# BOOK BUZZ

## ESSENTIAL READING FOR HALF TERM (KS3)



#### RECOMMENDED READ:

DAMIAN JOHNSON CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

This inspirational book charts the history of the anti-racism movement in English football and beyond, shining a light on both the divisive and unifying power of the beautiful game. Discover the star footballers, which include the likes of Arthur Wharton, Walter Tull and Clyde Best from the early days, to the modern greats such as Raheem Sterling, Marcus Rashford and Bukayo Saka who have faced and fought racial bigotry on the pitch and helped advance the cause. There are also commentaries and insights from coaches, referees as well as grassroots activists who are prominent voices in the mainstream and social media.



#### RECOMMENDED READ:

LUCY STRANGE & PAM SAY THE GHOSTS OF THE MANOR

Matilda Lockett is used to playing the role of Poor Dead Edna on stage with her spirit-medium aunt, Signora Valentina, and theatrical uncle Barnabus – but when they all decamp to Beauchamp Manor to deal with a most dreadful haunting, she discovers she really can see ghosts! There she meets ghost boy, Edgar Wilde, who shares her love of supernatural snooping, and together they set about unravelling the case of The Ghosts of the Manor.

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### ESSENTIAL READING FOR HALF TERM (KS4)



RECOMMENDED READ:

EMILY BARR GHOSTED

Ariel's accidental meeting with a handsome stranger called Joe is completely perfect; they have a connection like she's never known before. They exchange numbers and agree to meet when he is back from a trip to France. But when Ariel messages him, the number Joe gave her is disconnected. He's ghosted her. She assumes she will never see him again. Except she does. Again and again.

It turns out that their first meeting has been life-changing for them both, actually it's even more than that for Joe. But what do you do when - with every day that passes - you're literally growing apart from the best person you've ever known . . . ?



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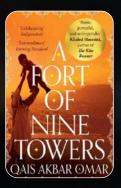
DEIDRE SULLIVAN WISE CREATURES

If anyone knows what it is to be haunted, it's Daisy. The ghosts of her troubled past are ever present. Daisy has always done her best to shut the ghosts away. To shut away the wise creatures, who used to whisper to her from the walls of the house. To live a normal life.

But now, something is humming in the house. Something dark, and unknown. And it's targeting Nina, her beloved sister. Daisy knows that something is up. And that the wise creatures, locked away for so long, are back. And this time, who knows what they want?



### ESSENTIAL READING FOR HALF TERM (KS5)



MR COYLE RECOMMENDS:

QAIS AKBAR OMAR A FORT OF NINE TOWERS

Qais was eleven when a brutal civil war engulfed Kabul. For Qais, it brought an abrupt end to a childhood filled with kites and cousins in his grandfather's garden: one of the most convulsive decades in Afghan history had begun. Ahead lay the rise of the Taliban, and, in 2001, the arrival of international forces.

A Fort of Nine Towers is the story of Qais, his family and their determination to survive these upheavals as they were buffeted from one part of Afghanistan to the next. Drawing strength from each other, and their culture and faith, they sought refuge for a time in the Buddha caves of Bamyan, and later with a caravan of Kuchi nomads. When they eventually returned to Kabul, it became clear that their trials were just beginning.



RECOMMENDED READ:

CHRIS BROAD ABROAD IN JAPAN

When Englishman Chris Broad landed in a rural village in northern Japan he wondered if he'd made a huge mistake. With no knowledge of the language and zero teaching experience, was he about to be the most quickly fired English teacher in Japan's history?

Abroad in Japan charts a decade of living in a foreign land and the chaos and culture clash that came with it.

Packed with hilarious and fascinating stories, this book seeks out to unravel one the world's most complex cultures.