

*Welcome to the Berners Review; your bi-weekly round up of library and learning news.*

Apparently, it is Blue Monday- the gloomiest day of the year. But, look outside and you will see clear skies and glittering grass. There's also plenty to wash away the mid-January blues in the Berners Library. Keep reading to discover our **brand new fiction selection**, including the heart-rending Book Club and TikTok favourite *They Both Die at the End*.

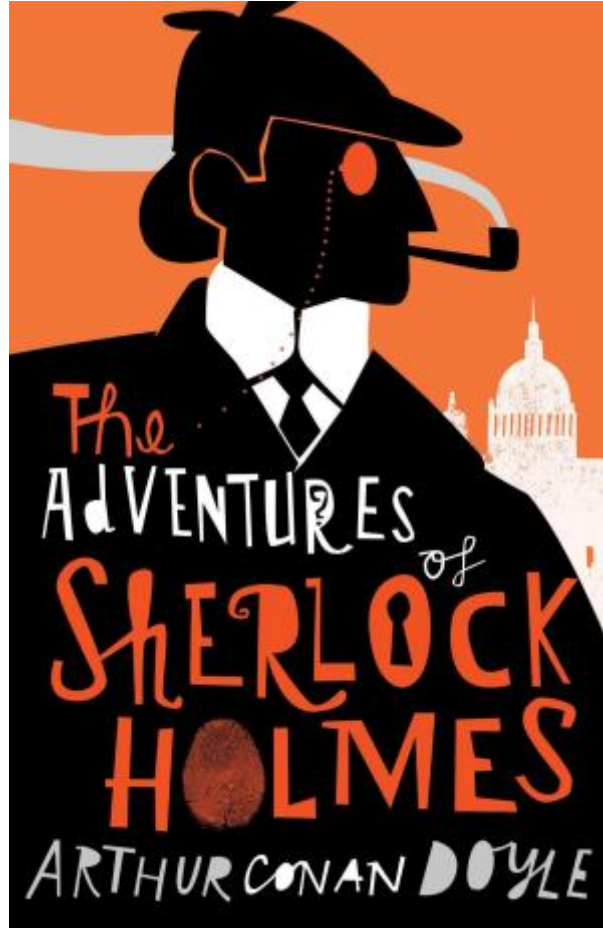


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*The literary realm is overflowing with valiant heroes, courageous underdogs, and brave risk-takers. As we step into the new year, let's turn to the world's favourite protagonists to inspire our resolutions.*

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### Sherlock Holmes: Be curious.

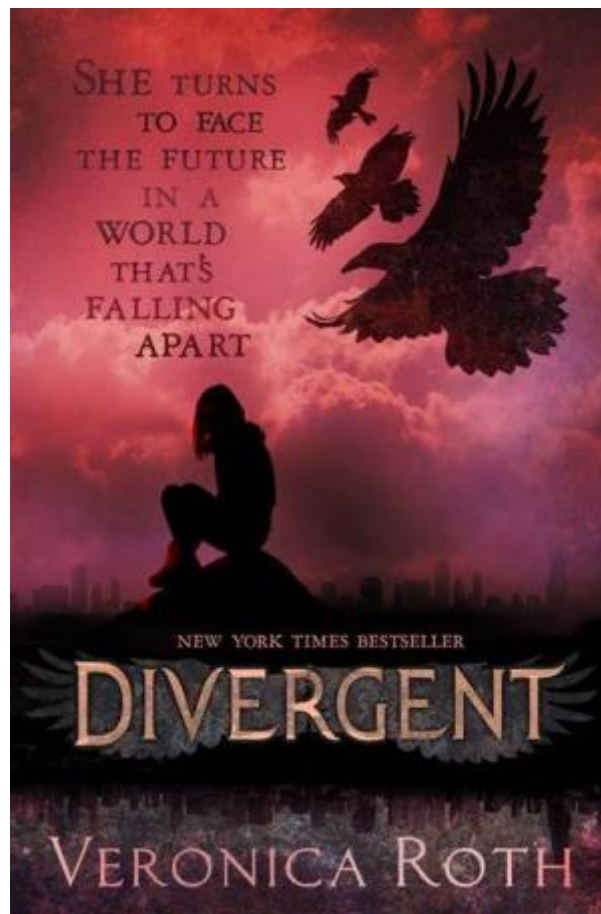


What is the secret of the speckled band that brings death in its wake? What terrible villainy is going on behind the respectable facade of the house at Copper Beeches? How has a priceless diamond found its way into the gullet of a goose? Why does an envelope containing five orange pips inspire such terror in its recipients? And what of the clever and beautiful Irene Adler, who proves more than a match for the famous detective?

For the eagle-eyed Sherlock Holmes no challenge is too great. Aided by his friend Dr Watson, he uses his razor-sharp wit and remarkable powers of deduction to solve the seemingly unsolvable.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1892)

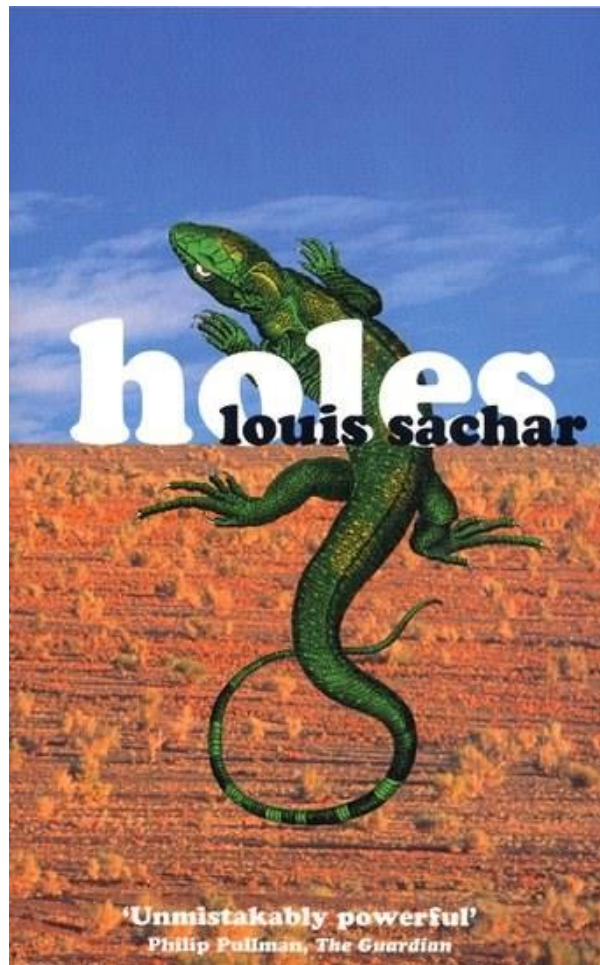
Tris Prior: Embrace your differences.



Beatrice Prior's society is divided into five factions- Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and erudite (the intelligent). Beatrice must choose between staying with her abnegation family and transferring factions. Her choice will shock her community and herself. But the newly christened Tris also has a secret, one she's determined to keep hidden, because in this world, what makes you different makes you dangerous.

Veronica Roth (2011)

Stanley Yelnats: Don't give up.



Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he isn't too surprised when a miscarriage of injustice sends him to a boy's juvenile detention centre. At Camp Green Lake the boys must dig a hole a day, five feet deep, five feet across, in the dried up lake bed. The Warden Claims the labour is character building, but it is a lie. Stanley must dig up the truth.

Louis Sachar (1998)

Marjane Satrapi: Stand up for yourself.



The intelligent and outspoken child of radical Marxists, and the great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor, Satrapi bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country. Persepolis paints an unforgettable portrait of daily life in Iran and of the bewildering contradictions between home life and public life. This is a beautiful and intimate story full of tragedy and humour - raw, honest and incredibly illuminating.

Marjane Satrapi (2008)





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*Discover what's new in the Berners Library.*

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**THEY  
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**'BOLD AND  
HAUNTING'**  
LAUREN OLIVER

**'A PHENOMENAL  
TALENT'**  
JUNO DAWSON

**ADAM SILVERA**

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *HISTORY IS ALL YOU LEFT ME*

"THIS BOOK  
WILL BLOW  
YOUR MIND."  
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"A PETRIFYING  
RE-IMAGINING OF  
THE HANDMAID'S TALE."  
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CHRISTINA DALCHER



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# RICHARD OSMAN

'Compassionate,  
warm, moving  
and so VERY  
funny'

MARIAN KEYES



'So smart  
and funny.  
Deplorably good'

IAN RANKIN

## The Thursday MURDER Club





A BILLION-DOLLAR FORTUNE  
TO DIE FOR . . .



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Winner of the  
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Jury Prize

**MARJANE SATRAPI**

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KEITH GRAY

# The Climbers

"Hard-hitting, unflinching,  
but touched throughout  
by warmth and soul"

BALI RAI

"Taut and unflinching  
... a powerful punch  
of a book"

MARCUS SEDGWICK

"Keith Gray is the  
real deal – a writer of  
intelligence, toughness  
and heart"

PATRICK NESS

"What a magnificent  
writer Keith Gray is"

ANTHONY MCGOWAN

"*The Climbers* is a gem  
of a book"

PHIL EARLE

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# ANIMAL FARM



**GEORGE ORWELL**

SUPER-READABLE EDITION

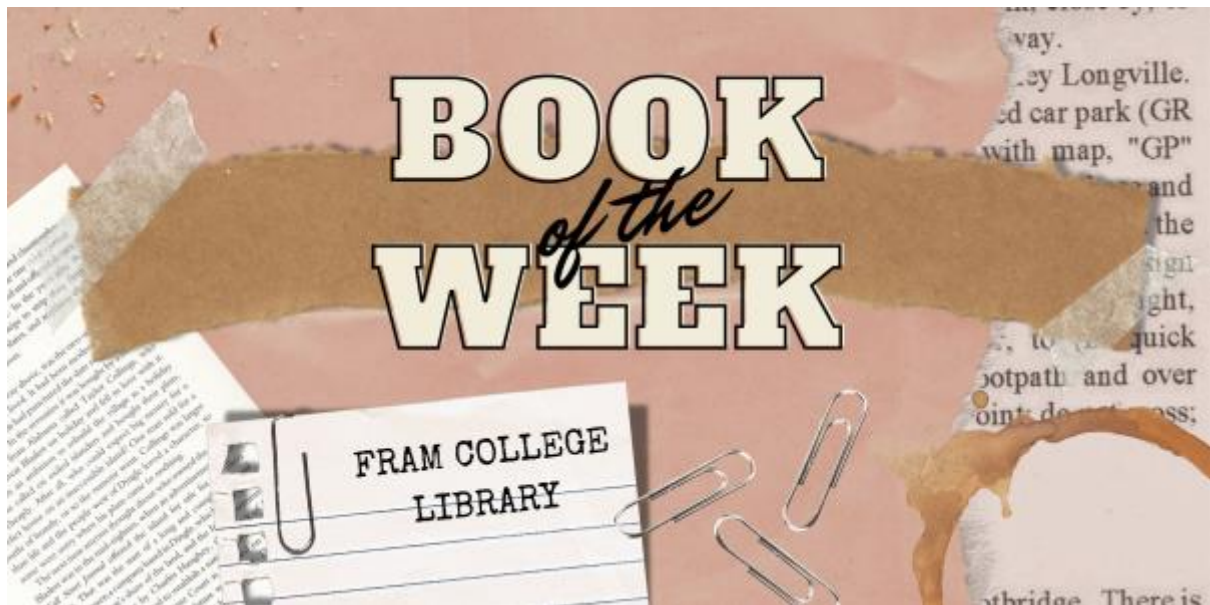
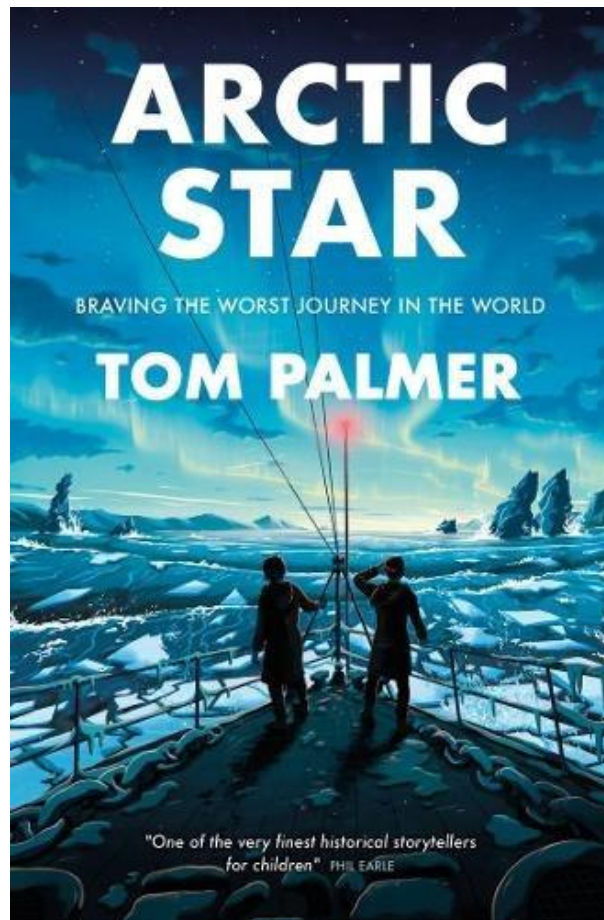
EVERY OUTSIDER HAS STRENGTH

# I AM THE MINOTAUR

ANTHONY  
McGOWAN

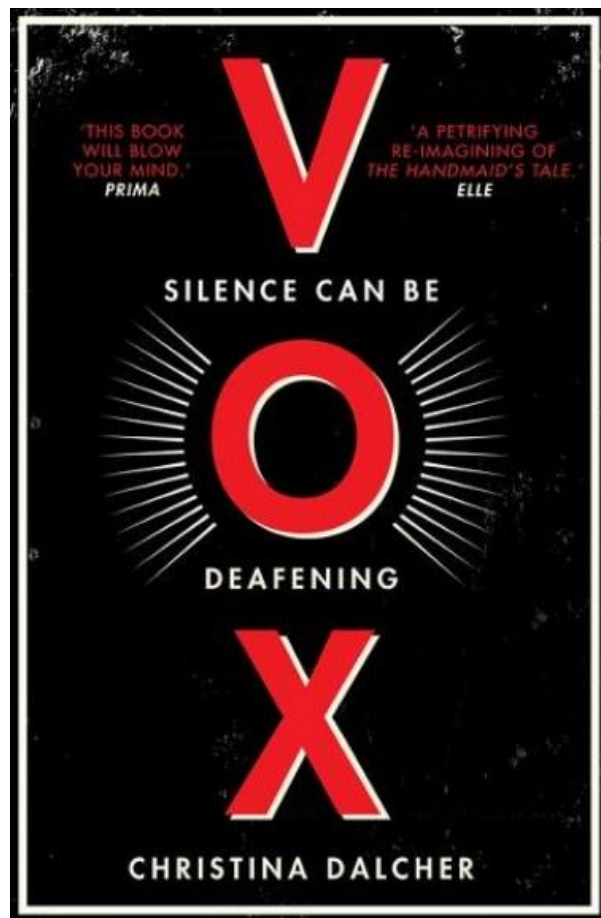
CARNEGIE MEDAL  
WINNING AUTHOR







## Vox by Christina Dalcher



Jean McClellan spends her time in almost complete silence, limited to just 100 words a day. Any more, and one thousand volts of electricity will course through her veins.

Now the new government is in power, everything has changed. But only if you're a woman.

Almost overnight, bank accounts are frozen, passports are taken away and seventy million women lose their jobs. Even more terrifyingly, young girls are no longer taught to read or write.

For herself, her daughter, and for every woman silenced. This is only the beginning...

[100 WORD LIMIT REACHED]





## A DAILY WORD GAME

Do you now only speak in five letter words? Do you dream in green and yellow? If yes, I imagine you too have become obsessed with the internet's latest craze and daily word puzzle, [Wordle](#).

The game is simple; you are given five chances to guess the five letter word of the day. With each guess, you learn how close you are to said word. Yellow letters = right letter, wrong placement. Green letters = right letter, right placement.

An addictive yet gentle daily challenge.

### **Your voice. Your learning. Your library.**

The Berners Library has great potential to become a welcoming space for learning and relaxation alike. This step forward starts with you. Fill out [this form](#) to let us know what you want to see and do here.