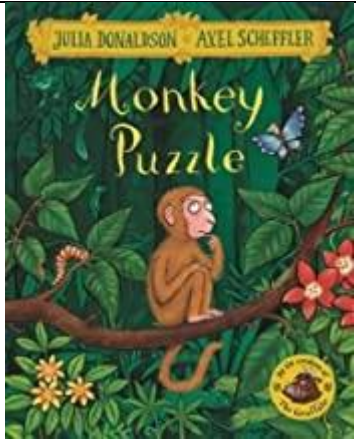
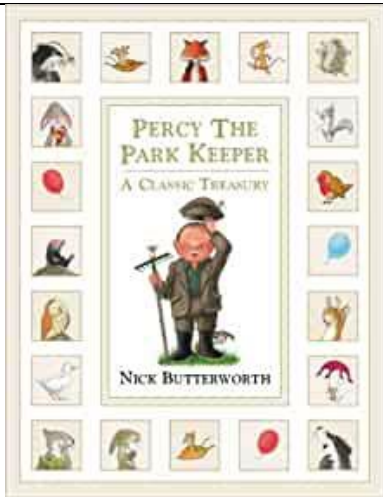
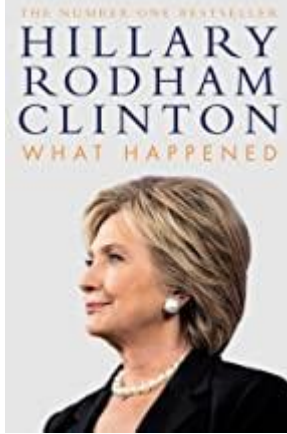


Book Cover	Book Title and Author	Blurb	Reason for choice
	<p>Monkey Puzzle <i>Julia Donaldson</i></p>	<p><i>"I've lost my mum!"</i></p> <p>Where is Monkey's mummy? It's not too much fun being lost in the jungle, and little monkey wants his mum. Kindly butterfly is keen to help, but they don't seem to be having much luck and keep finding the wrong animals! But eventually, they find . . . Dad! It's just as well that he knows exactly where mum is, and she's waiting with a well-deserved cuddle.</p> <p><i>Monkey Puzzle</i> is a clever, funny and charming tale from the unparalleled picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.</p>	<p>This book was one of my daughter's favourites when she was small. I must have read it to her at least once a day and I think I could still recite it from heart and she is now 14! It is a lovely story which not only teaches children about different animals but also the importance of family.</p>
	<p>Percy the Park Keeper <i>Nick Butterworth</i></p>	<p>Percy the park keeper loves to spend time with his animal friends, even though his work in the park keeps him very busy. The animals often need Percy's help, and he is always there to lend a hand.</p> <p>Read about what happened when a chilly fox needed warming up, or when a dirty badger was offered a bath. Find out how Percy helped an unhappy hedgehog hold a balloon, or a squirrel find her lost acorns. Laugh along as the</p>	<p>Again, this is a family favourite. It is a collection of different stories and poems focused on the life of Percy and the animals he shares the park with. All of the stories focus on friendship and caring for others</p>

		<p>animals take charge whilst Percy is unwell – with unexpected results!</p>	<p>and the world around us and reminds me of story afternoons on winter days.</p>
	<p>Tiddler <i>Julia Donaldson</i></p>	<p>Every day, Tiddler is late for school, and every day he has another tall tale for his teacher. But did he really ride a seahorse? Did he really meet a mermaid? And who will believe him when he really does get captured in a net?</p>	<p>This was my son's favourite book when he was young and is another one that I could recite from memory. The story of an imaginative fish and his tall stories always makes me smile.</p>
	<p>The Binding <i>Bridget Collins</i></p>	<p>Imagine you could erase your grief. Imagine you could forget your pain. Imagine you could hide a secret. Forever. Emmett Farmer is working in the fields when a letter arrives summoning him to begin an apprenticeship. He will work for a Bookbinder, a vocation that arouses fear, superstition and prejudice – but one neither he nor his parents can afford to refuse. He will learn to hand-craft beautiful volumes, and within each he will capture something unique and extraordinary: a memory. If there's something you want to forget, he can</p>	<p>I have recently read this and couldn't put it down. The concept of hiding painful secrets or parts of your life you wish you could forget and the impact that this has on your future was one that I found fascinating. I am eagerly awaiting the authors new publication</p>

		<p>help. If there's something you need to erase, he can assist. Your past will be stored safely in a book and you will never remember your secret, however terrible. In a vault under his mentor's workshop, row upon row of books – and memories – are meticulously stored and recorded. Then one day Emmett makes an astonishing discovery: one of them has his name on it. THE BINDING is an unforgettable, magical novel: a boundary-defying love story and a unique literary event.</p>	<p>later in the year.</p>
	<p>Girl, Woman, Other <i>Bernardine Evaristo</i></p>	<p>Winner of the 2019 Booker Prize. This is Britain as you've never read it. This is Britain as it has never been told. From Newcastle to Cornwall, from the birth of the twentieth century to the teens of the twenty-first, Girl Woman Other follows a cast of twelve characters on their personal journeys through this country and the last hundred years. They're each looking for something - a shared past, an unexpected future, a place to call home, somewhere to fit in, a lover, a missed mother, a lost father, even just a touch of hope . . .</p>	<p>I loved how this was a collection of short stories which on first glance seemed to stand alone but actually all linked to one another. It shows the impact we all have on others around us and how we are impacted by those we meet.</p>

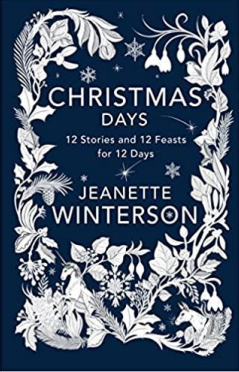
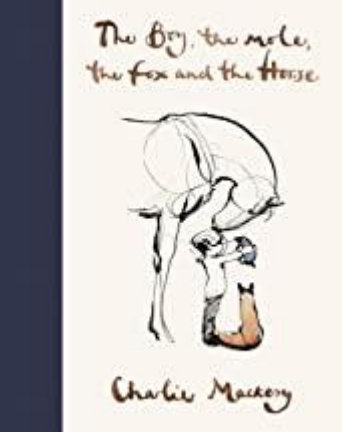



What Happened  
*Hillary Rodham Clinton*

For the first time, Hillary Rodham Clinton reveals what she was thinking and feeling during one of the most controversial and unpredictable presidential elections in history. Now free from the constraints of running, Hillary takes you inside the intense personal experience of becoming the first woman nominated for president by a major party in an election marked by rage, sexism, exhilarating highs and infuriating lows, stranger-than-fiction twists, Russian interference and an opponent who broke all the rules. This is her most personal memoir yet.

In these pages, she describes what it was like to run against Donald Trump, the mistakes she made, how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss, and how she found the strength to pick herself back up afterwards. With humour and candour, she tells readers what it took to get back on her feet - the rituals, relationships and reading that got her through, and what the experience has taught her about life. She speaks about the challenges of being a strong woman in the public eye, the criticism over her voice, age and appearance, and the double standard

I studied American History and Politics for my A Level and have always been fascinated by their electoral system and the way in which 'the leader of the free world' is elected. This book, although undoubtedly written from one perspective, retells the story of the 2016 election and the impact this has had. I also found the difficulties Hillary Rodham Clinton faced as a woman campaigning for president and the prejudices she faced made me reflect on the electoral systems we have in the UK.

		confronting women in politics.	
	<p>Christmas Days <i>Jeanette Winterson</i></p>	<p>These tales give the reader a portal into the spirit of the season, where time slows down and magic starts to happen. From jovial spirits to a donkey with a golden nose, a haunted house to a SnowMama, Winterson's innovative stories encompass the childlike and spooky wonder of Christmas.</p>	<p>This is another collection of short stories but this time they all have a festive theme. I sometimes find short stories easier to read, especially when life is busy and reading takes a back seat. I read this book every Christmas, but the story I enjoy the most is Mistletoe Bride.</p>
	<p>The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse <i>Charlie Mackey</i></p>	<p>Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most important life lessons.</p>	<p>This is a book which has been a bestseller throughout lockdown. You may have seen some of the images reproduced on social media. It is not a book in the traditional sense but is a collection of striking images with inspirational quotes. It is something</p>

			<p>you can pick up and flick through and no matter how you are feeling you will feel better after reading it. If I was stuck on a desert island this would help me through!</p>
	<p>Elizabeth is missing <i>Emma Healey</i></p>	<p>Maud is forgetful. She makes a cup of tea and doesn't remember to drink it. She goes to the shops and forgets why she went. Sometimes her home is unrecognizable - or her daughter Helen seems a total stranger.</p> <p>But there's one thing Maud is sure of: her friend Elizabeth is missing. The note in her pocket tells her so. And no matter who tells her to stop going on about it, to leave it alone, to shut up, Maud will get to the bottom of it.</p> <p>Because somewhere in Maud's damaged mind lies the answer to an unsolved seventy-year-old mystery. One everyone has forgotten about.</p> <p>Everyone, except Maud . . .</p>	<p>I loved this book as you become engrossed in the mystery of where Elizabeth is and why she is missing. I won't say any more for fear of spoiling the story. However, you may well need a box of tissues to wipe away the tears. This is a story which makes you reflect on the importance of family and living your life to the full.</p>



Harry Potter – all of them!  
*J K Rowling*

I couldn't choose just one of these books so it had to be the whole collection! I don't think a set of books have created such anticipation for publication as the release of a new Harry Potter story would. I would get each one as it was published and race to finish it before anyone could tell me what happened. If you haven't read the books and have only seen the films then you must change this. The films do not do justice to the range of narratives running through the books – many of these are

			missing in the films.
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