

KS3 and KS4 Canon

Canon books of the month

The Greenshaw Canon

- The Greenshaw Canon is a list of books to challenge and inspire you.
- You can achieve a Character Education badge for Determination (one of the rarest)
- Bronze for reading 10 books from the Canon (this can now include 5 library books); Silver for reading 25 books from the Canon (this can now include 10 library books) and Gold for reading 50 books from the Canon (this can now include 20 library books).
- You will have and will be reading some of the books in the Tutor Time Reading Program.
- All of the books are available from the library.
- Each month we will be promoting KS3 and KS4 Canon books of the month, telling you a little more about the book to whet your appetite.

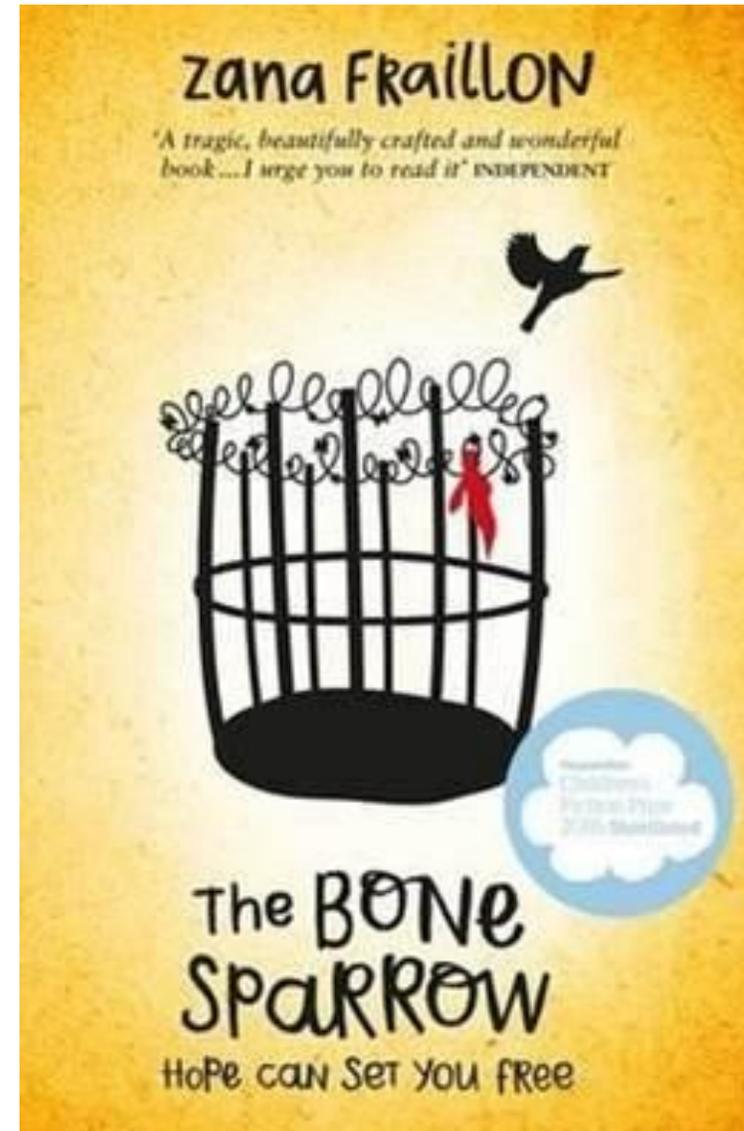
KS3 Canon Book of the month

The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon

Set in a refugee camp, Subhi dreams about the sea and the unusual treasures that it holds. The adventure begins with the arrival of Jimmie, a young girl who lives near the refugee camp.

The Bone Sparrow is a beautiful and heartbreaking, novel, moving yet full of hope, that doesn't shy away from showing the bleakness of the refugee camp. Subhi's irrepressible spirit brightens the camp, and Jimmie's discovery of friendship is a joy to read; Subhi's relationship with his older sister and closest friend in the camp are also wonderfully crafted.

The Bone Sparrow is one of those rare, special books that will break your heart with its honesty and beauty, but is ultimately hopeful and uplifting.



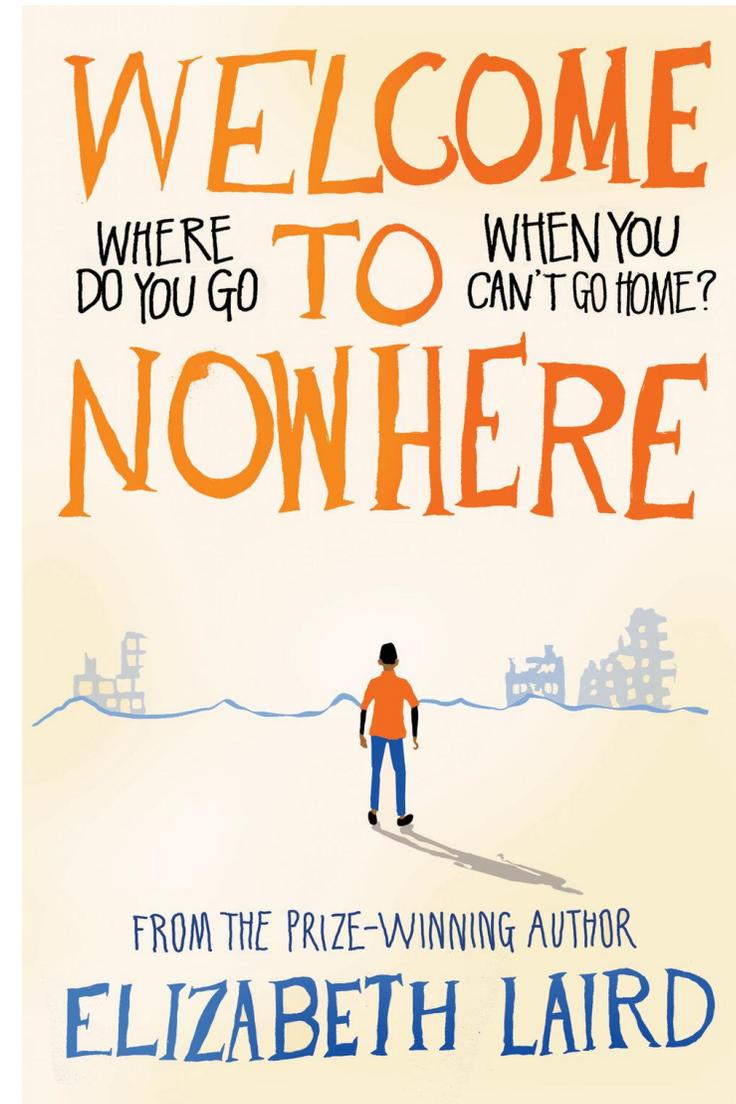
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Welcome to Nowhere – Elizabeth Laird

Welcome to Nowhere is a powerful and beautifully written story about the life of one family caught up in civil war. If you like *Midnight Zoo* on the TTRp then you'll love this.

Omar, 12, and his siblings were born and raised in the bustling city of Bosra, Syria. All Omar wants is to grow up to become a successful and make his fortune in the world. But when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with some young political activists, everything changes . . .

Before long, bombs are falling, people are dying, and Omar and his family have no choice but to flee their home with only what they can carry. Yet no matter how far they run, the shadow of war follows them - until they have no other choice than to attempt the dangerous journey to escape their homeland altogether. But where do you go when you can't go home?

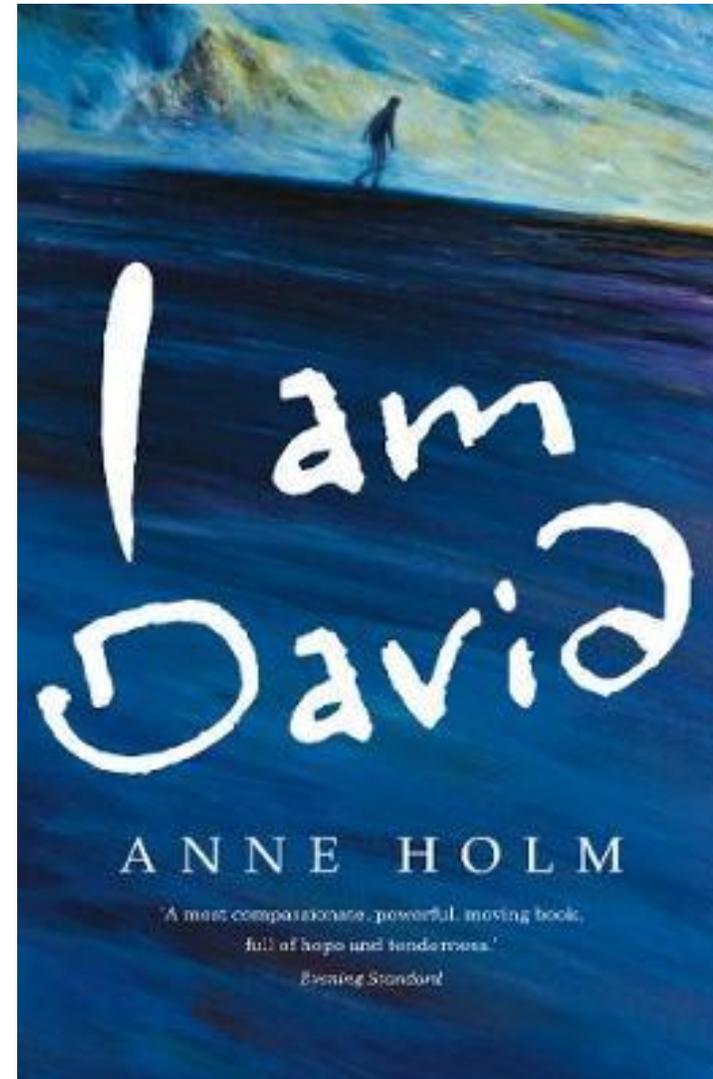


KS3 Canon Book of the month

I am David – Anne Holm

David's entire twelve-year life has been spent in a grisly prison camp in Eastern Europe. He knows nothing of the outside world. But when he is given the chance to escape, he seizes it. With his vengeful enemies hot on his heels, David struggles to cope in this strange new world, where his only resources are a compass, a few crusts of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark. Is that enough to survive?

David's extraordinary odyssey is dramatically chronicled in Anne Holm's classic about the meaning of freedom and the power of hope.

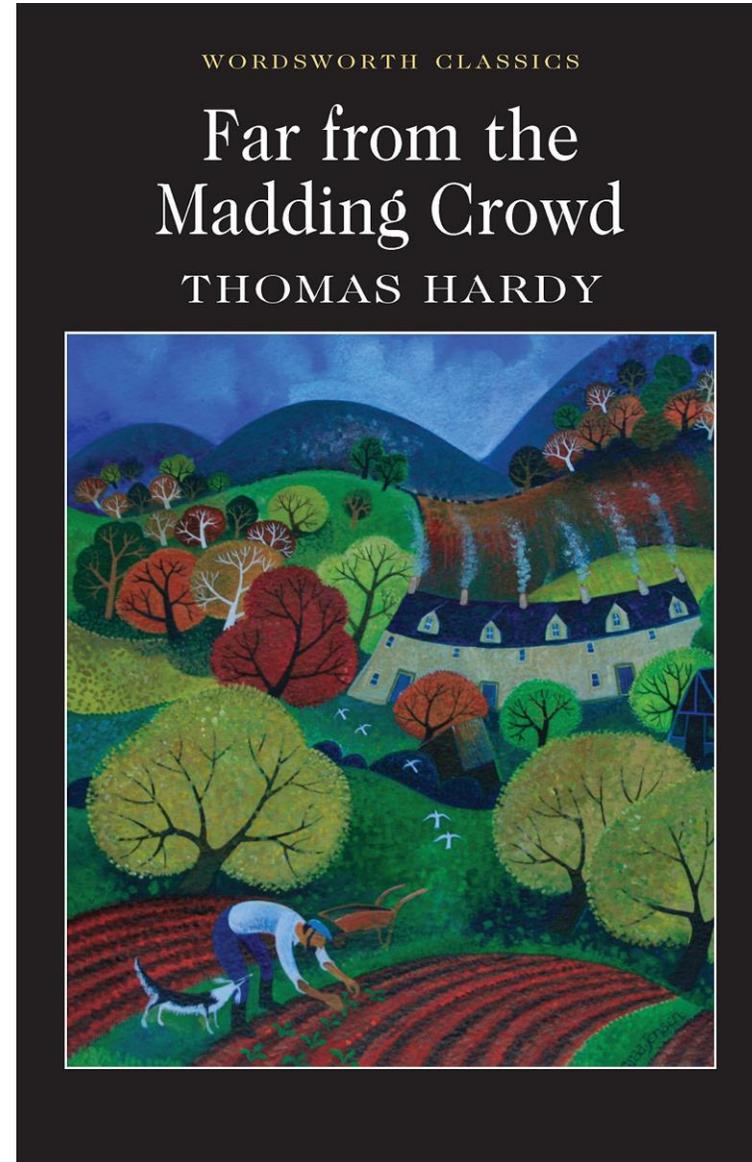


KS4 Canon Book of the month

Far From the Madding Crowd – Thomas Hardy

Far from the Madding Crowd is a classic by Thomas Hardy's who is master of poetic description, capturing the beauty and simplicity of a pastoral and rural England long before industrialisation.

Independent and spirited Bathsheba Everdene has come to Weatherbury to take up her position as a farmer on the largest estate in the area. Her bold presence draws three very different suitors: the gentleman-farmer Boldwood, soldier-seducer Sergeant Troy and the devoted shepherd Gabriel Oak. Each, in contrasting ways, unsettles her decisions and complicates her life, and tragedy ensues, threatening the stability of the whole community. The first of his famed Wessex novels, Hardy expertly captures the burgeoning passion of the relationships, all painted on an exquisite landscape.

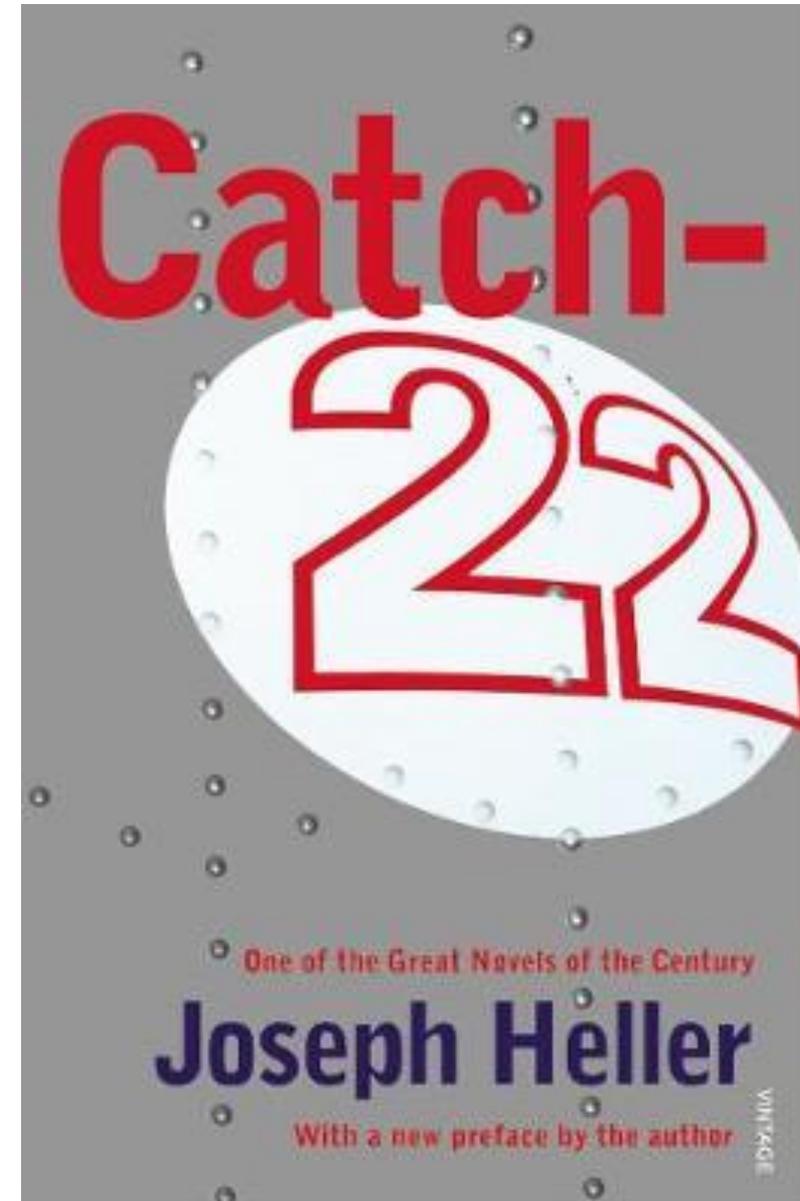


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Catch 22 – Joseph Heller

The novel is set during World War II, from 1942 to 1944. It mainly follows the life of Captain John Yossarian, a U.S. Army Air Forces B-25 bombardier. Most of the events in the book occur while the fictional 256th Squadron is based on the island of Pianosa, in the Mediterranean Sea, west of Italy. The novel looks into the experiences of Yossarian and the other airmen in the camp, who attempt to maintain their sanity while fulfilling their service requirements so that they may return home.

A very powerful and enlightening story about life in WWII, the boredom, the companionship, how to live, laugh and survive. Hilarious in places, maddening in others, but ultimately it is a shocking and damning indictment about the madness and the futility of war seen through the eyes of the only sane man in a sea of crazy.



KS4 Canon Book of the month

A Short History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson

In Bryson's biggest book, he confronts his greatest challenge: to understand—and, if possible, answer—the oldest, biggest questions we have posed about the universe and ourselves. Taking as territory everything from the Big Bang to the rise of civilization, Bryson seeks to understand how we got from there being nothing at all to there being us. To that end, he has attached himself to a host of the world's most advanced (and often obsessed) archaeologists, anthropologists, and mathematicians, travelling to their offices, laboratories, and field camps. He has read (or tried to read) their books, pestered them with questions, apprenticed himself to their powerful minds.

A Short History of Nearly Everything is the record of this quest, and it is a sometimes profound, sometimes funny, and always supremely clear and entertaining adventure in the realms of human knowledge, as only Bill Bryson can render it. Science has never been more involving or entertaining.

