



Claremont - Creating Readers

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“My Best Friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read.”

– Abraham Lincoln

Welcome to Claremont – Creating Readers!

Here we are in 2016 and I was lucky enough in December to be presented with books I have not read by the people who are dear to me.

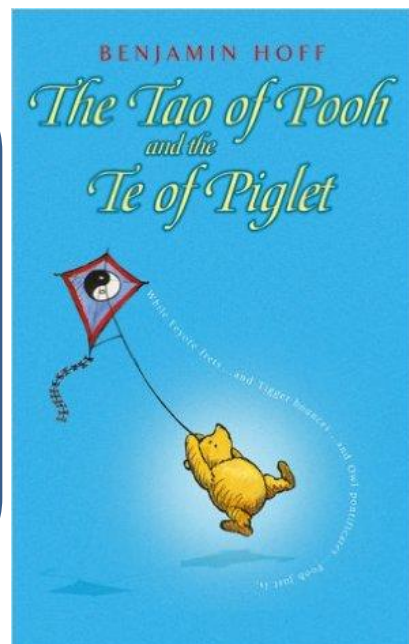
As a Patricia Cornwell fan I devoured the latest in the Kay Scarpetta series; in a break from my normal reading diet I enjoyed a taste of life in ‘England’ while Alfred fought the Vikings in ‘The Last Kingdom’; ‘A Passage to India’ is a hot and spicy mix as tensions rise between Muslims, Hindus and British in the days of the Raj. (I changed to the present tense because I am still reading ‘A Passage to India’!)

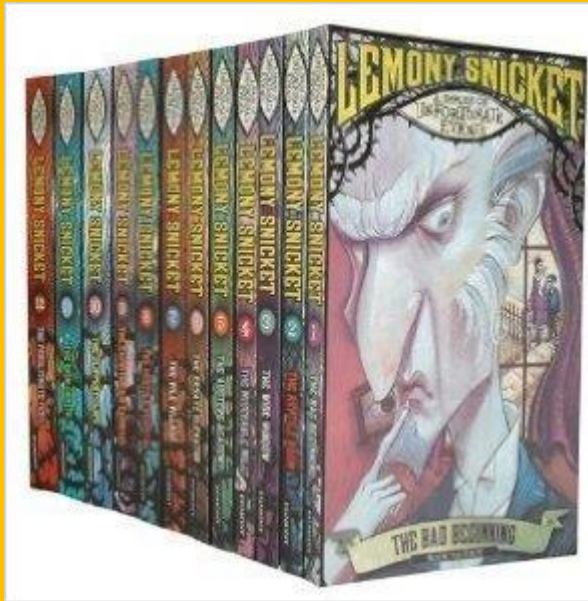
My daughter was asked to read ‘Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde’ so I read it too. Do you get a chance to read the texts we, as teachers, instruct your child to read? It is a positive motivator and can lead to some interesting discussions. Who knows, it may also increase your child’s chances of academic success.

Keep reading!

Ms Savinkina

AA Milne, the author of ‘Winnie-the-Pooh’, was born in January – feel free to read it, of course- but the book I want to recommend this month is **‘The Tao of Pooh’ by Benjamin Hoff** Winnie-the-Pooh is ‘The Bear for all Ages’, and now he’s more fun than ever before. Join in The Tao of Pooh and the Te of Piglet! Pooh's Way of doing things seems strangely close to the ancient principle of Taoist philosophy, while Piglet exhibits the very important principle in Taoism of the Te, meaning Virtue of the Small. The author's explanations of Taoism and Te through Pooh and Piglet show that this is not an ancient and remote philosophy but something that you can use, here and now.





There is nothing to be found in Lemony Snicket's 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' but misery and despair. You still have time to choose another international best-selling series to read. But if you insist on discovering the unpleasant adventures of the Baudelaire orphans, then proceed with caution...

Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming, and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky.

In *The Bad Beginning* the siblings encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing,

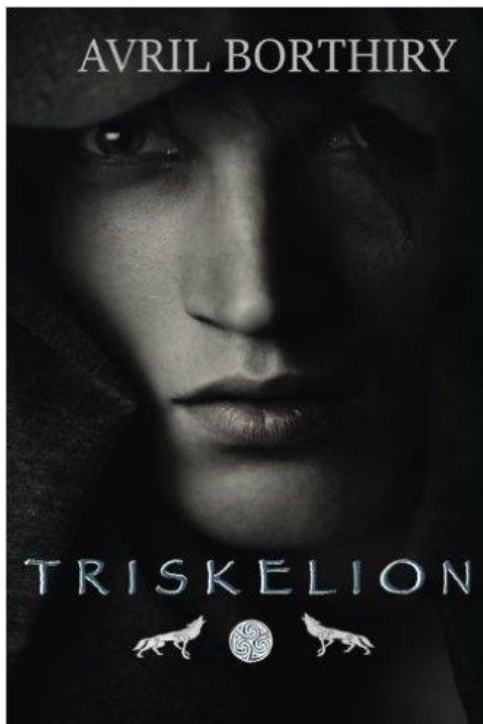
a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune and cold porridge for breakfast.

In the tradition of great storytellers, from Dickens to Dahl, comes an exquisitely dark comedy that is both literary and irreverent, hilarious and deftly crafted.

Despite their wretched contents, 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' has sold **60 million** copies worldwide and been made into a Hollywood film starring Jim Carrey. And in the future things are poised to get much worse, thanks to the forthcoming Netflix series directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. You have been warned.

Are you unlucky enough to own all 13 adventures?

Thanks to Karan in year 9 who is thoroughly engaged with the series this month. On the other hand, Jane is reading 'Triskelion' by Avril Borthiry.



When the last wolf in England is killed, an ancient prophecy begins to unfold. For on that same day, the Saxon knight responsible for the wolf's death falls in love with a Welsh healer. 'Triskelion' is the story of their child and the incredible legacy she has inherited. Her name is Katherine Rose. Two men will influence the outcome of the prophecy. One of them steals Katherine's heart. The other captures her soul.

If you or your child would like to suggest a good read then I would be very happy to hear from you or them. I can be contacted on the school's email address.

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