

Reading Recommendations

January 2024

Welcome to our reading newsletter.

Don't forget to checkout our recommended reads available from our website in the reading challenge tab.

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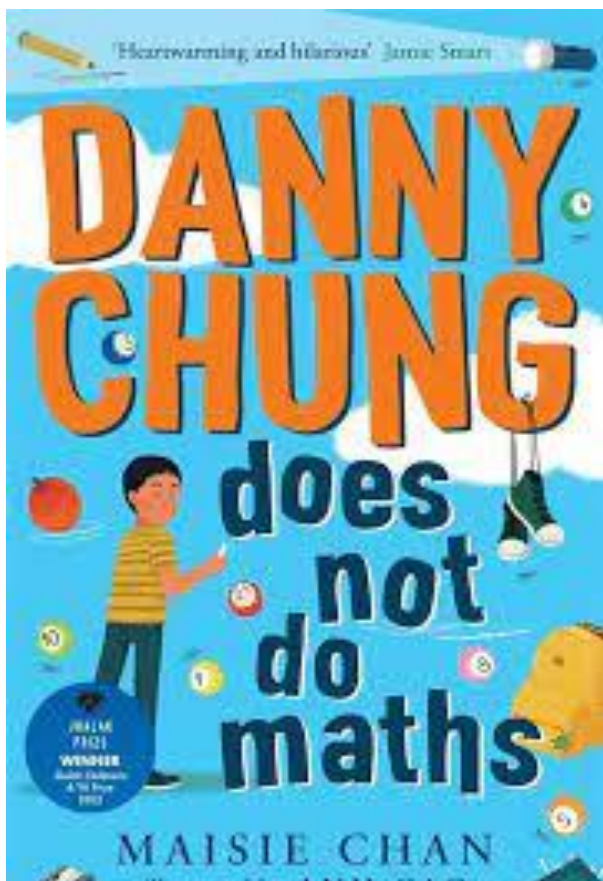


Y7+

Family

Stereotypes

Creativity



Eleven-year-old Danny Chung loves drawing more than anything—certainly more than maths, which, according to his dad and everyone else, is what he is 'supposed' to be good at. He also loves having his own room where he can draw in peace, so his life is turned upside down when a surprise that he's been promised turns out to be his little, wrinkly ex-maths-champion grandmother from China. What's worse, Nai Nai has to share his room, AND she takes the top bunk!

Before long though it becomes clear to Danny that there is more to Nai Nai than meets the eye, and that they have more in common than he thought possible....

Winner of the Branford Bose 2022 award

Winner of the Jhalak Children's and Young Adults prize 2022

If you like Percy Jackson, try one of these



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Something happened last summer – something big – but Clara cannot remember what. She's fallen out with her best friend Gaynah because of it, and Clara feels like she's a problem that everyone is trying to fix.

As a new summer stretches out before her, Clara cannot help questioning the things she thought she knew about the adults and the world around her. And when magnetic, outgoing Rudy arrives and shakes things up, Clara begins to unlock her buried memories. Can she work out what happened last summer and why Gaynah is so angry at her? But if she does, what will that mean for Clara?

In the small community of Sycamore Hill, where Clara lives, everyone knows everyone else's business, but there are plenty of things nobody will talk about. Is it really true that no one here has any secrets?



Y7 plus

Bereavement

Friendship

Personal/social issues



Y9+

When The World Was Ours

Historical

Family

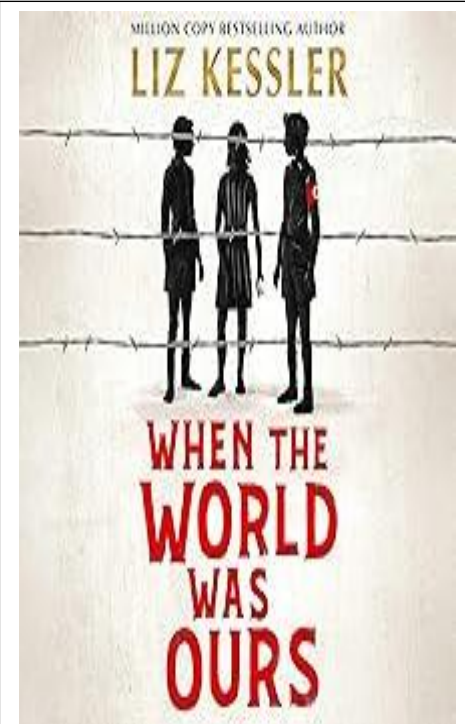
Holocaust

Three friends. One memory.

Vienna. 1936.

Three young friends—Leo, Elsa, and Max—spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness and that they will soon be cruelly ripped apart from one another. With their lives taking them across Europe—to Germany, England, Prague, and Poland—will they ever find their way back to one another? Will they want to?

Inspired by a true story, When the World Was Ours is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heart-breaking and that shows how the bonds of love, family, and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times.



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A powerful and heart-rending exploration of a teenager's journey through grief, rage and getting caught in the criminal justice system from award-winning author Patrice Lawrence.

Charlene is a demon knitter. It's the only thing she enjoys and the only thing she believes she's really good at.

Charlene has never apologised to anyone in her life. But when her freedom is suddenly put at stake, can she bring herself to say sorry and not mean it?



Y9+

Short read


Anger

Creativity



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- Benjamin Zephaniah