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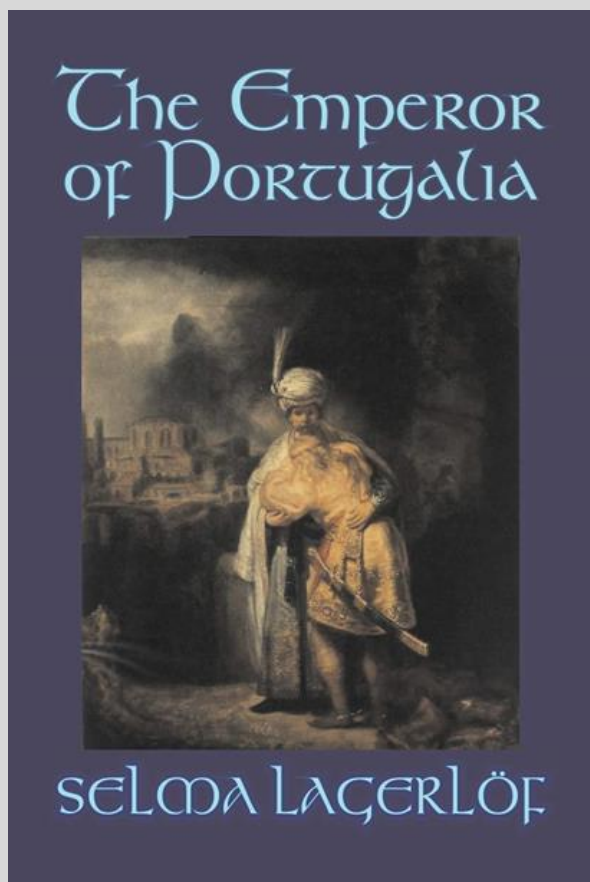
## BOOK RECOMMENDERS.

January 2022

# Selma Lagerlöf

## “The Emperor of Portugallia”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1914



### Main characters:

*Jan Andersen* – a poor mercenary from Skruliuca.

*Katrina* – Clara’s mother.

*Clara Giulia* – Jan Andersen and Katrina’s daughter.

**Plot:** The novel begins when Jan Andersen, a poor mercenary from Skruliuca, one day is going to become a father of a newborn baby who is going to be born by his completely unloved wife Katrina. Just after taking the daughter in his arms, Jan felt the awakening of love in his heart and the girl started to give him endless joy. From then the adventures of Jan and Clara start. One day a man invades their house and says that the man who gave them this house has died and he wants to get a hundred thalers deposit by October or else he's going to destroy the house they live in. When the man leaves Clara asks her father for permission to go explore the world and earn some money for her parents. With the parents' consent, Klara Giulia leaves her hometown and decides to go to Stockholm. Being abroad Clara earns the money for her parents and sends it to them but she doesn't come back and her father begins to live with fantasy and waiting alone for fifteen years for his "little girl" to return. He

raises his daughter in his mind until she becomes the queen of Portugal for him in his mind and the world of his fantasies overshadows reality. Over time he completely loses his mind and considers himself as the King of Portugal. However, when Clara returns, not as a little girl, but as an adult and changed woman, her mother is disappointed to see Clare Giulia again, because she is ugly and unpleasant, but quickly reconciles to reality. When Klara Giulia returns to her hometown, she returns to her beloved father to pick him up with her mother but she finds a crazy man instead. So, none of them can turn time back. Clara tries to escape from her crazy father. However, as she tries to escape with her mother and leave her father alone, his mind drops completely and he no longer wants to suffer and jumps to the deep seabed. Her mother is very angry at Clara for forcing her to flee together, but she suddenly gets sick and lying in her deathbed forgives her daughter. After Jan's death, Clara remembers the image of her father from her childhood. Well, after reconciling with the death of her parents, Clara Giulia becomes amazingly beautiful woman again, because it clarifies her soul and she starts to love her father the same as she used to when she was a child. Life returns to the world where love and harmony reign.

**My opinion:** In my opinion this book is very emotional but I really liked it. I rate it 10 out of 10.

I recommend this book for teenagers from 14 to 16 years old because there is a lot of psychology in this book. It shows the person's life at different stages and proves that ability to love and forgive is of great importance in our life.

Student Dominykas Šlečkus, 8a, October 2021

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# Katherine Paterson

## “The Great Gilly Hopkins”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1978

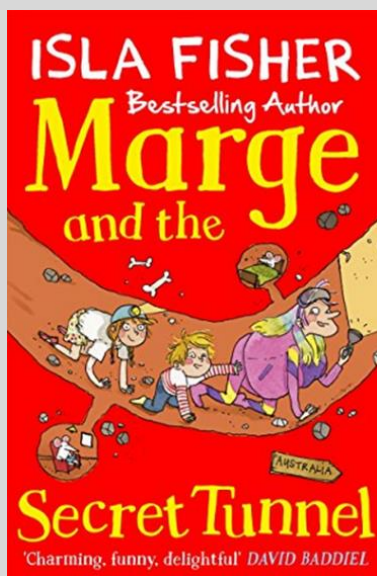
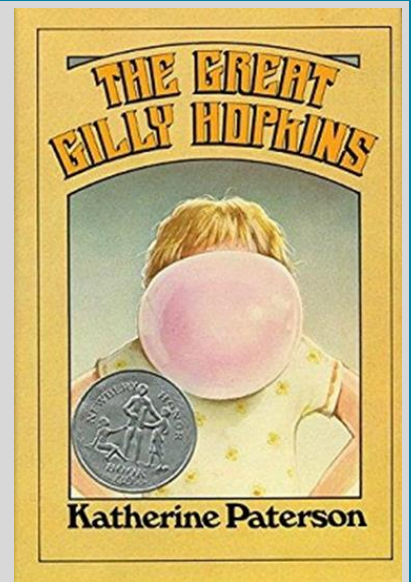
**Characters:** There is one main character, Gilly Hopkins, in this novel. She has suffered many painful losses and disappointments during her short life. She is rude, angry, doesn't like people, doesn't trust them. She has had no family love, no friends.

**Plot:** The girl grew up in the orphanage for most of her life. She was adopted many times. As soon as she was adopted, she was quickly returned to her orphanage due to the harsh treatment of her family members. She didn't like her new families, didn't love or respect them. One day, she was adopted by a wonderful woman who was raising her own child. At first, the girl behaved like in other families and hoped to be returned to the orphanage again. She mocked her new brother, didn't talk to her new mother. But her patron, Trotter, didn't give up and kept trying to communicate with Gilly. But one day the girl told her guardian the story of her previous life. Trotter felt sorry about it and comforted her. When the girl interacted with her caregiver, she began to treat her brother more pleasantly. One day suddenly her real grandmother came and wanted to adopt Gilly. She wanted to stay with her new family. But unfortunately, she did not have the right to choose, so she went to live with her grandmother. She never forgot the family that was around when she needed it. Gilly often wrote them letters, sent gifts.

**My opinion:** I enjoyed this book because of the interestingly described survival of my peer girl. This story makes you think and appreciate what you have.

**Recommendation:** I recommend to read this book to those who love adventure books.

Student Mintè Vilimaitytė, 8a, October 2021



## Isla Fisher

## “Marge and the Secret Tunnel”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2018

**Main characters:** *Marge* – a child-looking babysitter with rainbow hair tending not to follow the rules, similar to Mary Poppins. The best nanny ever whom every child would like to have. Marge says she comes from the Royal family.

*Jake and Jemima Button* – her two young charges, siblings. Jemima is a highly responsible and beautiful girl, always overseeing her younger brother Jake, who is a bit naughty, likes dinosaurs and wrestling.

**Plot:** Babysitter Marge is a person who is able to turn ordinary situations into endless adventures. The story begins when Jemima and Jake have an annoying idea to find a flying saucer that might have fallen in the backyard. Under the tree Jemima finds a

hole covered with branches. When Marge finds it out, the trio make their way through a tunnel that Marge promises will lead to Australia. Actually, it doesn't, but on their way, Marge tells her charges lots of interesting things about Australia. At the end of the tunnel children find a box with the toys they used to play before and which were missing awhile. After exploring the tunnel, the kids meet Angie, Jemima's peer, and make friends with her.

**My opinion:** I liked the extract when the trio were in the tunnel. It was fun, and I got into the role myself. The writing itself was light, fluffy and most of all fun. The illustrations in the book provided an extra layer of fun.

**Recommendation:** In my opinion, this is a family book. It could be read as a bedtime story, and children can read it on their own. It's amusing both for parents and children. There aren't any scary bits and it contains lots of funny pictures, so it's suitable for all age groups.

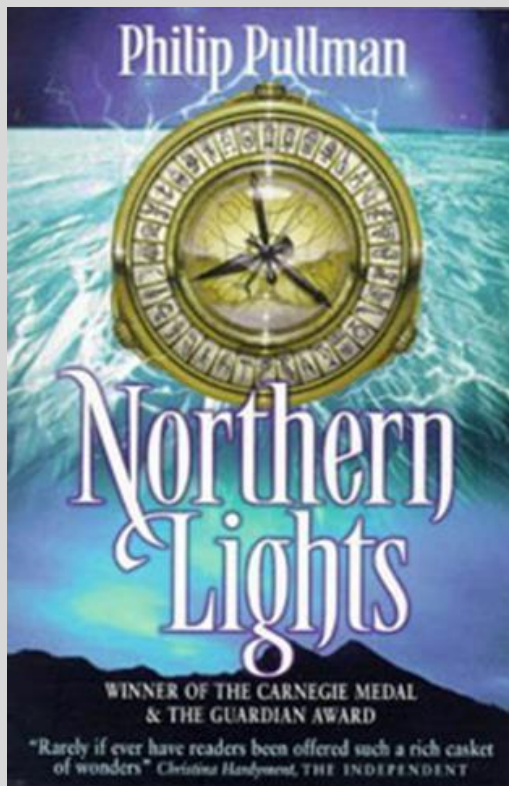
Student Milena Bytautaitė, 8c, September 2021

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# Philip Pullman

## “Northern Lights / The Golden Compass”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1995



### Characters:

**Lyra Belacqua** and **Pantalaimon**: Lyra is a 12-year-old girl with blue eyes and blond hair. She is brave and curious. Her demon is Pantalaimon, shortly Pan. As Lyra is still a child, Pan is still capable of changing into any shape he wishes. Lyra has been prophesied by the witches to help the balance of life.

**Lord Asriel**: Lyra's uncle, but he is actually her father. His demon is a snow leopard.

**Marisa Coulter**: an intelligent and beautiful, but also ruthless woman. She is Lyra's mother. Her demon is a golden monkey.

**Plot:** The story takes place in a mystical world ruled by Magisterium, pictured like a world-wide church. People's souls exist outside the human bodies in the shape of their demons - different kinds of animals. Children's demons can change their shapes; the adults' demons can't.

Lyra Belacqua lives in Jordan college, in Oxford. One day she secretly learns from Lord Asriel about a parallel universe seen through the Northern Lights in a concentration of Dust. Suddenly

Lyra's best friend Roger disappears, and most likely he is kidnapped by a secret organization, as lots of other children are. Marisa takes Lyra to London, and before the trip Lyra gets an alethiometer, a strange truth-telling gadget, which is almost impossible to maintain, but she quickly learns to use it intuitively. However, Lyra finds out that her mother Marisa is one of the leaders of the secret organization and tricks her. She joins the Gipsy tribe and travels on their ship to the North to release Roger and other kidnapped children from prison.

On her trip she helps polar bear Jorek to recapture his magic armour, which keeps him immortal. The he becomes the most devoted Lyra's friend and faithful defender. Guided by the alethiometer, Lyra arrives at a village and discovers an abandoned child who has been cut from his demon and who soon dies. She reveals the organization are experimenting on children by cutting the bond between human and demon. Lyra is captured and taken to Bolvangar, where she is briefly reunited with Roger before being separated from Pantalaimon.

In Svalbard, Asriel works on his Dust research in exile. He tells Lyra all he knows of Dust: that it has separated parallel universes, and the Church believes it is the basis of sin. Asriel gets on top of a mountain with Roger as Lyra and Iorek and his group of bears fight with the witches that are allied with Asriel. Mrs Coulter and her troops arrive in a military airship and attack the bears. Suddenly, Lord Asriel severs Roger from his demon, killing Roger but releasing an enormous amount of energy that tears a hole in the Northern Lights into a parallel universe, through which he walks. Lyra and Pantalaimon also pass through the hole in the sky.

**My opinion:** I liked Pullman's writing style. The story seems simple and clear to understand but at the same time it's full of symbols and makes you overthink the events again and again. The book tells a brilliant tale. It's amazing to think that there could possibly be a world where demons exist.

**Recommendation:** I recommend this book for teenagers who like fantasy stories.

Sudent Patricija Švenčionytė, 8a, April 2021

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# Morris Gleitzman

## “Once”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2009

### Main characters:

**Felix** – a nine-year-old Jewish boy living in an orphanage in the mountains during WW2.

**Zelda** – a girl who has lost her parents. Felix finds her fainted in the burning house.

**Barni** – an adult who looks after the children like Felix and Zelda and hides them from the Nazis.

**Plot:** Poland, Year 1942. Felix Salinger has spent three years in an orphanage. His Jewish parents left him there at the beginning of World War 2 when he was six to keep safe from the Nazis and promised to take him back as soon as they take care of their book-selling business. Time flies, and Felix starts to invent stories with his parents as the main characters.

One day a car arrives at the orphanage, and Felix thinks it is his parents; he is surprised to see men wearing bands on their arms. One of the nuns calls them “Nazis.” When the men empty the orphanage library and burn the books, Felix thinks his parents are in danger and sneaks out of the orphanage to warn them. On his way to his native village the boy sees lots of empty houses. So is his house, when Felix arrives. One of the neighbours warns him that all the Jews have been taken to the train station to deliver to the concentration camp. Felix heads there to find his parents.

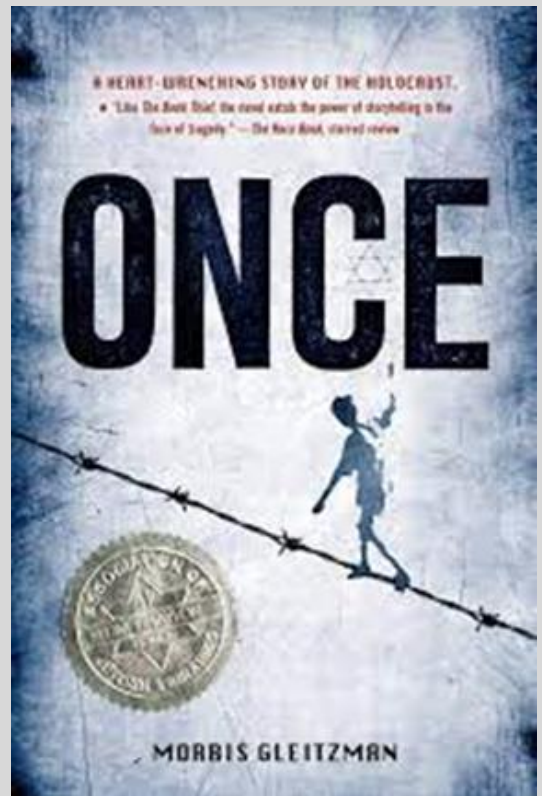
On his way he sees a burning house and saves a six-year-old girl, Zelda. She cries for her parents, but Felix comforts her telling one of his stories. Eventually, the Nazis find him and Zelda and force them to join a crowd of the Jews. The kids are saved by Barney, a dentist, who is in good relationship with the Nazis and takes care of some other Jewish children in his basement. Felix helps Barney during the operations: he tells the patients funny stories to distract them from pain.

At nights Felix and Barney search empty houses for drugs and aspirin. One night they return and find out that the Nazis have discovered their shelter. They are all taken to the train.

Children find a small hole in the wall, so Felix and Zelda decide to escape. Luckily, the Nazis don't shoot them. Together, they wonder what the destiny has prepared for them.

**My opinion:** This is a story of Holocaust told as one boy's life story. It proves that there always are people who can sacrifice their lives helping others (like Barney). It's a strong book, and sometimes it touched me deeply.

**Recommendation:** This book might be interesting to those young people who are keen on learning more about the history of WW2 and Holocaust.



Sudent Patricija Švenčionytė, 8a, May 2021

# Frances Hodgson Burnett

## “The Secret Garden”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1911

### Main characters:

**Mary Lennox** – a spoiled girl, who was born into a wealthy British family in British India.

**Archibald Craven** – Mary’s uncle.

**Martha Sowerby** – Mary’s maid.

**Dickon** – Martha’s brother.

**Colin** – Mary’s cousin, Archibald’s son.

**Plot:** At the beginning of the 20th century, a lovely girl Mary is born into a wealthy Lennox family in British India. However, the girl is neglected by both parents and spoiled by the servants. Cholera epidemic kills her parents, and she stays alone in the abandoned house, where the British soldiers find her. She is soon sent to England to live with her uncle, Archibald Craven, who appears to live in a huge country house with a locked garden.

Mary is rude and unfriendly, as usual. She hates the house and the people in it. But later she makes friends with her maid, Martha, who tells her that Mr Archibald’s wife Lilies nourished the garden but she died at the accident there ten years ago. Then Archibald locked the garden door and buried the key. Mary becomes interested in the garden, spends more time in the fresh air and becomes stronger and happier. However, sometimes at night she can hear someone crying loudly in the house.

Exploring the gardens of the manor, Mary finds the garden key buried in the soil. She asks Martha for gardening tools and together with Dickon learns gardening secrets. Once she tells him about the secret garden.

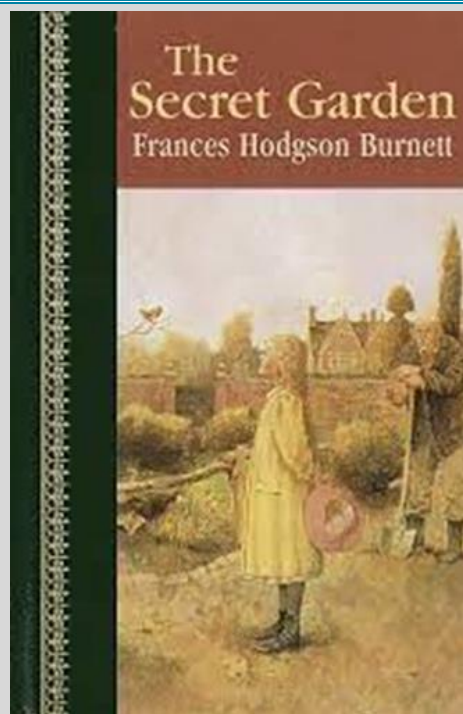
One night, Mary hears the cries once more and decides to follow them through the house. She finds a boy of similar age named Colin, who lives in a hidden bedroom. They are cousins, Colin is the son of Archibald, and he suffers from serious disease which precludes him from walking. He is similar to Mary, self-centered and spoiled. Mary visits him every day that week, tells him about the moor, Dickon and the secret garden. Mary assures him she could enter the secret garden, and Colin asks to see it. Mary and Dickon put Colin into his wheelchair and bring outside into the secret garden.

While in the garden, the children look up to see Ben Weatherstaff looking over the wall on a ladder. He admits that he believed Colin to be "a cripple." Angry with these words, Colin stands up from his chair and finds that his legs are fine, but weak. Colin and Mary soon spend almost every day in the garden, sometimes with Dickon as company. The children and Ben conspire to keep Colin's recovering health a secret from the other staff as to surprise his father, who is travelling abroad.

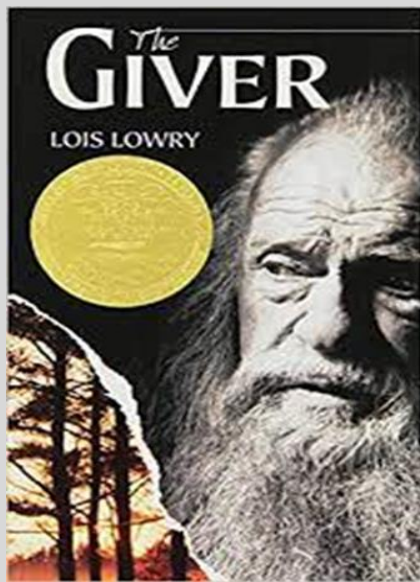
When Mr. Archibald receives a letter from Mrs. Sowerby, he finally returns home. He finds the garden door unlocked and is shocked to see the garden in bloom and his son healthy. The children tell him the whole story, and Archibald and Colin walk back to the manor together.

**My opinion:** I was a bit sorry about Mary and Colin. They are kids raised away from their parents, who have received all the things they could want or need, except for parents’ love and attention. Imagine how it must be to grow up experiencing that, and even worse, to receive that impression from your parents, the grown-ups that are supposed to love you and protect you. The author gives us some hope: it is never too late to make things right and to forgive.

**Recommendation:** I would recommend this book for people who care for nature, as there are a lot of descriptions of flowers and trees. Adults might think about the way they behave with their kids and about the mistakes they make.



Student Elzė Petkevičiūtė, 8a, January 2021



# Lois Lowry

## “The Giver”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1993

**Main characters:** *Jonas* – an eleven-year-old boy with a special gift.

*The Giver* – an adult man who is very wise and world-weary, and he is haunted by memories of suffering and pain.

*Jonas’s Father* – a Nurturer, who feels strong bond with the newborn babies he cares for.

*Jonas’s mother*- a strict woman, and her job involves punishing citizens who break the community’s rules.

**Plot:** Jonas, an eleven-year-old boy, lives in a future society without any pain, war, and hatred. Everyone looks and behaves the same. At age of twelve every member of the community is assigned a job based on his or her abilities and interests. Citizens can apply for and are assigned a spouse, and each couple is assigned exactly two children. The children are born to Birthmothers, who never see them, and spend their first year in a Nurturing Center with other babies born that year. When their children are grown, family units dissolve and adults live together with Childless Adults until they are too old to function in the society. Then they spend their last years being cared for in the House of the Old until they are finally “released” from the society. In the community, release is death, but it is never described that way.

Jonas lives with his father, a Nurturer of new children, his mother, who works at the Department of Justice, and his seven-year-old sister Lily. Though he is a well-behaved citizen and a good student, Jonas is different: he has pale eyes, while most people in his community have dark eyes. Sometimes objects “change” when he looks at them. He does not know it yet, but he alone in his community can perceive flashes of color.

At the Ceremony, Jonas is given the Assignment of Receiver of Memory. The Receiver is the sole keeper of the community’s collective memory. When the community went over to Sameness, it erased all memories of pain and emotion, but the memories cannot disappear totally. Someone must keep them so that the community can avoid making the mistakes of the past. Jonas receives the memories of the past from the current Receiver, a wise old man who tells Jonas to call him the Giver. The Giver transmits memories by placing his hands on Jonas’s bare back. The first memory he receives is of a sled ride. As Jonas receives memories from the Giver he realizes how empty life in his community really is. The memories make Jonas’s life richer and more meaningful, and he wishes that he could give it to the people he loves. But since they have never experienced real suffering, they also cannot appreciate the real joy of life. Jonas grows more and more frustrated with the members of his community, and the Giver encourages him. The two grow very close.

Meanwhile, Jonas is helping his family take care of a problem baby, Gabriel, who has trouble sleeping at night. Jonas helps the child to sleep by transmitting memories to him every night, and he begins to develop a relationship with Gabriel. When Gabriel is in danger of release, the Giver tells Jonas that release is the same as death. The Giver and Jonas plan for Jonas to escape the community and to actually enter Elsewhere. However, Jonas is forced to leave earlier than planned when his father tells him that Gabriel will be released the next day. Jonas steals his father’s bicycle and a supply of food and sets off for Elsewhere. He enters a place full of color, but also hunger and exhaustion. Comforting Gabriel with memories of sunshine, Jonas mounts a high hill. There he finds a sled waiting for him at the top. Riding down the hill, they see the twinkling lights of a friendly village at Christmas, and they hear music. Jonas understands that someone is waiting for them.

**My opinion:** The book is quite easy to read. At first the life in this society seems smooth and positive, but later you learn how cruel it is. You can appreciate our ability to make our own choices in everyday life.

**Recommendation:** I would recommend this book for young adults who like books such as Hunger Games or Divergent, depicting some new type of society where people are not allowed to make their personal choice.

Student Aleksandra Dimaitè, Form 8a January 2021

# Antoine de Saint-Exupery

## “The Little Prince”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1943

**Main characters:** A pilot, who crashes his plane in the Sahara Desert. The Little Prince – a boy with golden curly hair, lovely smile and the ability to find answers to all of his questions.

**Plot:** The narrator of the novel - the pilot- crashes his plane in the Sahara Desert. He’s only got water supply for eight days and has to fix his plane. There he meets the Little Prince – an unusual boy wandering on his own. The boy is remarkably clever. He asks the pilot to draw him a sheep, but none of the pictures suit him. Then the pilot draws a box and says the sheep is inside. The Little Prince accepts it.

While the pilot is trying to fix his plane, the boy is telling the story of his life. It turns out that this is the seventh planet he has visited. His native planet is a tiny asteroid. Baobab trees must be rooted out in order to keep other plants safe. The Prince wants to keep a sheep to eat the baobab plants.

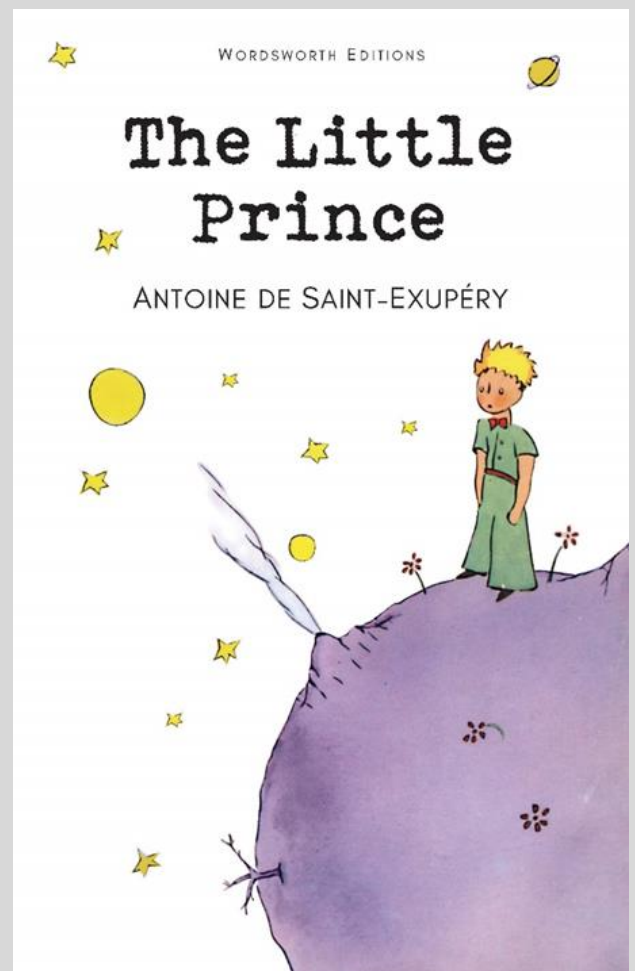
He has once fallen in love with the silly Rose he was taking care of. But the Rose didn’t appreciate his efforts. Later he met the wise Fox that explained him lots of things he hadn’t known before.

On the eighth day both the pilot and the Prince are nearly dying of thirst, and luckily the boy finds a well. Then the Prince meets a yellow snake, talks to him and warns the pilot that he wants to return to his native planet and see his beloved Rose. In case the pilot finds his dead body, it will only mean that the body was too heavy to carry it to another planet. The Prince walks away, and the snake bites him.

The pilot can’t find the Prince’s dead body. He fixes the plane and leaves the desert.

**My opinion:** My favorite part of the novel was Prince’s visits of the six planets and meeting different types of people. The funniest part was drawing of the sheep and the latest picture – a box. The story itself was quite sad, I was sorry about the little boy travelling on his own and unable to find peace.

**Recommendation:** I would recommend this book both for kids and adults, because you understand it differently at different ages. As the author says, he thinks that the grown-ups are too narrow-minded and children have ability to explore the world around themselves.



Student Chimené Mockuté, 8a, March 2021



# Marie Lu

## “Warcross” and “Wildcard”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2018

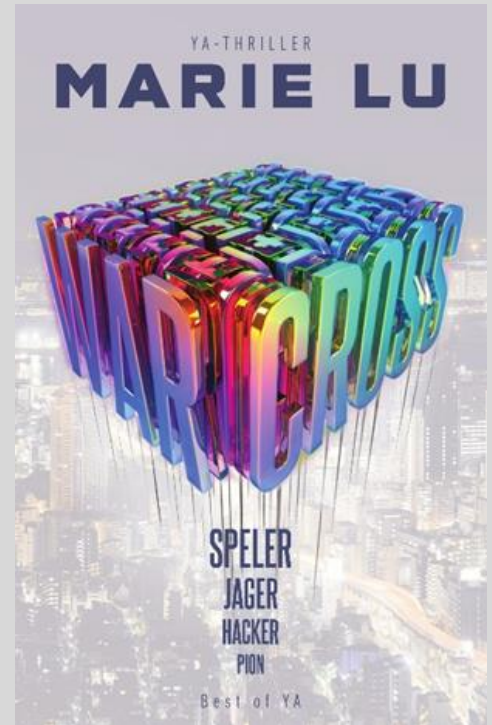
Warcross and Wildcard are a 2 part book series written by a famous American author Marie Lu. The story follows Emika who lives in a world taken over by virtual reality games. One day she accidentally meets the creator of the games, whom she catches feelings for. But before she can confess and live a normal life, she has to complete a task assigned personally by the creator. This story is a tightly packed action/romance one, so buckle up.

### Main characters:

**Protagonist: Emika Chen.** She is a genius bounty hunter who barely gets by. She is clumsy, but makes up for it with her brain power.

**Antagonist: Null.** He is a secretive fellow who wants to take over the world via the games and their headsets. In the second book more about him is revealed.

**Main side character: Hideo.** The creator of the games who assigned Emika to stop Null from taking over.



**Plot:** Emika Chen is just a normal bounty hunter struggling to get by. One day, while spectating the yearly Olympic virtual reality games, she accidentally hacks into the system where she is found by Hideo, the creator of the games and virtual headsets. The creator invites her to his headquarters, and there he assigns Emika with a task of stopping another mysterious hacker. To cover up Emika’s top secret mission, she is admitted to be a player in the Olympic games to not raise suspicion. There she meets 5 team members who become good friends to her. The friends have arguments, joyful moments as every friend group does.

Emika hides her sudden attraction to Hideo from everyone. She goes on secret dates with him, meets his humble family, overall has a good time. But when she finds out Hideo wants to control the whole population with his new creation, the virtual reality lenses, she runs away from him.

The first book ends with the mysterious villain being delayed.

In the second book, the mysterious villain is revealed to be Hideous brainwashed little brother who was kidnapped when he was around 5. In that book, more is revealed about the organization of hackers, the new real antagonist and more.

**My opinion:** Though it has been a while since I’ve read this book, it still shines like gold in my memories. I recommend this book to teenagers and people who like genres like anime, manga, series’, Netflix shows, etc.

Student Ramunė Urbelytė, 8a, October 2021

# William Shakespeare "Romeo and Juliet"

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1597

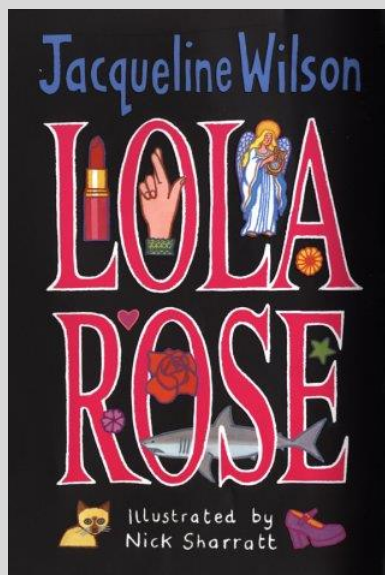
**Main characters:** The main characters in this book are two teenagers, *Romeo* and *Juliet*, who fell love for each other at first sight. Juliet is a spontaneous, courageous, sensitive personality. Romeo is a brave, determined, cruel and at the same time selfless person.

**Plot:** This book is classified as a tragic love story. Two teen lovers first met at girl's family party. When they saw each other, they both felt mutual love. But their love could not be made public, due to disagreements between teenage families. After gentle, beautiful and sincere confessions of love, lovers secretly married. The priest agreed to keep the secret. The wedding was attended only by the couple and the girl's maid, who helped a lot. Three hours after the wedding, Romeo quarrelled with his wife's cousin. Both men began to fight. It all ended with the death of Juliet's cousin. The exile of Romeo separated two souls of lovers. Because of the teenagers' spontaneous decisions to be together again, this story ends tragically: they both commit suicide without wanting to live on earth without each other. The late reconciliation of the families did not save the two lovers.

**My opinion:** I enjoyed this tragedy because of Shakespeare's artistic language. There are many comparisons, metaphors, and other means of linguistic expression in this tragedy. It was nice to read.

**Recommendation:** I recommend reading this book. After reading it, you will expand your knowledge of the old English language, learn new words, expressions, and new descriptions.

Student Mintė Vilimaitytė, 8a, October 2021



## Jacqueline Wilson "Lola Rose"

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2003

**Quick summary:** It's about a family who won £10k on a scratchcard, Jayni's dad comes home drunk and almost hits Jayni, mum decides they need to leave and they travel to London. They change their names. At first it was hard to get used to London and all the people. But after a while she felt more daring. At first they lived in a hotel, but after they bought a small house even if they had a lot of money they wanted a small house. Now her name is Lola Rose.

**Who is your favourite character and why?** Jayni, I loved the way she helped mom to look after her little Brother and didn't want to spend all the

lottery money, but her mom was still spending them.

**What was the best part and why?** The best part was the family won the lottery and when Jayni said that she doesn't want a big house, because everyone wants a big house.

**Would you recommend this book for a friend?** Yes, because in this I found out what to do if something bad happens to me.

Student Joana Vaitkute

J. K Rowling

# “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1999

**Quick summary:** Harry, forced to suffer another summer with the Dursleys. When Uncle Vernon's sister arrives and proceeds to abuse Harry, he runs away and is picked up by the Knight Bus, a wizard transportation vehicle.

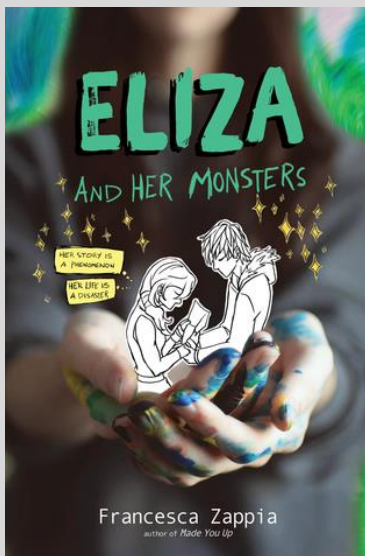
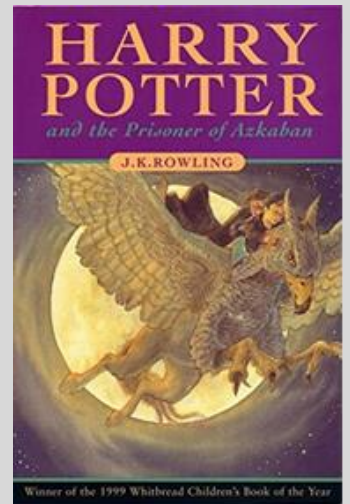
Sirius Black has escaped Azkaban and the prison guards known as Dementors are looking for him. Sirius was imprisoned just after the death of Harry's parents when he was caught at the scene of another crime. When Harry meets a Dementor on the train to Hogwarts, he blacks out and relives his worst memories. Remus Lupin, the mysterious and periodically ill Defense of the Dark Arts Professor provides the antidote: chocolate.

Begins Harry's third year at Hogwarts. Bizarre characters, such as the predicting Divination teacher, Sibyll Trelawney, exciting Quidditch matches with a new broomstick for Harry, more run-ins with Snape, and a look at Hogsmeade, an all-magic village, round out the story. Ron, Hermione, and Harry's dangerous adventure lead to the exposure of Sirius Black, the truth of his connection to Harry's parents, and new discoveries for Harry about his father.

**Who is my favorite character and why?** My favorite character is Hermione Granger, I just think she is really hardworking and amazing. I love that she is friendly to everyone but can stand up for her friends and herself.

**What was the best part in the book and why?** I think the best part in the book was when Harry found out the truth about Sirius Black. I just think that Harry was really surprised, but in a good way, because somehow, he felt more connected to his father.

Student Akvilė Kringelytė, 7a.



## Francesca Zappia “Eliza and Her Monsters”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2017

**Main characters:** *Eliza Mirk*, a shy, friendless and weird girl in real life. Online, she is Lady Constellation, the anonymous creator of the wildly popular web comic Monstrous Sea. *Wallace Warland* is a most popular transcripts writer of Monstrous Sea.

**Description:** „Eliza and Her Monsters“ tells the story of Eliza Mirk, the creator of a successful web comic called Monstrous Sea. Eliza keeps her identity as the creator of the web comic unknown. She is still in high school and is socially awkward and insecure. Then a boy, Wallace comes to her

school and they start to talk. Unfortunately, Warland accidentally finds out, who is Eliza.

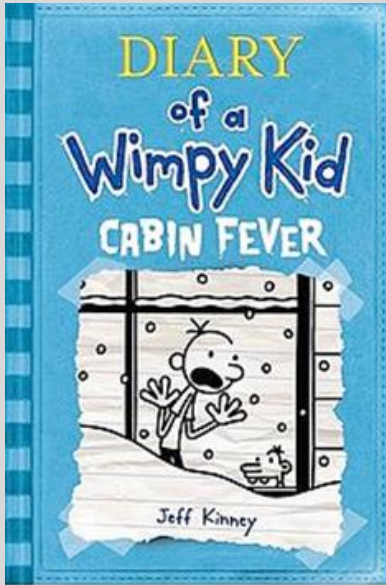
My favourite scene is where Wallace plays Football with Eliza's brothers and family and Eliza walks around with her dog. She is so happy about Wallace's and her family friendship here. I don't know, why I like it, but it just feels so comfortable for me. My favourite character is Eliza. She is so creative in online world and I really like it. In addition, she has her goals and always tries her best to achieve them.

**Recommendation:** Do I recommend it? Absolutely yes! That's such an amazing book and I think, that it really helps to understand things about online world, trust and frankness.

Student Paulina Mankutė, 8a, October 202

Jeff Kinney

## “Diary of a wimpy kid cabin fever”



**Quick summary:** Greg Heffley as his attempt to earn money for Christmas gifts gets him in trouble at school just as a massive blizzard sets in. When the novel begins, Thanksgiving has just passed, and Greg is panicked about being as good as he can so that Santa Claus will bring him many gifts. Greg spends much of his free time playing the game Net Critterz online. Greg needs cash to buy his virtual pet Chihuahua various items, but his mom says she will not give him any money. Further, she reveals that Greg will have to earn his own money to buy gifts for others this year. Greg asks for money to be left behind the church in an envelope request on the church’s Giving Tree, where people help one another out anonymously. Greg immediately sets to work trying to come up with ways to earn cash. His attempts at shoveling snow end in failure as he tries to use water to blast away the snow –which in turn causes a sheet of ice to build up instead. Greg and Rowley decide to have a Holiday Bazaar like the school does, and will sell concession snacks, offer games, and sell gifts. Greg and Rowley discover it is too expensive to advertise in the local paper, and the local paper won’t cover their

Bazaar as they deem it to not be newsworthy. Greg and Rowley decide to then create their own paper to advertise their Bazaar, but Vice Principal Roy will not let them hand it out at school. Greg and Rowley decide to advertise for their Bazaar by creating signs and taping them to the school wall. When rain begins falling, it causes the signs to run – and green ink to stain the bricks. Greg and Rowley then flee when a teacher nearly catches them.

**Who is your favourite character and why?** Manny, because I think that child is a savage. Why? once the electricity went out he had stored food and more when the whole family was freezing, in general, he's just a smart kid.

**What was the best part in the book and why?** When Gregs mom faked an autograph and he then when he found out he got so mad because he waited in line for 3 hours, for nothing, but then his mom got the actual autograph for Christmas. Greg thought of selling it anyway because needed money.

Student Kotryna Paleckyte 7a, November 2021

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

## “The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes”

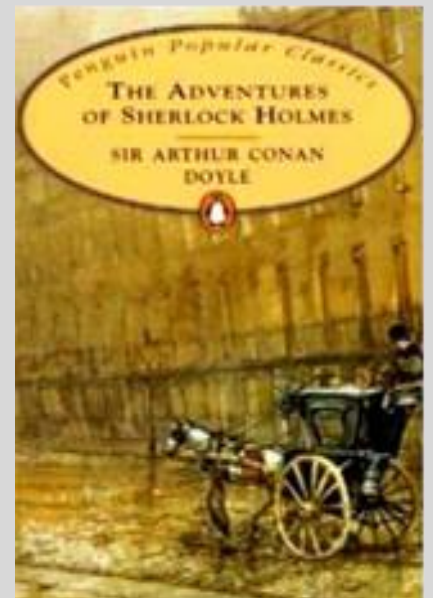
**Quick summary:** Sherlock Holmes is a British detective. He was born on January 6th 1877. He lives at Baker Street, London. Holmes is known for his ability to notice and pay close attention to things, also for solving a lot of mysteries.

**Who is your favourite character and why?** Dr. Josh Watson. He is Sherlock's partner, he helps him to solve mysteries and he has a nice moustache.

**Where does the book take place?** England, London.

**What was the best part in the book and why?** There was a woman named Mary Sutherland. She is engaged with James Windibank. He disappeared and was nowhere found. But after a day Sherlock Holmes solved the mystery and reveals that the woman's fiancé has faked his death.

Student Anthony Nader, 7a



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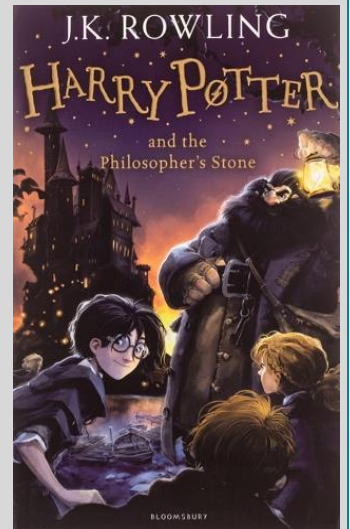
# J.K. Rowling

## “Harry Potter And The Philosophers Stone”

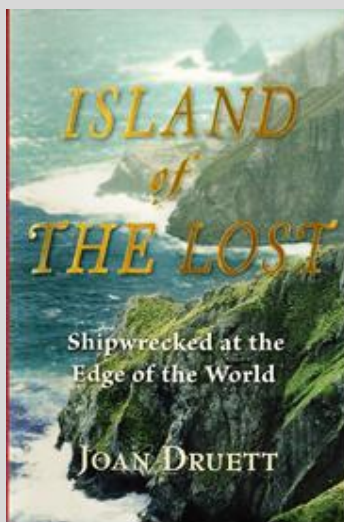
**Short summary:** After murdering Harry's parents, James and Lily Potter, evil Lord Voldemort puts a killing curse on Harry, then just a baby. The curse inexplicably reverses, defeating Voldemort and searing a lightning-bolt scar in the middle of the infant's forehead. Harry is then left at the doorstep of his boring but brutish aunt and uncle, the Dursleys. For 10 years, Harry lives in the cupboard under the stairs and is subjected to cruel mistreatment by Aunt Petunia, Uncle Vernon and their son Dudley. On his 11th birthday, Harry receives a letter inviting him to study magic at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry discovers that not only is he a wizard, but he is a famous one. He meets two best friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, and makes his first enemy, Draco Malfoy. At Hogwarts the three friends are all placed into the Gryffindor house. Harry has a knack for the school sport, Quidditch, and is recruited onto the Gryffindor team as its star Seeker. Perusing the restricted section in the library, Harry discovers that the Sorcerer's Stone produces the Elixir of Life, which gives its drinker the gift of immortality. After realizing that Voldemort might be after the stone, Albus Dumbledore had it moved to Hogwarts for safekeeping. Harry finds out that when she died, Lily Potter transferred to her son an ancient magical protection from Voldemort's lethal spells. This protection is what allowed Harry as an infant to survive Voldemort's attack. It also helps Harry keep Voldemort from possessing the Stone, which Dumbledore agrees to destroy.

**Main characters:** My favourite characters the Weasley twins Fred and George they're because they make everyone laugh.

**What was the best part in the book and why?** The best part of the book was when Harry went to Diagon Alley to get all his school books it was very fun imagining how Diagon Alley might have looked like.



Student Viltė Pociūtė 7a



## Joan Druett

### “Island of the Lost”

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2007

**Quick summary:** It's about two captains, who ventured to the edge of the World with their 3 crewmen. After a long storm, they all got stranded on a small deserted island near New Zealand. With no escape, because of their schooner being destroyed, they had no other option, but to find resources and survive. As they search around, they find the deepest and most fascinating secrets that no human has dared to find.

**Character:** My favourite character is *Francois Raynal*, because he was pretty intelligent, calm, collective and of course, could speak French. He really helped the squad numerous times.

**Where does the book take place?** It takes place in Auckland Island near New Zealand, 1863.

**The best part in the book:** The best part in the book was the long and hellish storm, because it was so well described and a lot of panic broke out, which sooner or later will lead to the schooner being shipwrecked on the Auckland Island.

**Recommendation:** Yes, I would, because overall it's really good and definitely hits the interest to read it. Plus, I bet there are a lot of people, that are interested in adventure type books.

Student Radvilas Arcimavičius