



Library and Archives News **March 2022**

Books are a uniquely portable magic.
Stephen King

Celebrate World Book Day – and every other day – with books. And, don't forget to share your enjoyment with others by reviewing them on the library catalogue.

Books can be inspiring. Which books have inspired you?

Our focus this month is on the joy of reading. Is there a book you particularly loved, or which has inspired you in some way? Four NHEHS staff members have shared the title of their most inspiring read:

Mrs Copin - *The man who planted trees* by Jean Giono

This is a story about a man's love for his environment. A shepherd wants to improve the countryside around him by creating a forest so he plants a hundred acorns a day, even during wartime. Gradually, his perseverance and hard work pay off, the area is transformed by the growth of a forest and life and hope return.

Miss McHenry – *Daring Greatly* by Brene Brown

Every time we are faced with change, no matter how great or small, we also face risk. We feel uncertain and exposed. We feel vulnerable. This book challenges our ideas of vulnerability and rejects the idea it is a weakness.

Ms Brown - *The name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss.

The story of Kvothe covers his childhood in a troupe of traveling players, his years as a near-feral orphan in a crime-riddled city and his brazen yet successful bid to enter a difficult and dangerous school of magic. He becomes a notorious magician, accomplished thief, masterful musician, dragon slayer and legend hunter.

Ms Brown recommends this book to anyone who enjoys a good fantasy.

Miss Thomas - *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

This book reminded Miss Thomas *'that life does not have to be perfect to be enjoyed, and that new experiences and rewriting your narrative/direction of life is always possible'*. (Warning: there are very sad parts in this book)

Mrs Broekmann – *Churchill's Angels* by Bernard O'Connor

This book tells the stories of 60 British women agents sent to occupied Europe during WW2. Most were very young and knew the risks they faced but willingly undertook the dangerous work assigned to them. Many were tortured and murdered by the Nazis including NHEHS old girl Noor Inayat Khan. Their courage and dedication is truly inspirational.

Which has been your most inspiring book?

Writing book reviews at NHEHS

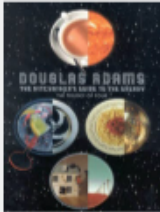
If you have recently read and enjoyed a book, you can rate and review it. This is so easy to do on the library's catalogue. If you have ever written an Amazon review, this is just as easy – but more fun as you can customise your text with colour and style - and you can add smiley faces!

Here is what you need to do:

- Go to the library catalogue via the *Student Noticeboard (or Staff Noticeboard)* on your chrome book
- Find the book you want to review and click on it to open its record
- Under the picture on the left you will see stars to rate the book and a link for writing a review.
- Shortly after you have posted your review, others will be able to read it.
- Here is a lovely example...



REVIEWS ×



THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY: a trilogy in four parts
ADAMS, DOUGLAS
Monograph ★★★★★ 1 review

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★★★★☆ **Really nice, easy to read book**
By: Maddy at 05/10/2021 19:59

I really enjoyed this book. I am not a confident reader so this was a great book for me to read. I would recommend it to anyone as it is a classic. I rated it 4 because I'm not too into comedy and sci fi. However this book was just so well written that I recommend that everyone reads it.

If you need help posting your reviews, please come and ask in the library.

Ferreted from the Archives

To celebrate World Book Day, we look at three old girls with literary connections. Only one of them was an author in her own right. The others were connected through their families.

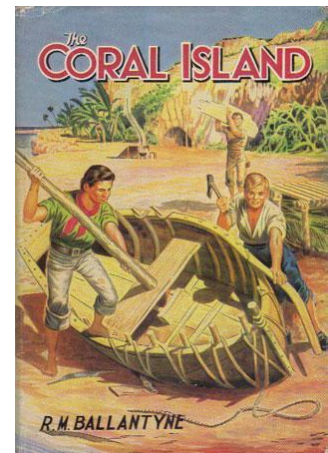


Dorothy de Selincourt (NHHS 1899-1904)

Dorothy married AA Milne, the author of the Winnie the Pooh books. She was the mother of the 'real' Christopher Robin.

Jean Ballantyne (NHHS 1887-1890)

Jean's father was a well-known author of children's books in the 19th century. The book he is probably best remembered for is *Coral Island*. He was also an accomplished artist and some of his works were exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy.



Alice (Trix) Kipling (1879 – 1883)



Alice (whose nick-name was Trix) was the daughter of Lockwood Kipling, the principal of the Mayo School of Arts and Crafts in Lahore, India. She was the sister of Rudyard Kipling who wrote *The Jungle Book* and *Just So Stories*.

Trix herself, wrote short stories and poems and also collaborated with her brother on some works.

After leaving NHHS, she returned to India.

Literary links also include the daughters of publishers:

Several of the fathers of old girls in the past had links to publishers. Most important of these were Victor **Gollanz** who sent his 4 daughters to the school and William **Routledge** who sent two daughters.