



Calling Year 10!

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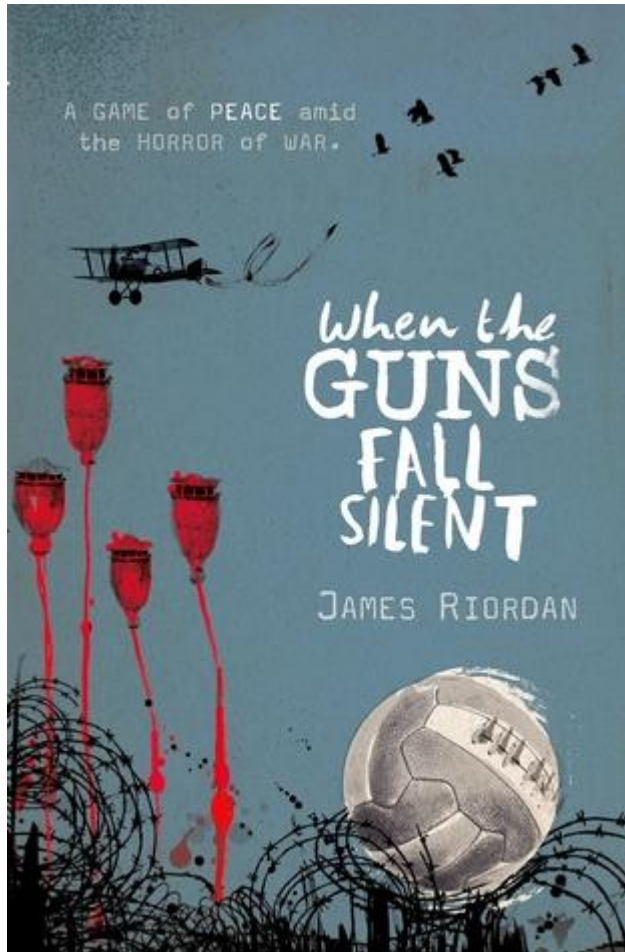
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- Happy Reading!

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Book
<i>When The Guns Fall Silent</i> by James Riordan
<i>One Day in December</i> by Josie Silver
<i>The Polar Express</i> by Chris Van Allsburg
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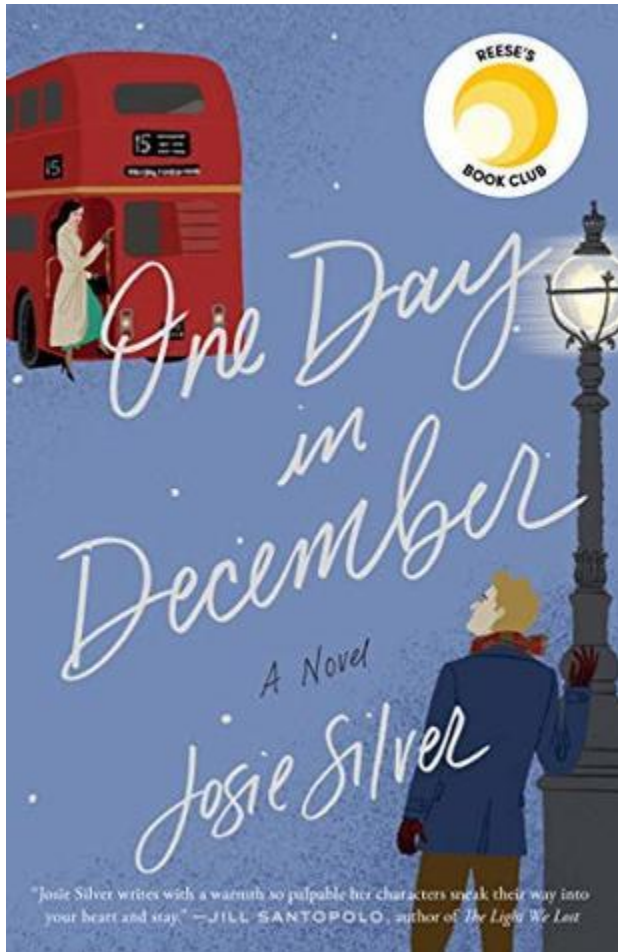
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***When The Guns Fall Silent* by James Riordan**

Jack, standing among the war graves, sees a face he recognizes. Suddenly, it's 1914 again and he's a young lad back in the trenches. Visions of killing and misery come to him with horrible clarity. But then Jack remembers too the incredible moment when the guns fell silent for a short time, and fighting gave way to football on the frozen ground of No-Man's-Land. This amazing story, based on true facts from the First World War, will transport readers back to the war fields of France and show that even in times of conflict and extreme sadness, there is always hope.

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***One Day in December* by Josie Silver**

Laurie is pretty sure love at first sight doesn't exist. After all, life isn't a scene from the movies, is it? But then, through a misted-up bus window one freezing day, she sees a man she knows instantly is the one. Their eyes meet, there's a moment of pure magic...and then her bus drives away.

Laurie thinks she'll never see the boy from the bus again. But at a party later that year, her best friend Sarah introduces her to the new love of her life. Who is, of course, the boy from the bus.

Determined to let him go, Laurie gets on with her life. But what if fate has other plans?

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THE POLAR EXPRESS



The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Late on Christmas Eve, after the town has gone to sleep, a boy boards a mysterious train that waits for him: the Polar Express bound for the North Pole. When he arrives there, Santa offers him any gift he desires. The boy modestly asks for one bell from the reindeer's harness. It turns out to be a very special gift, for only believers in Santa can hear it ring.

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***The Greatest Gift* by Philip Stern**

George Pratt, a man who is dissatisfied with his life, contemplates suicide. As he stands on a bridge on Christmas Eve, he is approached by a strange, unpleasantly dressed but well-mannered man with a bag. The man strikes up a conversation, and George tells the man that he wishes he had never been born.

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***Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak**

Olivia, the eldest daughter, has returned from treating an epidemic abroad and must go into quarantine for seven days. Her mother has decided it's the perfect opportunity to spend some 'special time' together. Her youngest sister wholeheartedly disagrees. Her father isn't allowed an opinion.

When no one can leave the house and no one can enter, quarantine for the Birches feels like an eternity.

Especially when they're all harbouring secrets. One of which is about to come knocking at their door...



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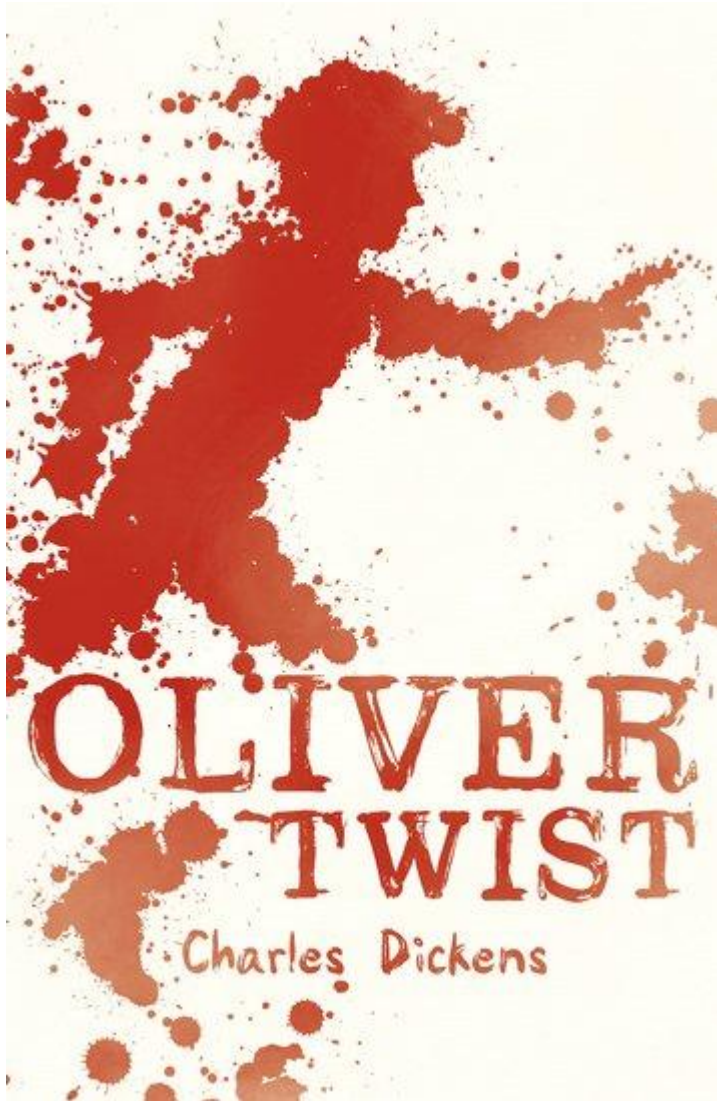
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<i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott
<i>The Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories</i> by P. D. James
<i>The Bluest Eye</i> by Toni Morrison
<i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Emily Bronte

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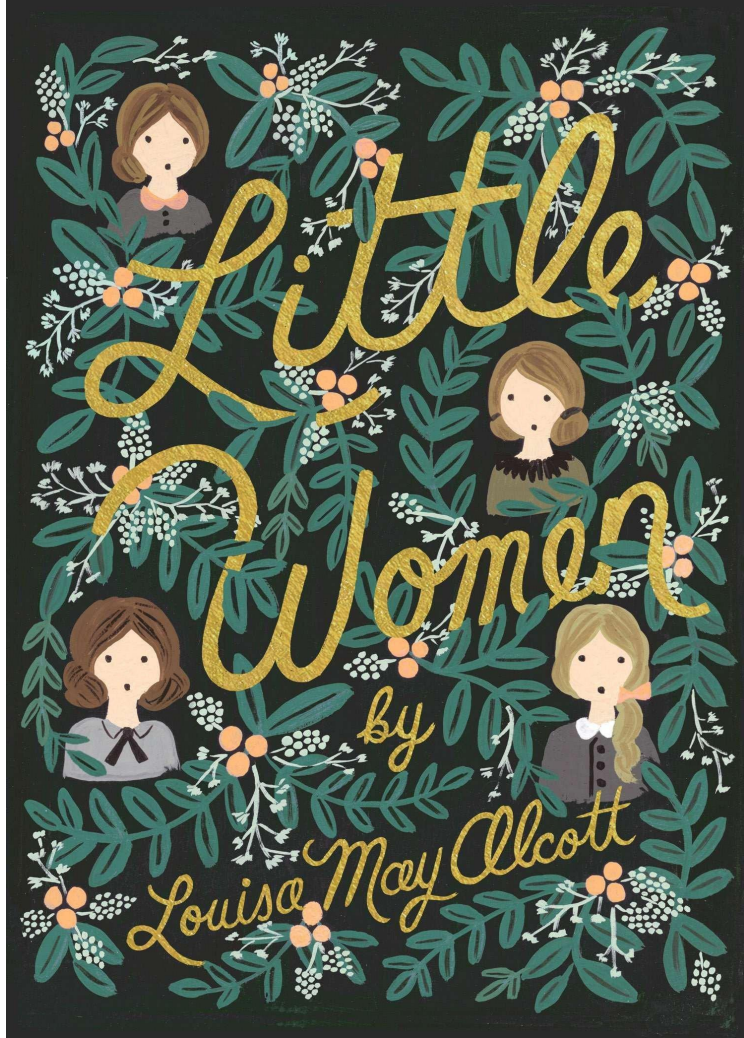
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***Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens**

It tells the story of the orphaned Oliver who is brought up in a harsh workhouse, then initiated into the criminal world of Fagin and his gang, before being eventually rescued by a loving family. This is a classic story of good against evil, packed with humour and pathos, drama and suspense, and peopled with some of Dickens' most memorable characters.

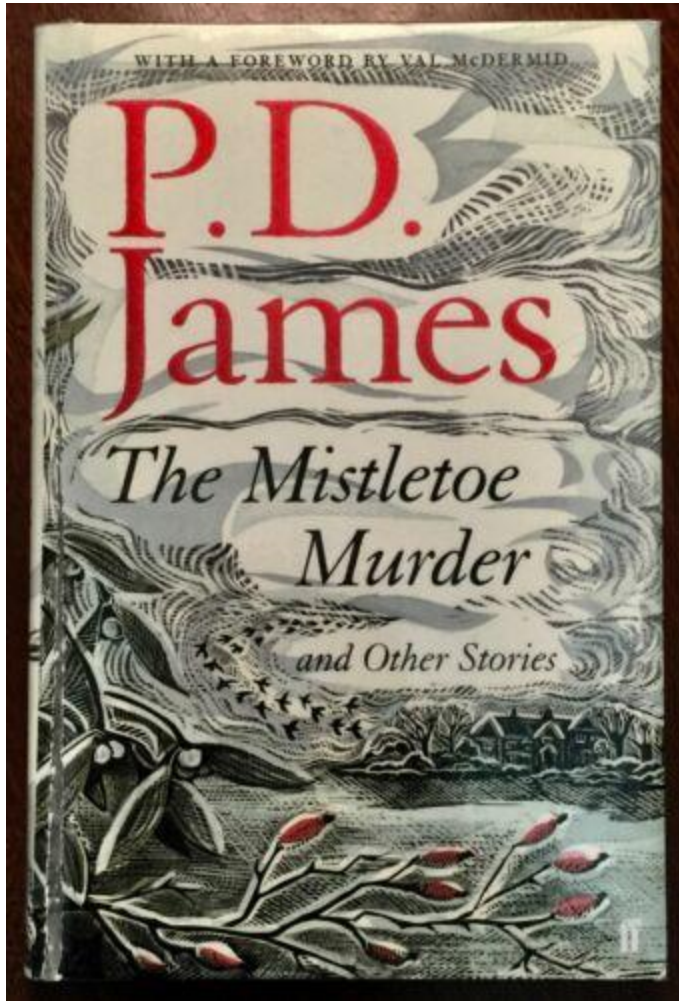
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***Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott**

Little Women is set at the intersection of home, work, and love. Traditional Meg tutors a nearby family, tomboy Jo assists her great aunt, shy Beth stays home to do the housework, and Amy attends school with drive and ambition. The book details the daily lives of the sisters as they strive to help their family amidst a backdrop of civil war and social strife.

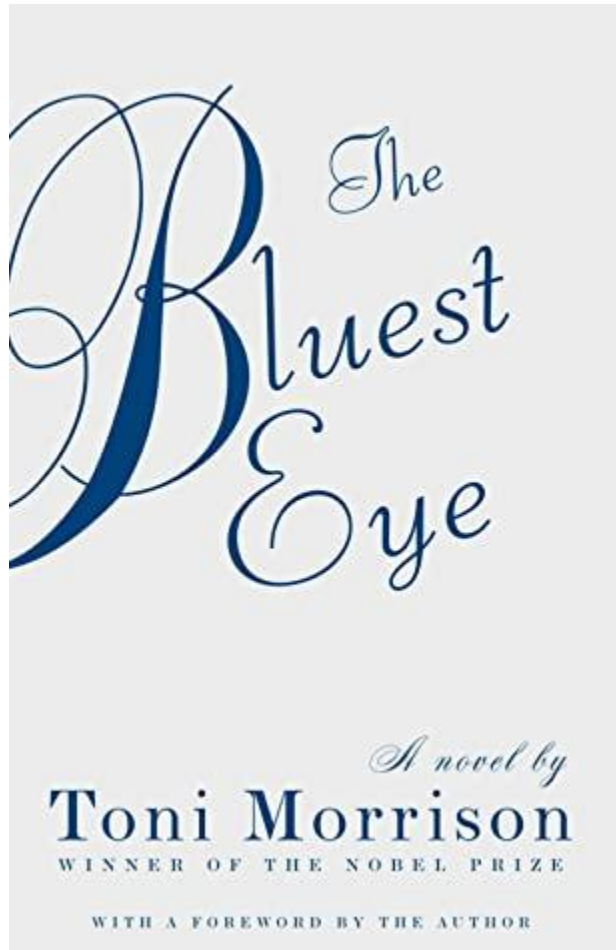
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***The Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories* by P. D. James**

From the title story about a strained country house gathering on Christmas Eve, another about an illicit affair that ends in murder, and two cases for James's poet-detective Adam Dalgliesh -- each treats the reader to James's masterfully atmospheric story-telling, always with the lure of a mystery to be solved.

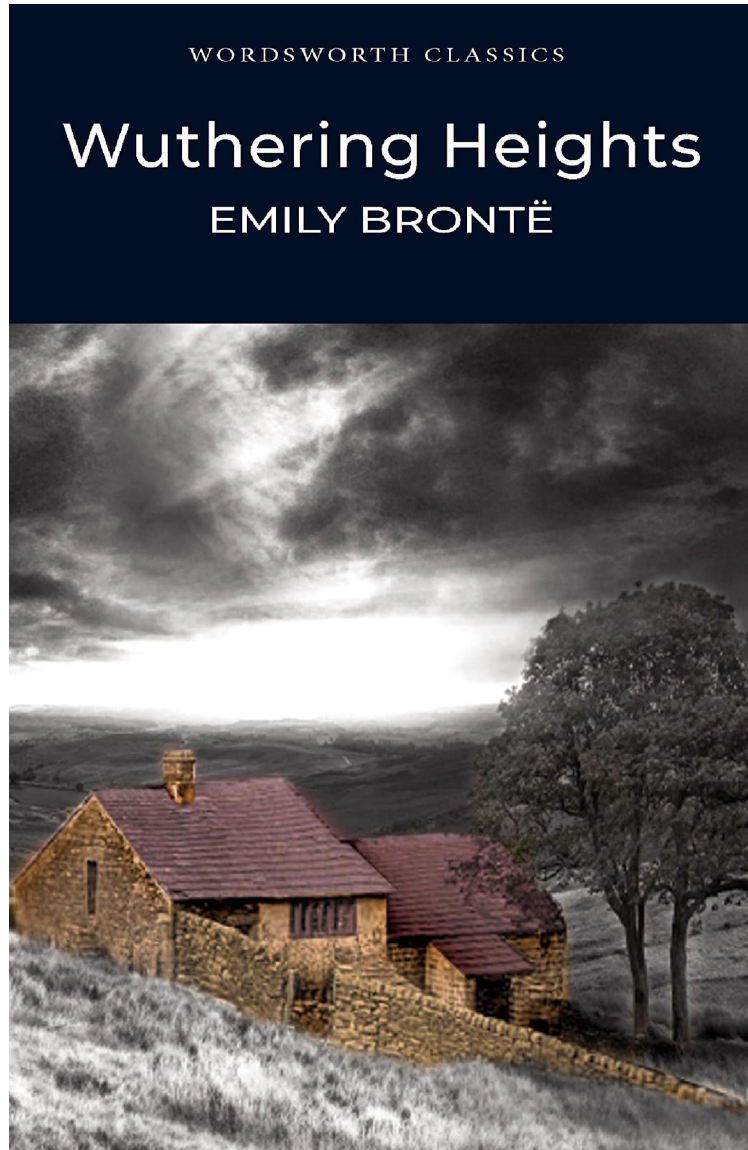
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***The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison**

Unlovely and unloved, Pecola prays each night for blue eyes like those of her privileged white schoolfellows. At once intimate and expansive, unsparing in its truth-telling, *The Bluest Eye* shows how the past savagely defines the present.

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***Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte**

Wuthering Heights is an 1847 novel by Emily Brontë, initially published under her pen name Ellis Bell. It concerns two families of the landed gentry living on the West Yorkshire moors, the Earnshaws and the Lintons, and their turbulent relationships with Earnshaw's foster son, Heathcliff.