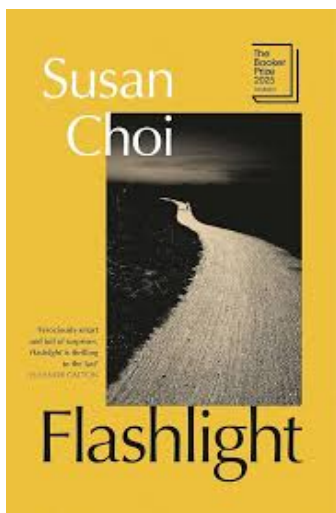
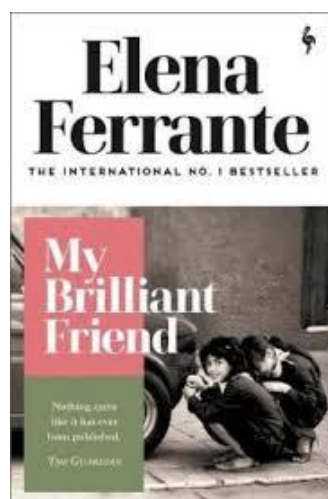


Books we are reading

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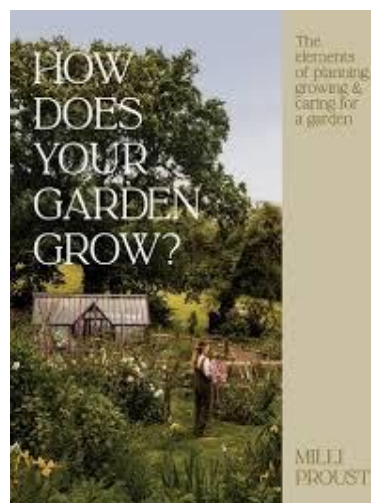


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The British Book Award Shortlists: do you have a favourite?



The British Book Awards, also called the Nibbies, “celebrates the intimate connection between the books, their makers and their audience”.

“In 2026, The British Book Awards (aka the Nibbies) have special resonance. The National Year of Reading is an incredible opportunity to put books back in the hearts of every adult and child in the UK. Inspiring, challenging, brave, hilarious, mad, gentle books. Books that remind us what it means to be fully, complexly, irrepressibly human. Because books build better humans.”

Winners will be announced on May 11th.

For more information, please see the website:

<https://www.thebookseller.com/the-british-book-awards/the-british-book-awards-2026>

Why not read some of them, and let us know which ones you enjoy?

Other categories include:

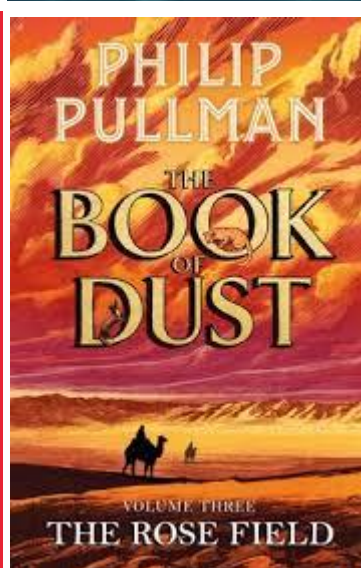
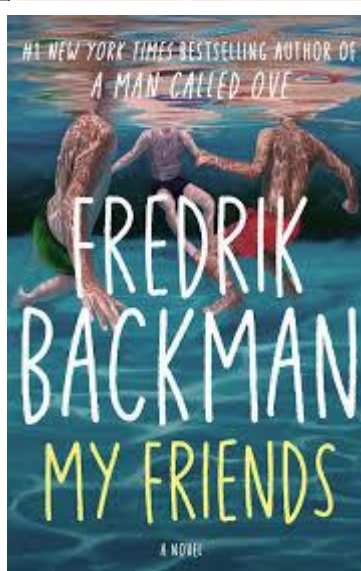
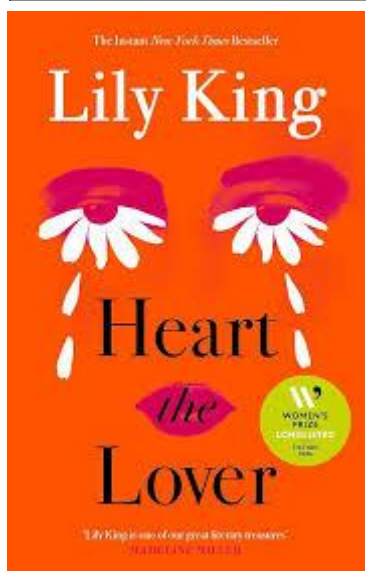
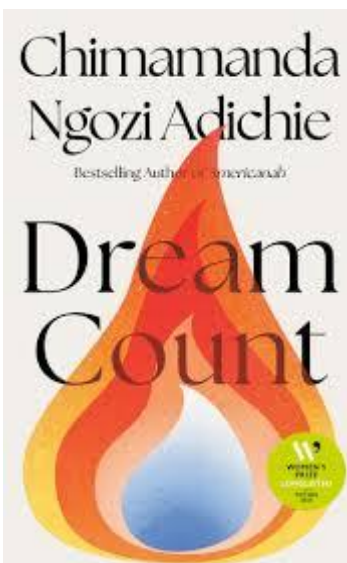
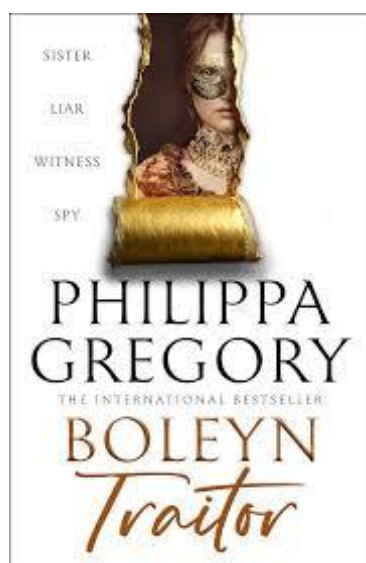
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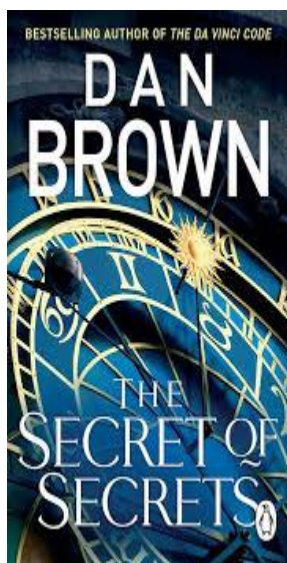
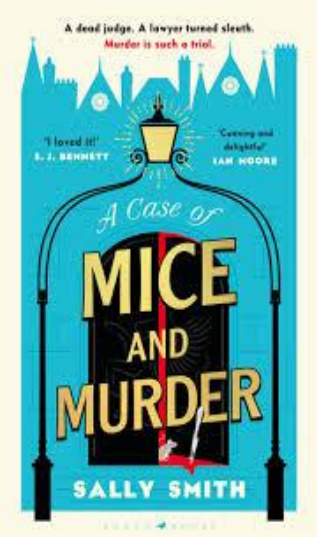
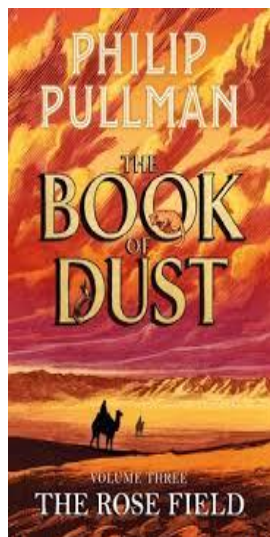
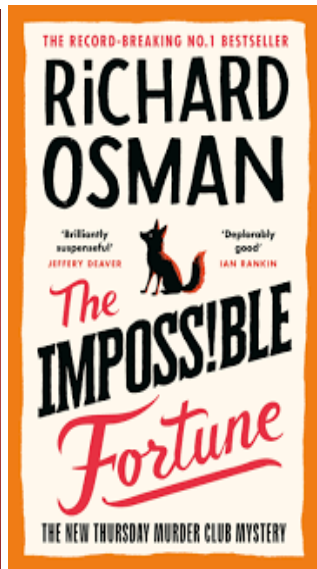
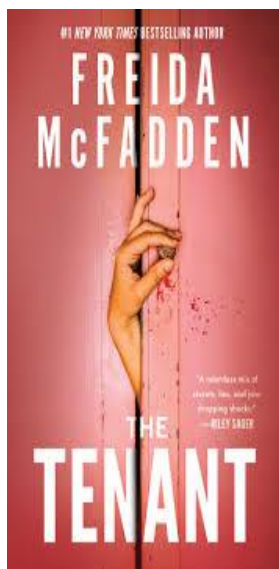
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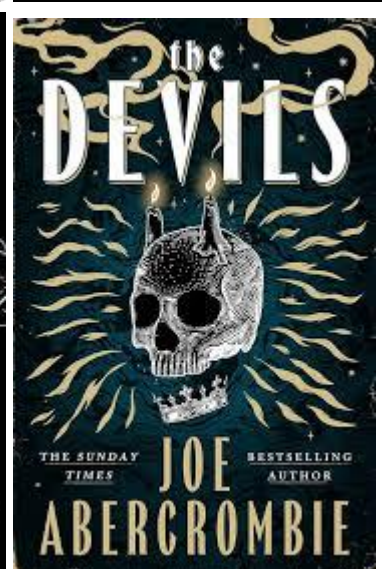
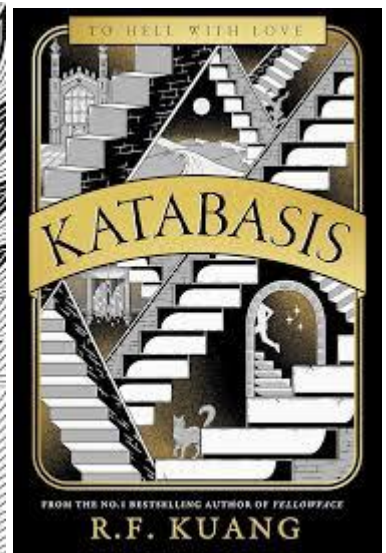
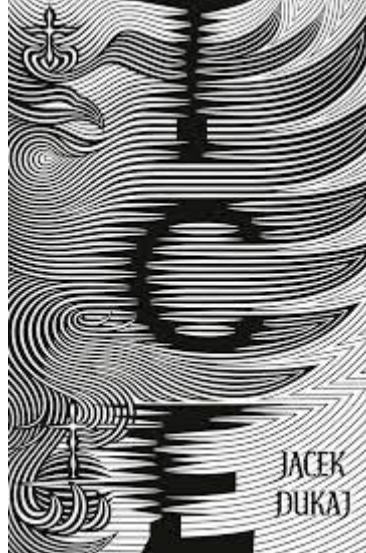
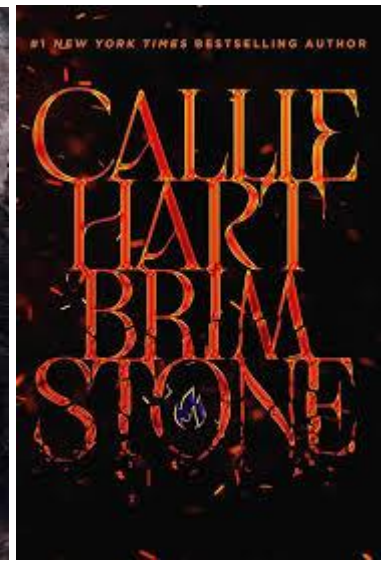
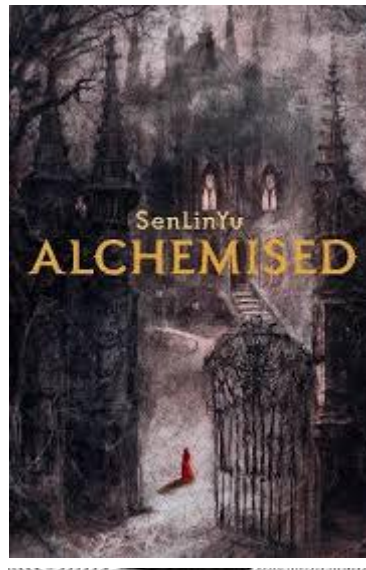
The Fiction Shortlist books are:



Crime and Thriller Shortlist books are:



Science Fiction and Fantasy Shortlist books are:



Coming up in the library

Cervus Review Essay Competition

The Cervus Review essay competition ran again this year inviting students to enter a 1500 word essay on a question of their choosing. Thank you to all our students who entered and a huge thank you to the team of teachers who read and judged the entries anonymously.

Congratulations go to Zac H who was our overall winner with Eve B and Arabelle S runners up. Well done!

Sixth Form Library Book Club

Come and join our [Book Group on Friday lunchtime](#).

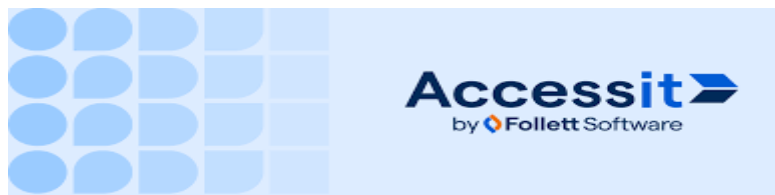
We want to have a time in our weeks where we can share book recommendations and chat about our love of reading. Fiction or non-fiction, we don't care! Bring a drink and come and have a chat.

13:15 - 13:50 every Week B Friday.

Please email sixthlibrary@bohunt.hants.sch.uk if you would like to join.

Don't forget we have a [Sixth Form Library page](#) on google classroom. To join, use code [r7fklzn](#). It has details of competitions, study skills and recommended reading.

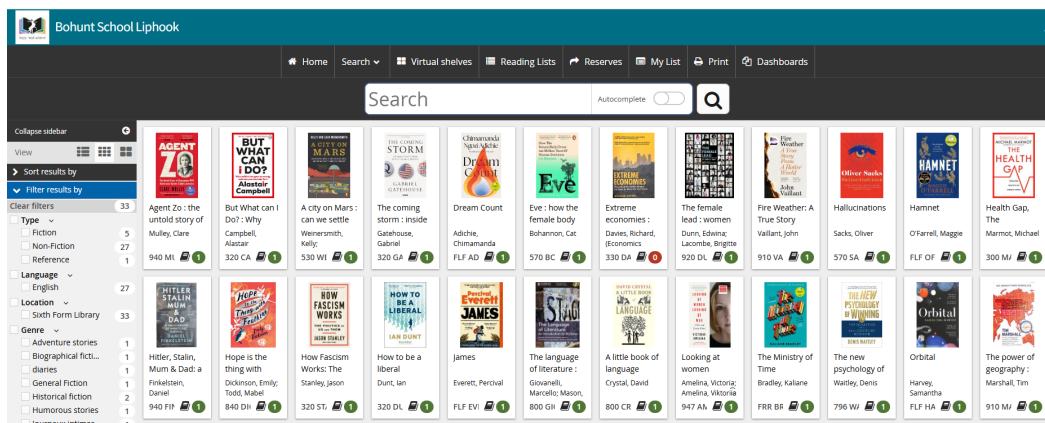
Library Online Catalogue



The library has a new online catalogue (Accessit) where you can see what resources are available. You can access from the [sixth form library website](#)

- Login as a student or staff member – this way you will be able to access your loan record, create book lists and reserve books
- You will automatically be directed to the Sixth Form Library website but you can move to other pages by using the drop down list under “Dashboards”
- Use the top search bar to locate books by author, title or subject
- You can expand the search to search a curated list of websites using the “One Search” function
- Click on “Reading Lists” to access pre-defined lists so you can see at a glance relevant resources. One of these is New Books Spring 2026 - [click here to see our new additions](#)

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<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library>



Enhance Your Studies

There are a number of interesting [competitions](#) with submission deadlines over the next few months. Please take a look as there's something for everyone! As well as the prospect of winning a prize, entering competitions will look great on your personal statements and set you apart from the crowd.

[The Orwell Youth Prize](#)

The Orwell Youth Prize uses the writing of George Orwell to inspire you to write about your own ideas and experiences.

Far more than just a prize, the Orwell Youth Prize provides free feedback and online resources to support all young writers on every step of your writing journey.

Write about your world, in any form you choose, and get personalised feedback and the chance to win a cash prize and books for you and your school.

The Prize is open to anyone in years 7-13 who is at school or college in the United Kingdom.

Deadline April 2026

// "There was truth and there was untruth, and if you clung to the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad."

George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

What does truth mean to you?

What threats are there to truth, in this country and around the world?



[BBC Young Writers Award 2026 with Cambridge University](#)

[Radio 1's Life Hacks](#) Lauren Layfield is joined by an incredible judging panel for the 2026 BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University. Entries close at 9am (GMT), Monday 23rd March 2026. If you are 14-18 and in the UK, all you need to do is write a story of up to 1,000 words – no theme, no subject: as long as it's a story and your own work, you can submit it.



[John Locke Institute Essay Competition](#)

This prestigious essay writing competition has now launched. With questions covering economics, psychology, law, history, science, theology and philosophy it is definitely worth considering. You must pre-register with a submission deadline of 31/5/26.



Fancy a trip?



[British Library - HistFest](#)

HistFest is back! This spring, one of the UK's leading history festivals returns to the British Library .

From Ancient Greek naval commanders and Egyptian queens to the history of motherhood and LGBTQ+ social histories – this year, we bring you a raft of fascinating histories and speakers.

On Saturday we travel to Ancient Athens with Professor Michael Scott, we reimagine the stories of Cleopatra and Isabel Moctezuma with Saara El-Arifi and Sofia Robleda and we explore the fascinating everyday lives of people from the past with Ruth Goodman and Dr Wanda Wyporska.

On Sunday we explore the complex histories of motherhood and birth with Lucy Inglis, Professor Lara Feigel and Dr Pragya Agarwal, before delving into 20th century queer history with Tash Walker and Adam Zmith and rounding of the weekend by travelling through time and place with Sir Michael Palin.



[Young V&A Museum](#)

Inside Aardman: Wallace & Gromit and Friends

Go behind the scenes of stop-motion animation and explore how Aardman's iconic characters and worlds are brought to life. In Aardman's 50th anniversary year, peek behind the scenes of your favourite stop-motion animations and find out how Aardman brings clay to life. Closes 15th November 2026



[The Design Museum](#) [The Wes Anderson Archives](#)

Delve into Wes Anderson's extensive archive in this first retrospective exhibition devoted to his distinctive cinematic output, produced in collaboration with la Cinémathèque française.

21 November 2025 – 26 July 2026

Study tip

[Channel Talent](#) is a live and interactive video conferencing / webinar service which links universities and businesses to schools. Channel Talent beams university lecturers, admissions personnel, university students and apprentices into the school classroom in addition to including individual students.

Some examples of upcoming webinars are:

[English Literature: The Handmaid's Tale – The Power of Language and Communication with Dr Clare Connors from University of East Anglia](#)

April 23 @ 09:10 - 09:55

[HE Guidance: How Do I Manage My Money At University? Hear From Current Students with Higher Education Advisers, Lauren McWilliams & Harry Ward, and 2 Student Ambassadors from University of East Anglia](#)

April 23 @ 16:30 - 17:15

[French Film: University Film Society – La Haine by Mathieu Kassovitz with Dr Syed Haider from University of East Anglia](#)

April 28 @ 15:45 - 16:40

Poetry corner

The Bee

By [Emily Dickinson](#)

Like trains of cars on tracks of plush
I hear the level bee:
A jar across the flowers goes,
Their velvet masonry

Withstands until the sweet assault
Their chivalry consumes,
While he, victorious, tilts away
To vanquish other blooms.

His feet are shod with gauze,
His helmet is of gold;
His breast, a single onyx
With chrysoprase, inlaid.

His labor is a chant,
His idleness a tune;
Oh, for a bee's experience
Of clovers and of noon!

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