

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



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BE A READING NINJA!



SUMMER READING INSPIRATION CHALLENGE (OPTIONAL)

You are invited to submit additional reading-related material to complement your reviews - whatever you feel inspired to create. For example:

- * Digital artwork or animation
 - * Hand-drawn illustration
 - * Musical composition
 - * Poem or epilogue
 - * Book trailer video (find tips for making these on [Reading Zone website](#))
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Additional prizes will be awarded for this **optional competition**.

Share a link to your creation with **library@mtsn.org.uk**
by Monday 11th September 2023



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All you need to do to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge is:

READ a book → ENTER it on the MY SUMMER READING page →
WRITE a review (see **Advice** below)

And then: READ a book → ENTER it on MY SUMMER READING →
WRITE a review

And then: READ a book ... ad infinitum

**Book tokens will be awarded for the best log books
returned at the start of the Autumn Term.**

Advice

- **You are expected to review at least 3 books.** A few well-written and thoughtful reviews rather than lots of brief or basic ones will give you a greater chance of winning. Entries will be judged on the effort you put into your log book. **The prize will not necessarily be awarded to the person who has read the most.**
- Review templates are provided to help you get started but you can use the blank pages if you prefer. You can also include any other reading-related material in your log. For example a website review, or an author biography. This and all reviews must be your own.
- Remember to download and save this PDF booklet as your own to edit. Or print and fill in by hand.
- **Your log book must be returned to your English teacher by Monday 11th September 2023.**

WRITING BOOK REVIEWS

A book review is...

A piece of writing that gives enough information about a book so that you can decide whether you would like to read it.

A book review is not...

A piece of writing that retells the story. If you give away the plot you spoil the book for others.

Before you begin ask yourself these questions:

- Do I need to provide any background information? For example, the genre of the book or whether it is part of a series.
- What type of story was it? Was it funny, boring, exciting, sad? Think of as many adjectives as you can to describe the story.
- Who were the main characters?
- What were the main characters like? Were they old, young, sociable, irascible? Think of as many adjectives as you can to describe the characters.
- What did you like or enjoy about the story? For example, did it make you laugh and cheer you up, or did you enjoy being scared by it?
- What did you dislike or not enjoy about the story? For example, was it meant to be funny but didn't make you laugh.
- Was the book too long, or too short or just right?
- How did you feel when you had finished the book?
- On a scale of 1 to 5, how many points would you give the book?

1/5 BORING to **5/5** *FANTASTIC*

**Once you have thought about these questions,
use the answers to write your book review.**

Title The Graveyard Book

Author Neil Gaiman

Information about this book, why did I choose it?

I chose this book because I had read Coraline by Neil Gaiman and enjoyed it. I also liked the cover. It is difficult to categorise because it is imaginative and sometimes a little scary but it is not really fantasy or horror.

There are lots of characters because in each chapter the main character Bod explores part of the graveyard and meets someone who is buried there. My favourite character was Silas, who is Bod's guardian. He is sinister and mysterious, but he is also caring of Bod and tries to make sure that he comes to no harm.

Information about the characters

What I thought

There was one story running all the way through the book about Bod living in the graveyard being protected by Silas while 'the man Jack' who has killed his family tries to find him. There are also lots of chapters that are like short stories where Bod explores the graveyard and finds out about the lives of dead people. These parts of the story are historical because they tell us about how things were when the people were alive. When the inhabitants of the graveyard meet and try to discuss things they all have different ideas because they are from different periods in history. I really enjoyed this book. The chapters were a good length and it is not too long. I rushed through the book to find out what happens to Bod, Silas and Jack in the end, but if you do that you will miss all the interesting details and little jokes. The only thing I didn't like was the last few chapters got a bit confusing and I had to read them quite carefully to understand what was happening.

I GIVE THIS BOOK **4 / 5**

Title _____

Author _____

Information about
this book, why
did I choose it?



Information about
the characters

What I thought



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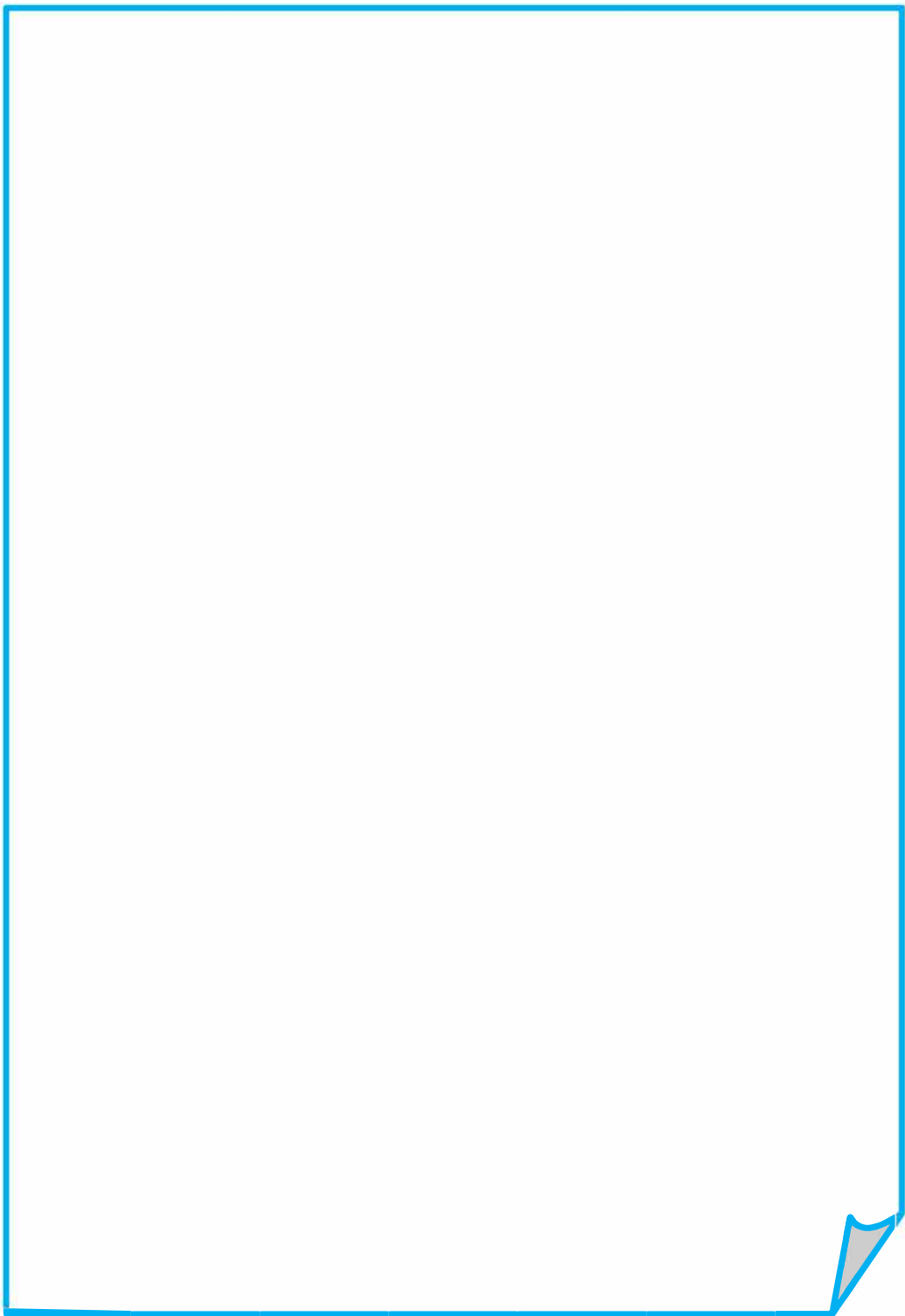
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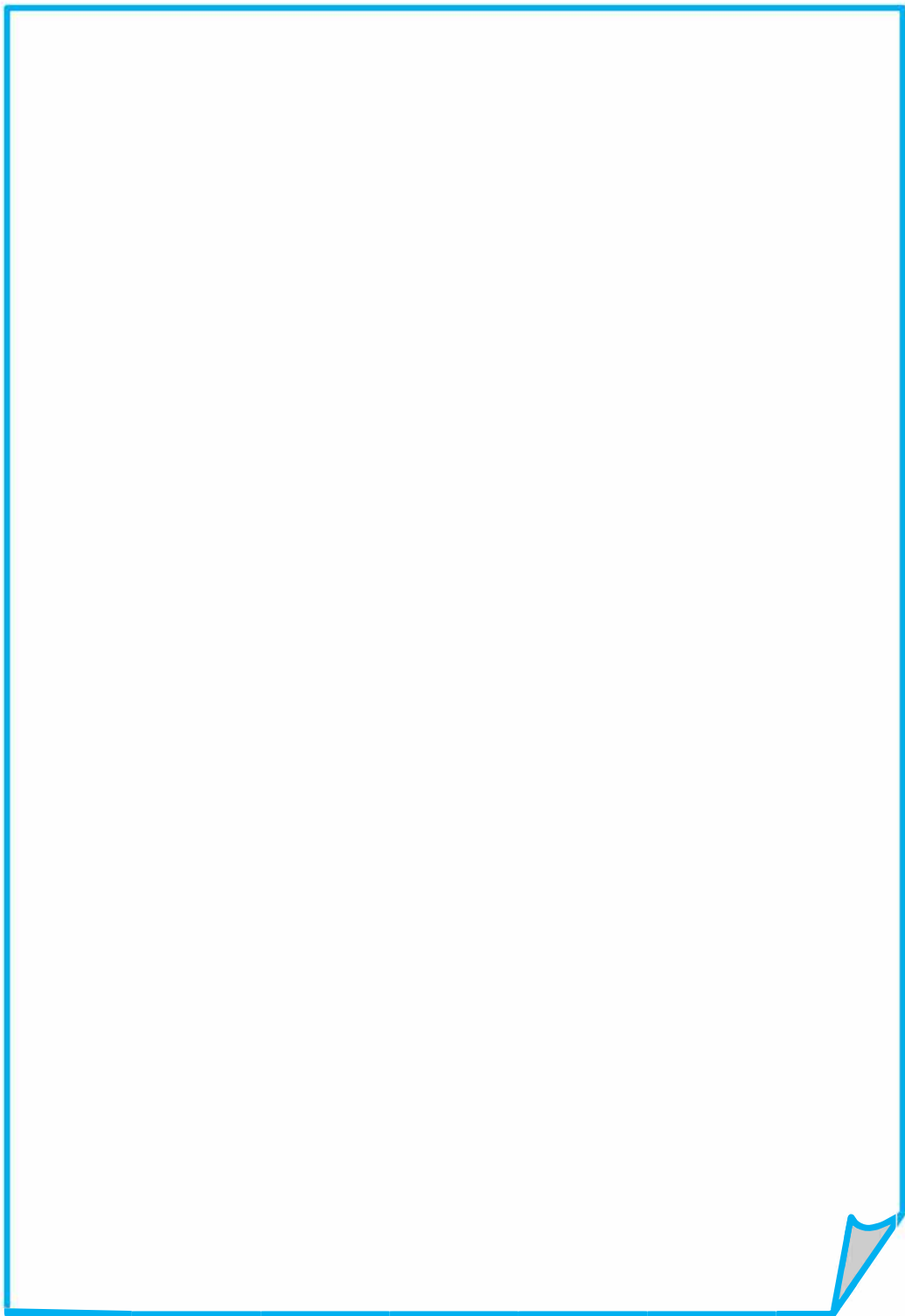
What I thought

I GIVE THIS BOOK / 5









WHAT'S ON THE WEB?

These websites are about reading and all things book related. They are useful for book reviews, events and information. Some of them even have interactive activities and competitions.

Take a look...



Books for Keeps www.booksforkeeps.co.uk	BookTrust – Children’s Books www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading
Carnegie Medal for Writing yotocarnegies.co.uk	Love Reading 4 Kids www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
Toppsta toppsta.com	The Poetry Society www.poetrysociety.org.uk
Reading Zone - Children www.readingzone.com/chidlren	UK Children’s Books www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk
World Book Day www.worldbookday.com	YAK Books (Reading Matters) www.yakbooks.com

AUTHORS' WEBSITES

Find out about your favourite authors and maybe discover some you haven't heard of before...

KATYA BALEN www.katyabalen.com	MALORIE BLACKMAN www.malorieblackman.co.uk
EOIN COLFER www.eoincolfer.com	TERRY DEARY www.terry-deary.com
JAMES DASHNER www.jamesdashner.com	CORNELIA FUNKE www.corneliafunkefans.com
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MARK WALDEN www.hivehub.co.uk	BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH www.benjaminzephaniah.com

QUIZ

And finally, test your book boff brain.

If you don't know the answers, find them out!

- % C. S. Lewis wrote the Chronicles of Narnia. What do the initials C. S. stand for?
- & Which book opens with the chapter 'I Accidentally Vaporize My Maths Teacher'?
- ' " What does it signify if you are wearing a White CHERUB T-shirt?
- (" Name the winning author and title of the 2023 Carnegie Medal for Writing?
-) " Who is the current Children's Laureate?
- * " Lemony Snicket is the pseudonym of who?
- + " Captain Holly Short belongs to which fictional law enforcement organisation?
- , " Which diary writer caught The Cheese Touch in his first year at Middle School?
- " Who is the guardian of the Gryffindor Tower?
- %" Whose autobiographies are entitled Boy and Going Solo?

Good luck!