



Prince Henry's High School

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Beat the Summer Slide



UK studies report that students lose 25–30% of their reading progress over the summer but did you know that just 10-15 minutes of daily reading can prevent this 'Summer Slide'?

Check out all these reading websites for inspiration to keep up your reading and keep you entertained over the holidays:

Year 9 reads from Books for Topics:

[Best Books for Year 9: Recommended Reading Booklist](#)

What to read now from Love Reading

[What To Read Now June - July 2026 - final](#)

Top texts recommended by children's authors

[Texts & Authors – OU Reading for Pleasure](#)

Or why not read the YA Book prize shortlist before the winners are announced on 27 August?

<https://www.thebookseller.com/young-adult-book-prize-content/ya-book-prize-shortlist-2026>

And not to leave the teachers out, here's a recommended Top 25 reads for adults from Independent bookshops

[Indie Champions - Bookshop UK](#)



Join in with the annual Summer Reading challenge run by local libraries, 'Read to the Beat' or even volunteer to run it. Worcestershire libraries are on the hunt for volunteers aged 13-24 so if you are passionate about books and enjoy working with children, this is a fantastic opportunity to share your love of reading while gaining valuable skills and experience. It can count towards your Duke of Edinburgh award too. Apply using the link here [Summer Reading Challenge | Worcestershire County Council](#)

So what can you do in the LRC?



Study

32 PCs & colour printer available

Browse

16,000 Fiction & Non-Fiction books

Borrow

4 books for 3 weeks
1 DVD for 3 days

Read

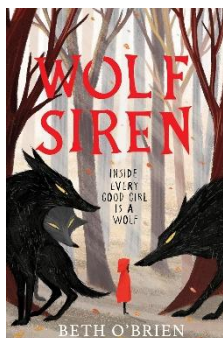
Books, newspapers, reviews & magazines

Return or Renew

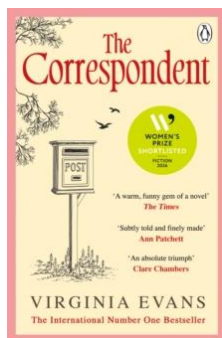
Post your book in the Returns Box, no need to wait! Want to keep it? Come to the Help Desk to get your book renewed

Award Winning Books

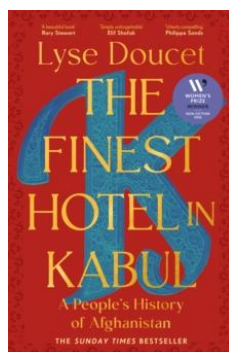
Awards season is in full swing for books with the winners of the Jhalak Prize, Carnegie Medal, the Women's Prize for Fiction & Non Fiction, and Information Book of the Year announced recently. Why not add them to your summer TBR pile?



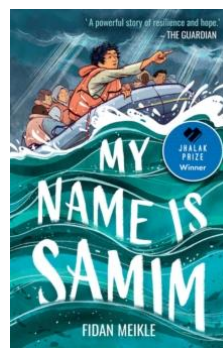
Carnegie Medal
for writing 2026



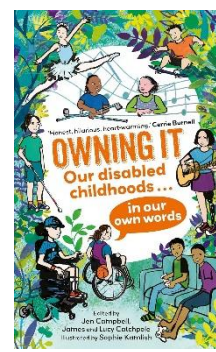
Women's Prize for
Fiction 2026



Women's Prize for
Non-Fiction 2026

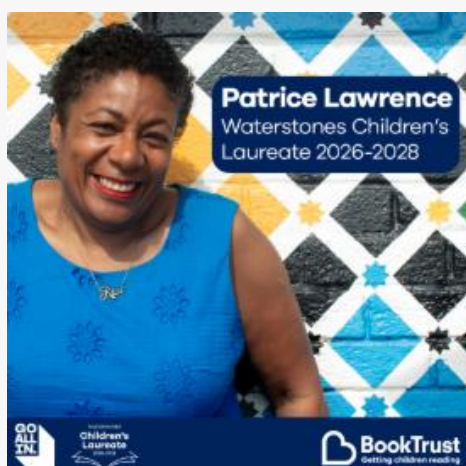


Jhalak Prize for YA
Fiction 2026



SLA Information Book
Award 2026

Congratulations



Congratulations to Patrice Lawrence who has been named the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2026–2028. The Laureateship is awarded biannually to a renowned writer or illustrator in recognition of exceptional talent. The prestigious role celebrates creativity and storytelling, promotes the vital importance of reading and children's literature, and champions the right of every child to enjoy a lifetime enriched with books and stories.

Lawrence is one of the UK's most celebrated children's authors. Her debut novel **Orangeboy**, published in 2016, won the YA Book Prize and the Waterstones Prize for Older Children's Fiction. She has since published 16 books spanning picture books and young adult novels, including **People Like Stars**, **Needle, Is That Your Mama?** and **Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush**. She was awarded an MBE for services to literature in 2021 and was elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature two years later.

706 BOOKS STILL ON LOAN!!! Final call for overdue books

ALL books loaned via the LRC must come back before the end of term so please check bags, lockers, under the bed and in cupboards at home. There are **still 122** overdue Citizenship Revision Guides, representing a total value of £1220 - We cannot afford to replace them so it is essential they are returned to the LRC. Reminders via email and tutors have already been sent so this is a final chance to bring books back before we send invoices home for the cost of replacing them. If it's got a PHHS barcode inside the front cover, it's a book that needs to come back to the LRC. Thank you!

Got
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Or other
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