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Welcome to our termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to checkout our reading lists aimed at specific year groups. All are available from our website.

The English Department



Zom-B

Zombies

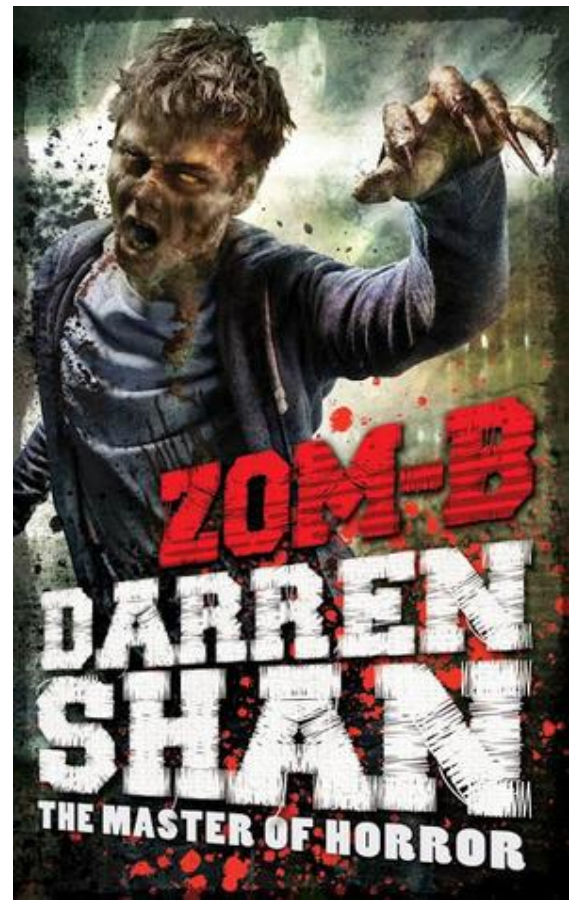
Thriller

Action

Zom-B is a radical new series about a zombie apocalypse, told in the first person by one of its victims. The series combines classic Shan action with a fiendishly twisting plot and hard-hitting and thought-provoking moral questions dealing with racism, abuse of power and more. This is challenging material, which will captivate existing Shan fans and bring in many new ones.

As Darren says, "It's a big, sprawling, vicious tale...a grisly piece of escapism, and a barbed look at the world in which we live.

Each book in the series is short, fast-paced and bloody. A high body-count is guaranteed!"



SJH Book Club Recommends



'Fast and action pack'

An inventive story with so many twists and turns. There are some really strong characters, who you cannot but help caring about.

Join us for the next book talk on Katherine Rundell's 'The Rooftoppers' in October.

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Award-winning author Patrice Lawrence explores the harsh reality of the criminal justice system for young people in this riveting teen drama.

Charlene is a demon knitter. It's the only thing she enjoys and the only thing she believes she's really good at.

So when her foster mum's son destroys her latest creation, Charlene loses it and stabs him in the hand with her knitting needle. It damages a nerve and she gets sucked into the criminal justice system for assault.

Charlene's not sorry and she's never apologised to anyone in her life. But people keep telling her that if she says sorry, they'll go easier on her. Can she bring herself to say it and not mean it when her freedom's at stake?



Needle

Growing up

Fostering

Anger issues



A dazzling, feminist retelling of Greek myth from the internationally bestselling author of *The Miniaturist*, stunningly illustrated by Olivia Lomenech Gill.

Exiled to a far-flung island by the whims of the gods, Medusa has little company except the snakes that adorn her head instead of hair. But when a charmed, beautiful boy called Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is disrupted with the force of a supernova, unleashing desire, love, betrayal and destiny itself.

Filled with glorious full-colour illustrations by award-winning Olivia Lomenech Gill, this astonishing retelling of Greek myth is perfect for readers of *Circe* and *The Silence of the Girls*. Illuminating the girl behind the legend, it brings alive Medusa for a new generation.



Medusa

Myth

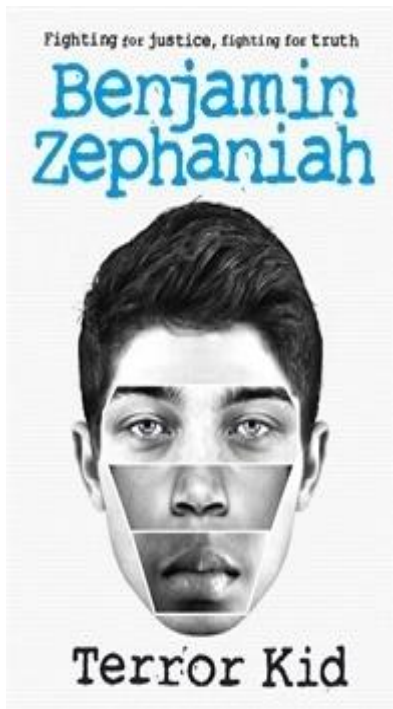
Fantasy

Relationships

Our summaries are taken from the Goodreads website:

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

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Rico knows trouble. He knows the look of it and the sound of it. He also knows to stay away from it as best as he can. Because if there's one thing his Romany background has taught him, it's that he will always be a suspect.

Despite his best efforts to stay on the right side of the law, Rico is angry and frustrated at the injustices he sees happening at home and around the world. He wants to do something - but what? When he is approached by Speech, a mysterious man who shares Rico's hacktivist interests, Rico is given the perfect opportunity to speak out about injustice. After all, what harm can a peaceful cyber protest do...



Terror Kid

Terrorism

Growing up

Prejudice



In future issues, we would like to include reviews written by students. We will give 5 positive points for published reviews.

The review must be a maximum of 150 words.

Send all reviews to Mr Curtis.



A student who reads is a student who succeeds.