

# HGS Book Recommendations

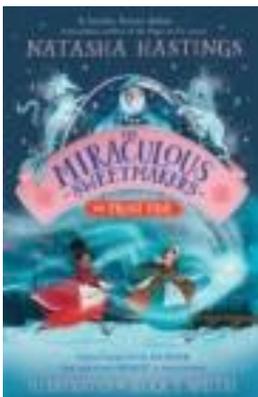
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## New Arrivals in LRC



## Festive reads...

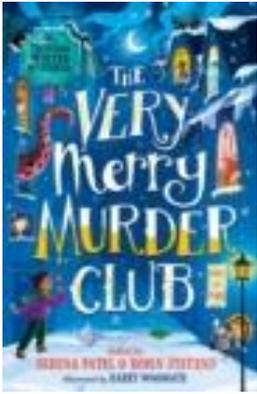


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The Great Frost of 1683 has London in its icy grip. Thomasina and her best friend Anne sell sweets on the frozen Thames, amid rumours of the magical Frost Fair that awakens there at night.

They say if you can find the fair, Father Winter himself will grant you any wish. And Thomasina has an impossible wish: the return of her twin brother, Arthur.

But once they discover Father Winter's kingdom, Thomasina and Anne quickly realize the Frost Fair is not what it seems - and that some wishes never come for free.



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A collection of wintery crime and mystery stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today. Co-edited by Serena Patel, the award-winning author of the Anisha: Accidental Detective series and by Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling Murder Most Unladylike series.

Sleuthing through the snow, on a merry mysterious day, in disguise we go, investigating all the way . . .

This gorgeous wintery collection brings together thirteen bestselling, award-winning and exciting debut authors: Abiola Bello, Annabelle Sami, Benjamin Dean, E.L Norry, Elle McNicoll, Dominique Valente, Joanna Williams, Maisie Chan, Nizrana Farook, Patrice Lawrence, Roopa Farooki, Serena Patel and Sharna Jackson.



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What if somewhere along the way we've all got the Santa story a bit wrong...?

Join Blanche Claus as she aims to deliver a Christmas gift to every child on Earth.

With help from her best friend Rinki and an aspiring chef called Santa, it's a funny festive sleigh ride you'll never forget!

From Sibéal Pounder, bestselling author of the Witch Wars and Bad Mermaids series, this tale of friendship and mince-pie feasts is the perfect book to curl up with this winter.



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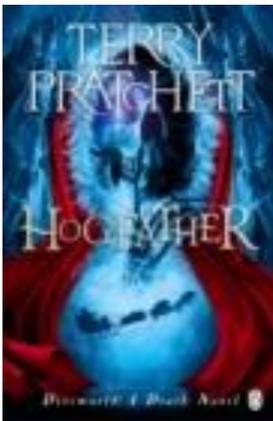
It's Christmas Eve and the worst blizzard for fifty years has blanketed Gracetown.

But as well as snowflakes, love is in the air - and appearing in the most unexpected ways . . . Who'd have thought a freezing hike from a stranded train would end with a delicious kiss from a charming stranger?

Or that a trip to the Waffle House through four feet of snow could lead to romance with an old friend?

Or that the path to true love begins with a painfully early morning shift at Starbucks?

Touching, hilarious and filled with festive cheer, the magic of the holiday season shines on these three interconnected tales of love, romance and breathtaking kisses.



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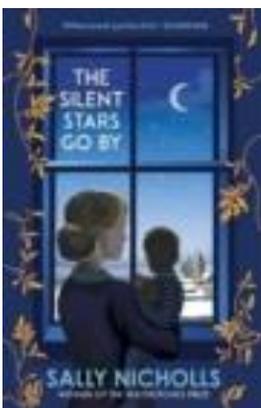
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Twas the night before Hogswatch and all through the house...something was missing. The stockings are hanging ready, the sherry and pies are waiting by the fireplace - but where is the jolly fat man with his sack?

It's not right to find Death creeping down chimneys and trying to say Ho Ho Ho - but someone's got to bring the little kiddies their presents. Or else they might stop believing. Belief is important in Discworld, particularly on the last night of the year when the time is turning.

If the real man in the red suit isn't found by morning, there won't be a morning. Ever again...

A festive feast of darkness, jolly robins and tinsel. As they say: 'You'd better watch out...'



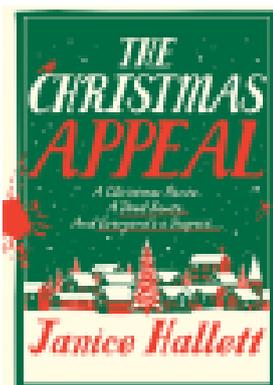
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Three years ago, Margot's life was turned upside down when her fiancé, Harry, went missing in action on the Western Front.

Worse, she was left with a devastating secret which threatened to ruin her life and destroy the reputation of her family. As a respectable vicar's daughter, Margot has had to guard that secret with great care ever since, no matter how much pain it causes her.

Now it's Christmas 1919, and Margot's family is gathering back home in the vicarage for the first time since the end of the Great War. And miraculously Harry has returned, hoping to see Margot and rekindle their romance. Can Margot ever reveal the shocking truth to the only man she has ever loved?



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One dead Santa. A town full of suspects...

Christmas in Lower Lockwood, and the Fairway Players are busy rehearsing their festive pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, to raise money for the church roof appeal.

But despite the season, goodwill is distinctly lacking amongst the amateur dramatics enthusiasts. Sarah-Jane is fending off threats to her new position as Chair, the fibreglass beanstalk might be full of asbestos, and a someone is intent on ruining the panto even before the curtain goes up. Of course, there's also the matter of the dead body.

Who could possibly have had the victim on their naughty list? Join lawyers Femi and Charlotte as they read the round robins, examine the emails and pore over the police transcripts. Will the show go on?

