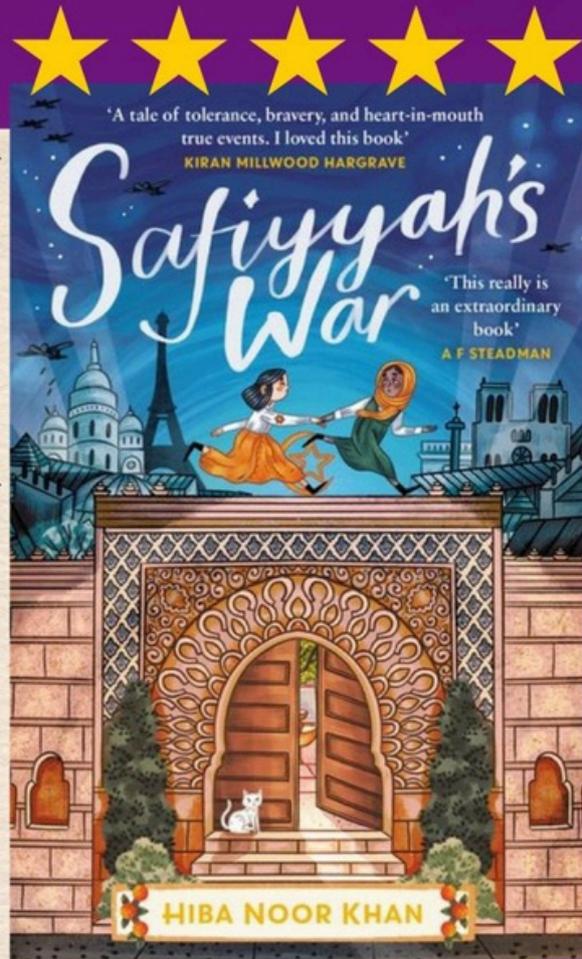
The novel explores themes such as courage, identity, and the challenge of stepping into the unknown. Rather than relying only on action, the book focuses on emotional development and the consequences of decisions. This makes the characters feel realistic and relatable, especially for readers who are also navigating change in their own lives.

**The Edge of the Silver Sea** is a meaningful read that combines an intriguing setting with important life themes. It encourages readers to think about fear, curiosity, and what it means to grow. **I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reflective stories with a strong sense of place and a message about personal growth.**



# BOOK REVIEW

*Winner!*



**Safiyya's war** is an undoubted 5 star read, and here's the simple explanation as to why.

I chose this book as it was recommended and I have seen a few 5 star reviews for this book (although I'm surprised I haven't seen any 6 star reviews yet) and, being a historical fiction novel, I thought I'd give it a try. In my opinion, this book is perfect for anyone and everyone, whether you like reading or not, enjoy historical fiction or not, this book is for you.

However, I think this book is particularly perfect for lovers of the book thief and historical fiction addicts. "The light that a library brings is terrifying to the darkness of a tyrant" and iconic quote said by the librarian, Madame Odette, when she and Safiyya were packing books to be shipped off to the soldiers fighting against the Nazis. I absolutely agree with that quote.

My favourite character is Timothee, although he was only an antagonist, he played a vital role helping Safiyya and her family with the resistance work to help the Jews in Paris.

The story follows the life of Safiyya, as she lives in the mosque with her family whilst the Nazis are arresting innocent Jews, but when Safiyya's dad gets arrested trying to help out some Jews, Safiyya finds it her duty to continue her father's work. But just how far will her bravery go?

**If you haven't read this, you're missing out on a masterpiece.**