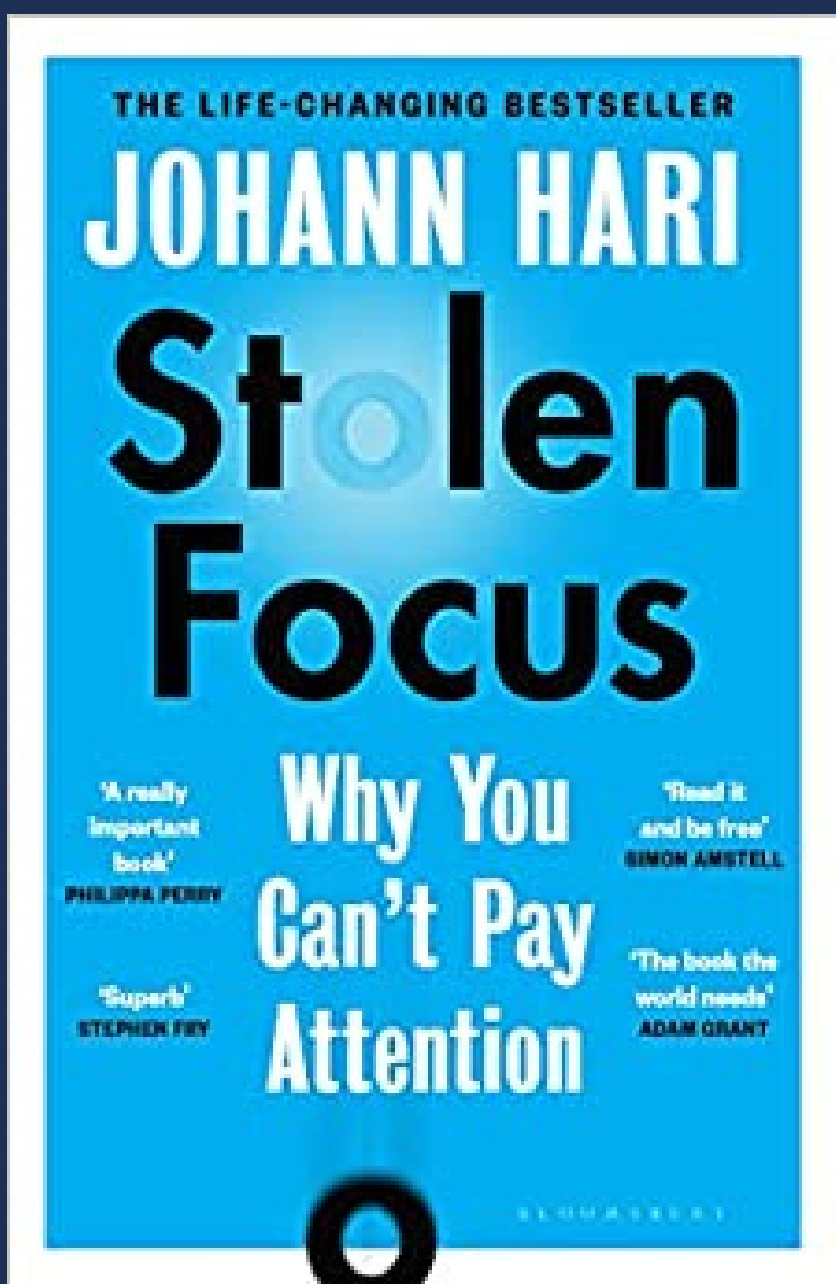


# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



## Ms Record is reading "Stolen Focus" by Johann Hari



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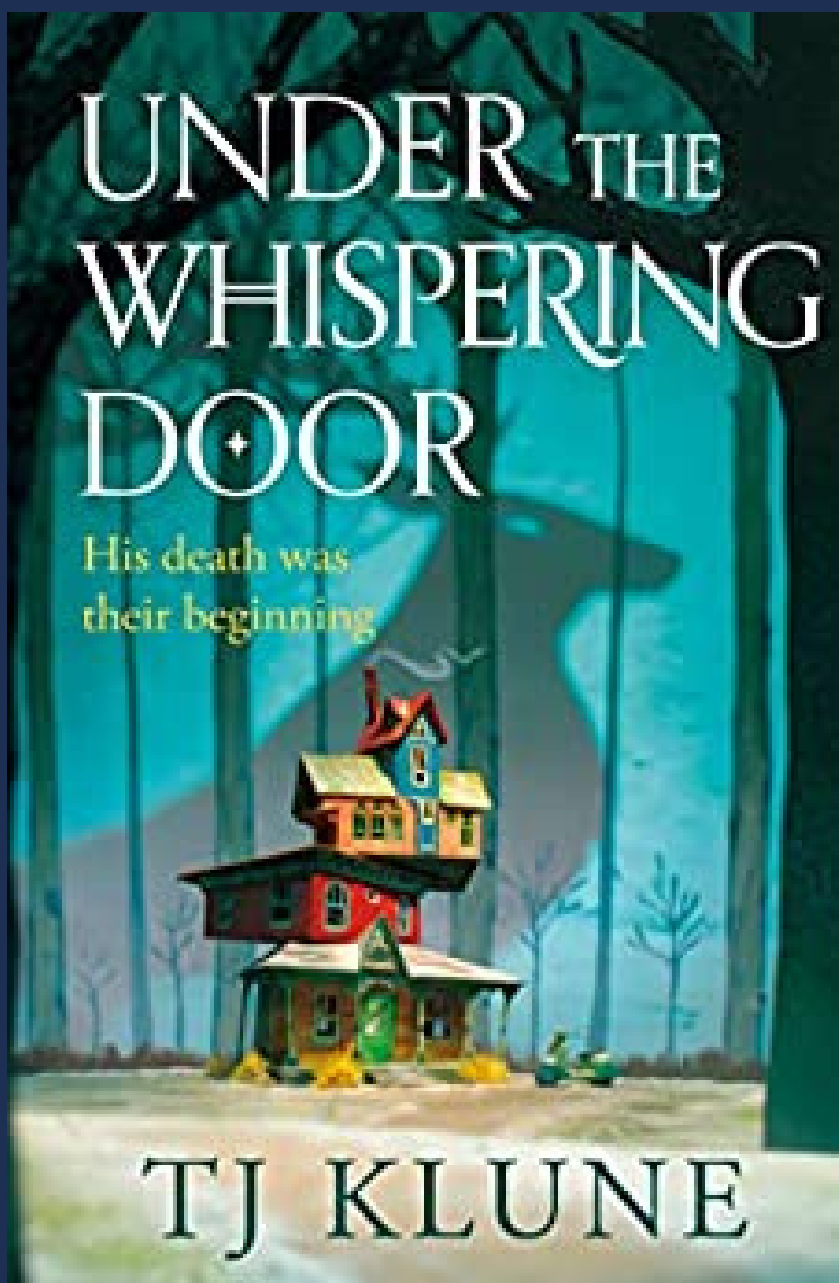
"I chose this book after hearing the author discuss his research on a podcast, I was intrigued to know more!"

"Johann Hari went on a three-year journey to uncover the reasons why we now focus on one task for an average only 65 seconds. I have been captivated from the first page. From short reel videos, to social media algorithms, Hari breaks down how forces beyond our individual control are affecting our ability to focus, think deeply and truly experience the world in full colour. Most importantly he tells us how we can and must retaliate to save this focus and the drastic consequences for us individually and for the future of our species and the planet if we do not."

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Ms Peoples is reading  
"Under the Whispering Door" by T.  
J. Klune



"I really like this author and the premise of a tea shop assisting the dead cross over is intriguing!"

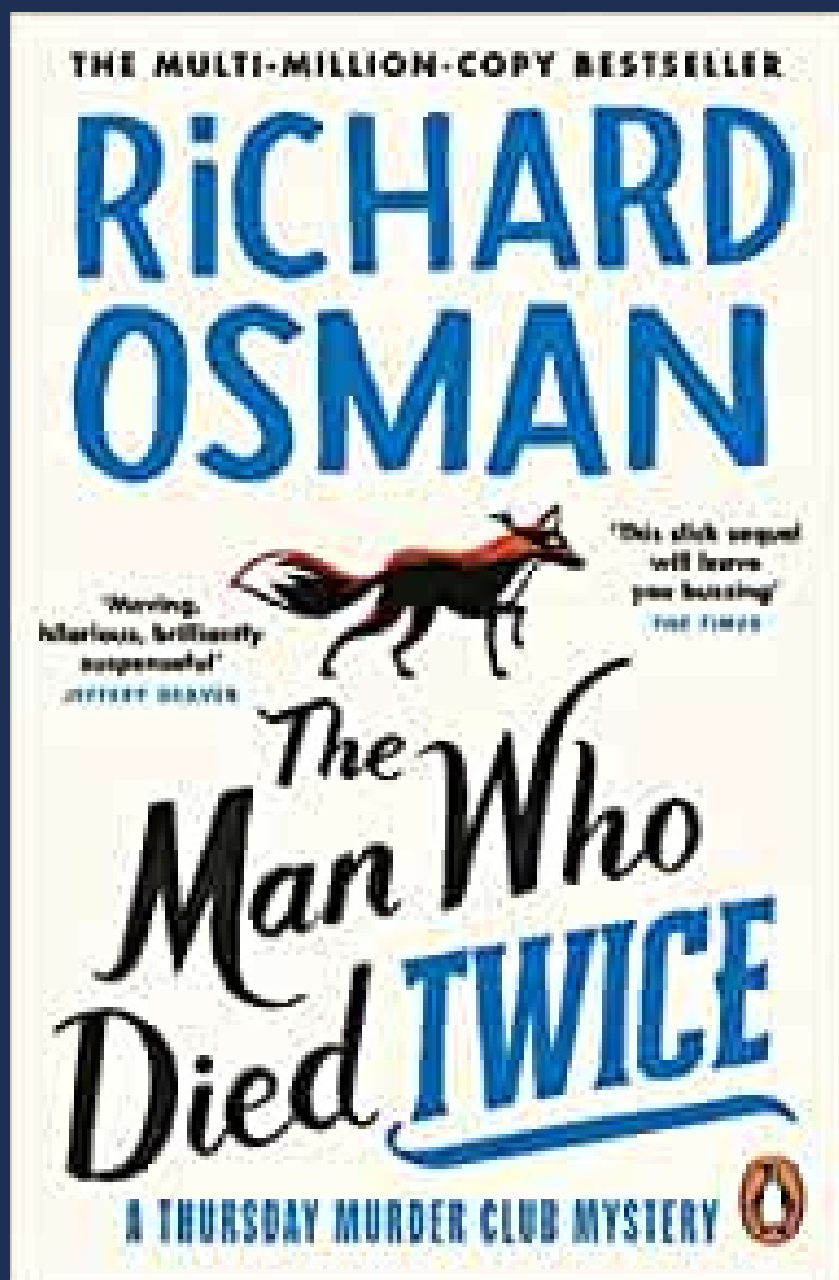
"Really enjoying it so far; the author's voice is comforting and wholesome – even with a difficult topic such as Death."

Room 3

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Mrs Jackson is reading  
"The Man Who Died Twice" by  
Richard Osman



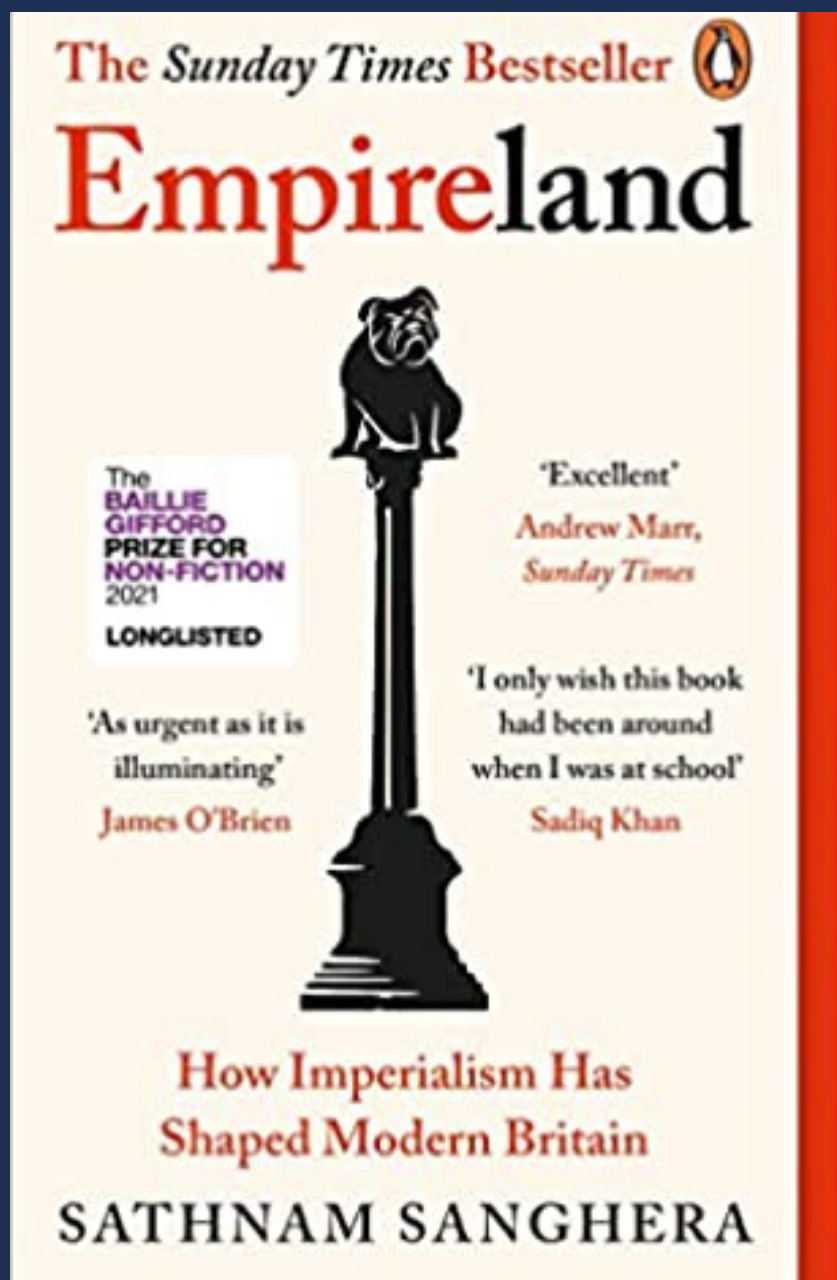
"It's a great sequel to The Thursday Murder Club. The four elderly friends play Sherlock Holmes once again. A great read."

"Short chapters keep you interested."

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Dr Chakrabarti is reading  
"Empireland" by Sathnam Sanghera



"I am always looking for books to expand my knowledge of history."

"However, it's not really a history book! It has a lot of facts, but they are all woven together in a witty and interesting way, and everything relates back to contemporary Britain."

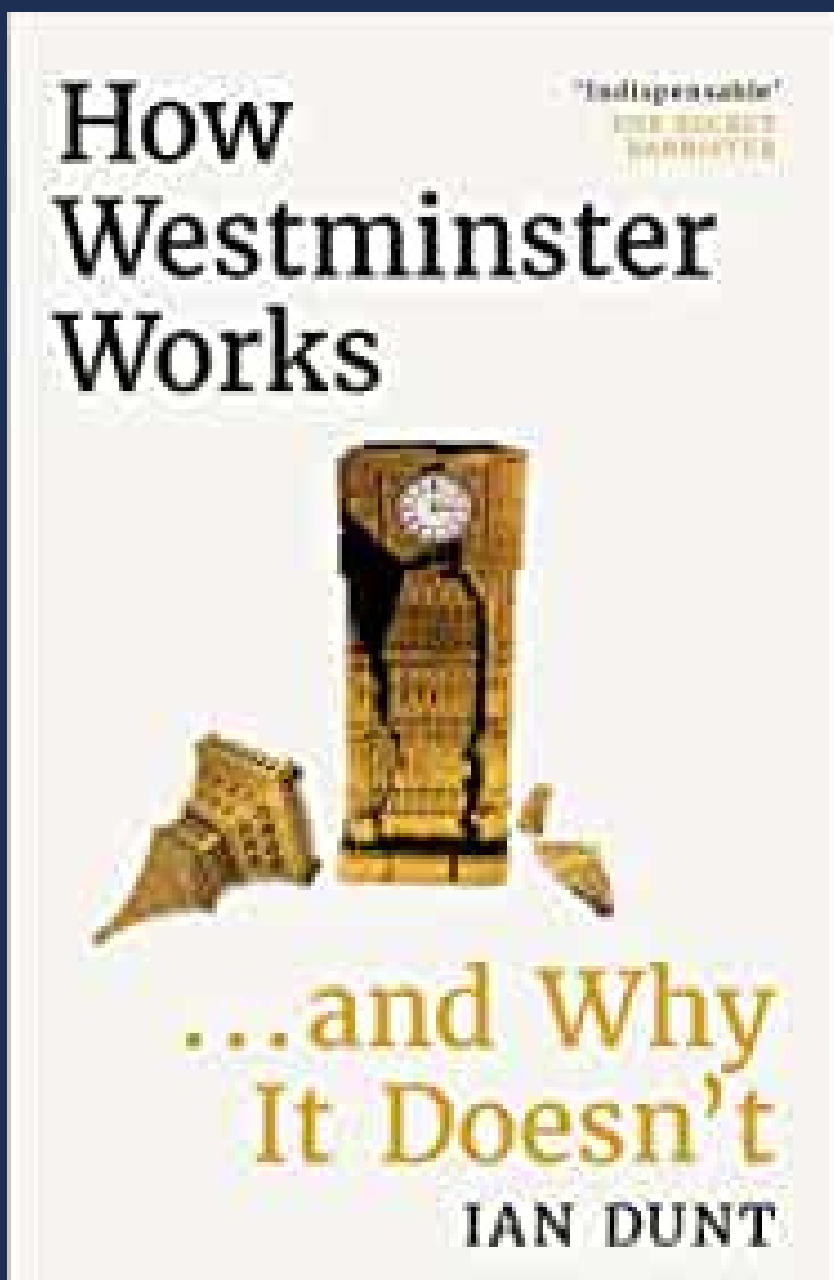
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# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Mr Miller is reading  
"How Westminster Works...and  
Why It Doesn't" by Ian Dunt



"Intriguing title!"

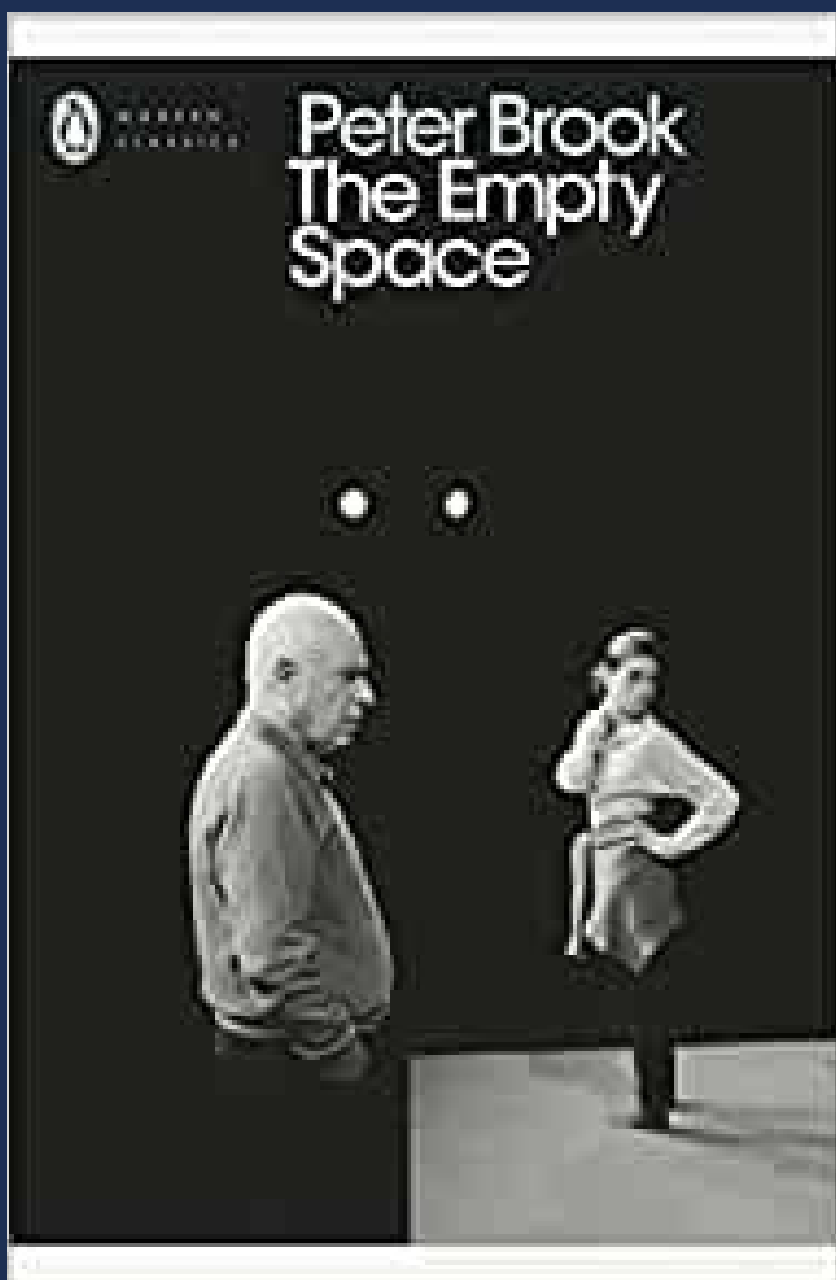
"Punchily written,  
informative, frequently  
chilling, sometimes  
inspiring."

Room 1

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



**Mr Miller is reading  
"The Empty Space" by Peter Brook**



"A classic work about  
the theatre"

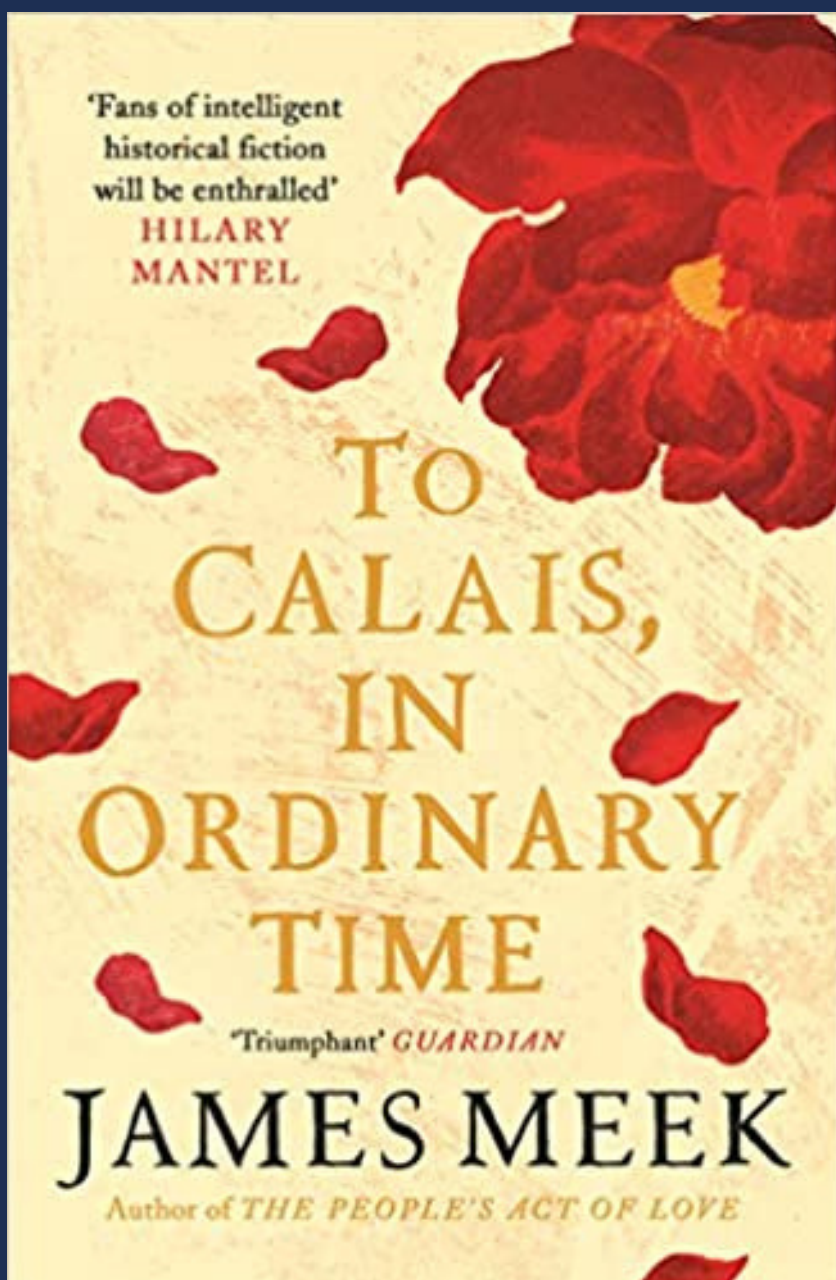
"Surprisingly relevant,  
consistently thought-  
provoking."

Drama Studio 2

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Mr Miller is reading  
"To Calais, In Ordinary Time" by  
James Meek



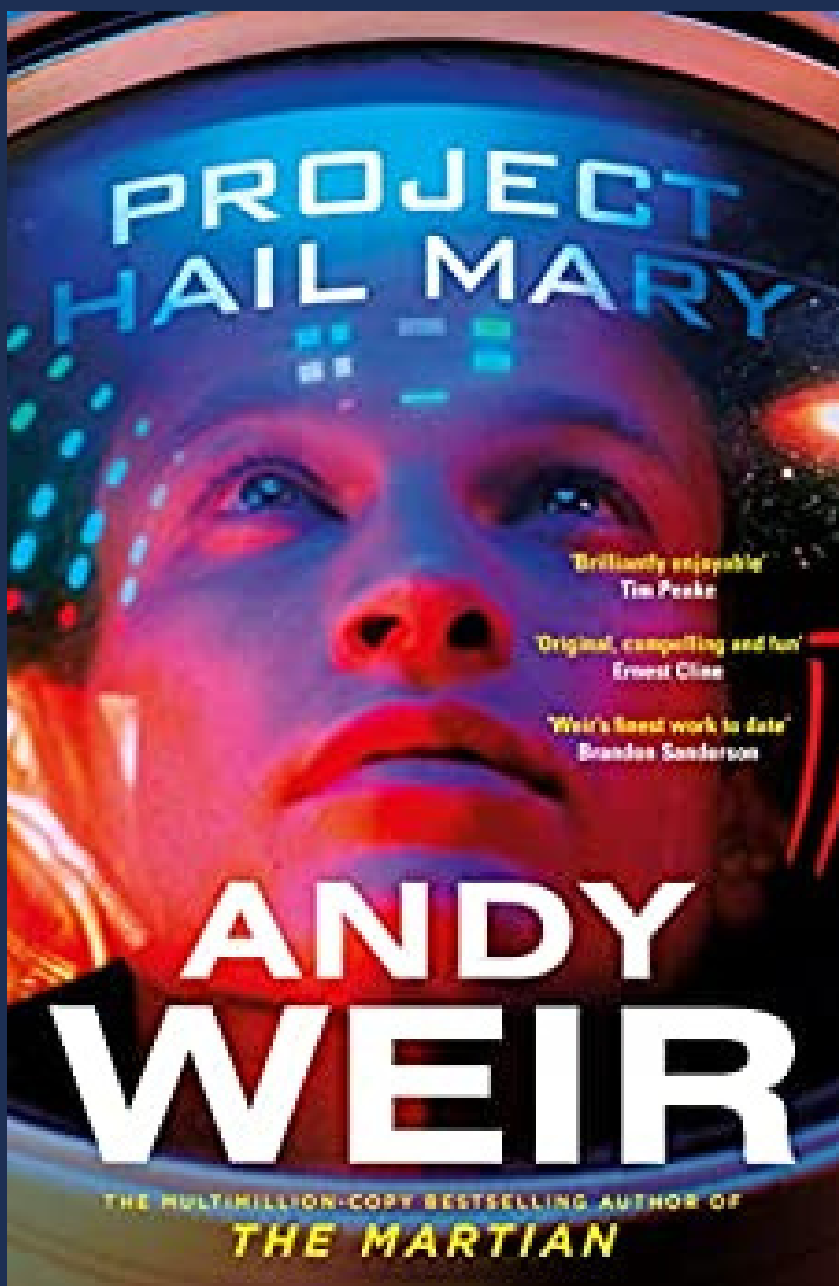
"Loved the premise (and the title!)"

"Gripping and believable medieval world conjured by a magician of a novelist."

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Dr Lewis-Brown is reading  
"Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir



"I liked the author's previous book *The Martian*."

"Andy Weir is known for deeply researching the science behind his fiction, and this is no exception. He has come up with an incredibly interesting idea for extra-terrestrial life and explores it thoroughly.."

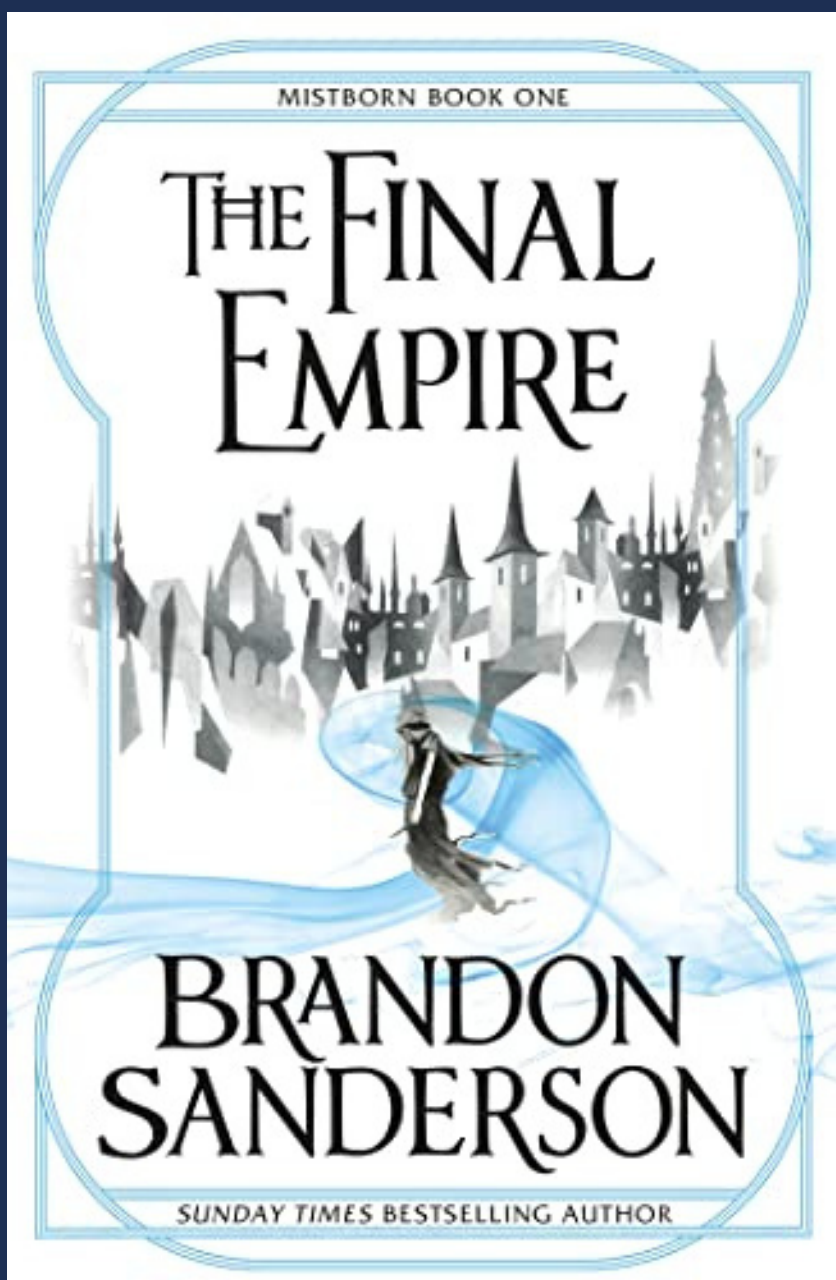
Physics Department



# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



**Ms Eggers is reading  
"Mistborn: The Final Empire" by  
Brandon Sanderson**



"Re-reading a classic!."

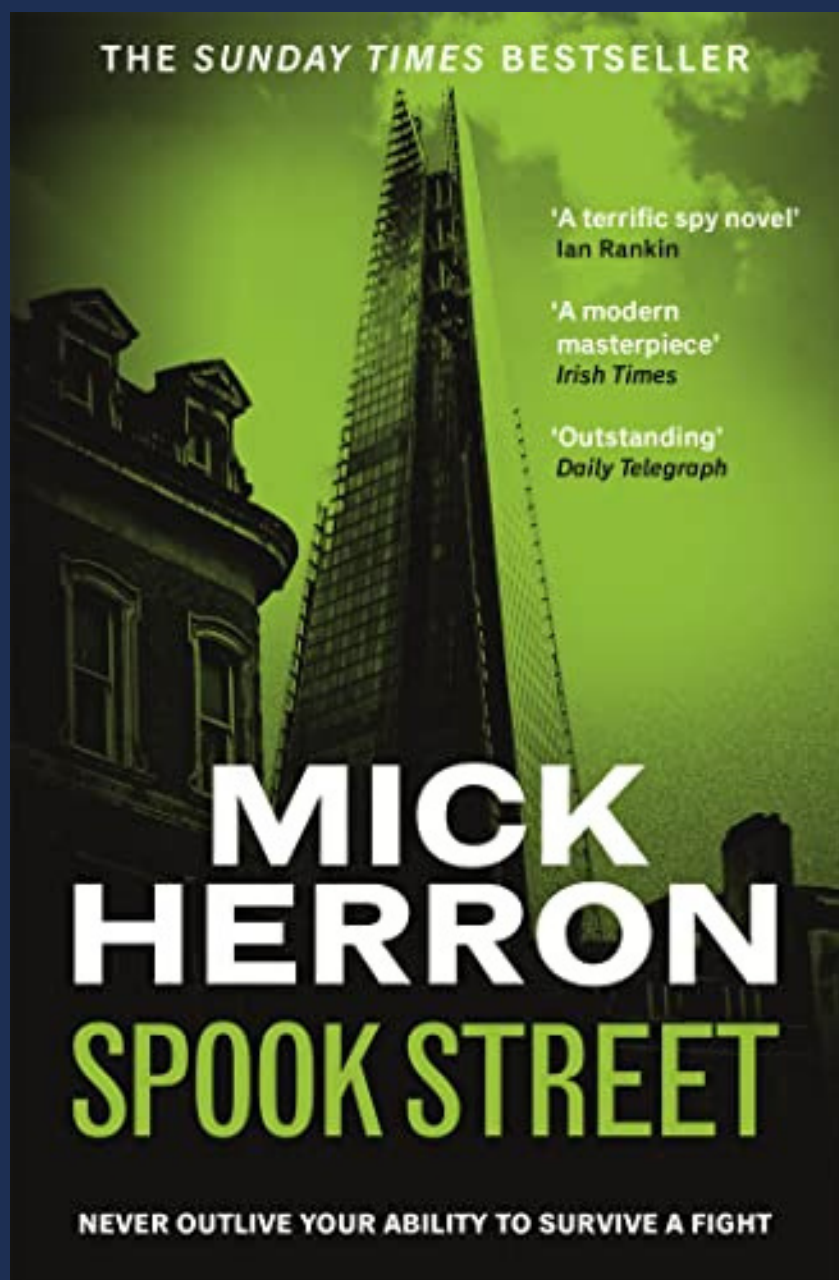
"This is a must-read for fans of epic fantasy with top tier worldbuilding. It has all the good things: a gang of thieves, cool magic, epic fights, and a really clever plot."

Art Room 1

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Mr Baldock is reading  
"Spook Street" by Mick Herron



"It's the fourth in the *Slough House* comedy / espionage series about a group of failed spies."

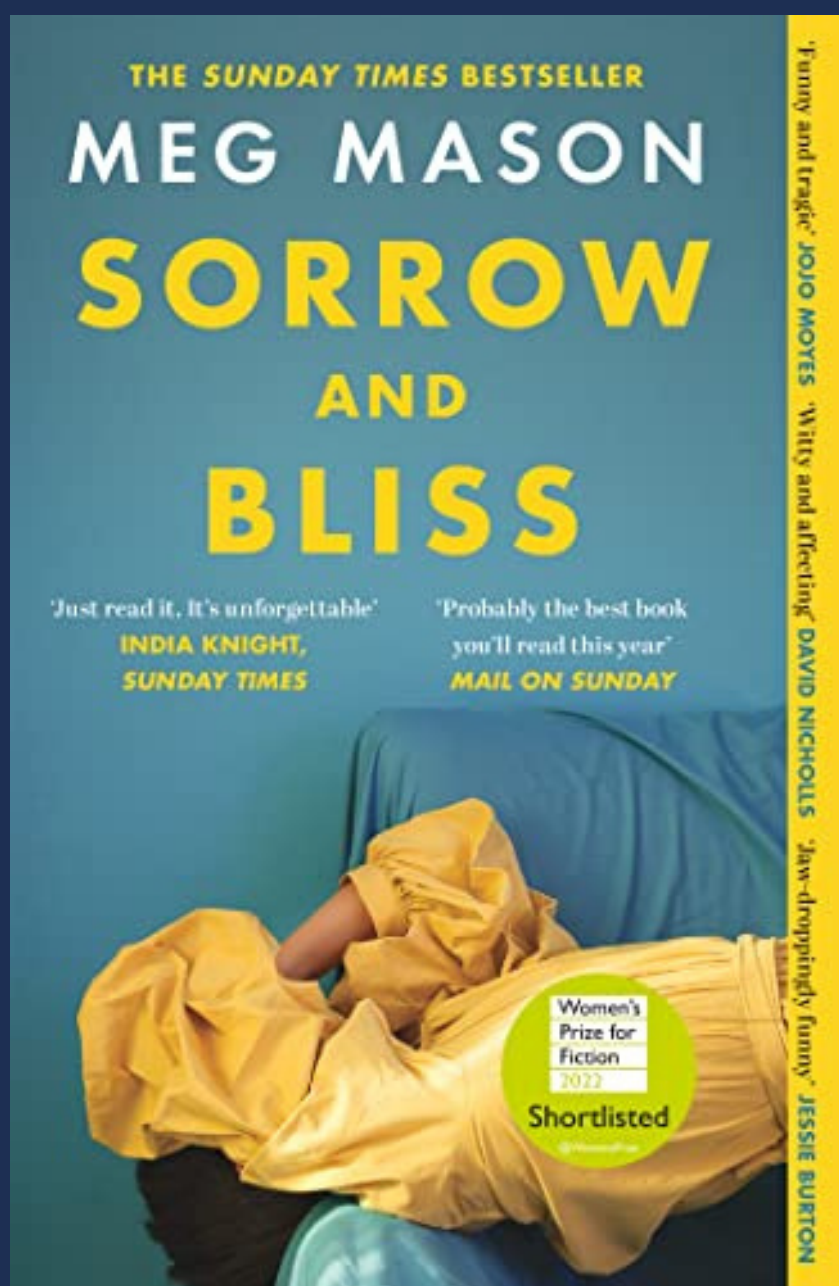
"This one continues with the excellent mix of humour, drama and twisty-turny excitement of the others. The Apple + TV series adaptation of the first two books is worth watching too."

Room 1

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Ms Postlethwaite is reading  
"Sorrow and Bliss" by Meg Mason



"Highly rated by Fi  
Glover and Jane Garvey  
– whose opinion I  
value!"

"Very funny and true-  
to-life, albeit an unusual  
life."

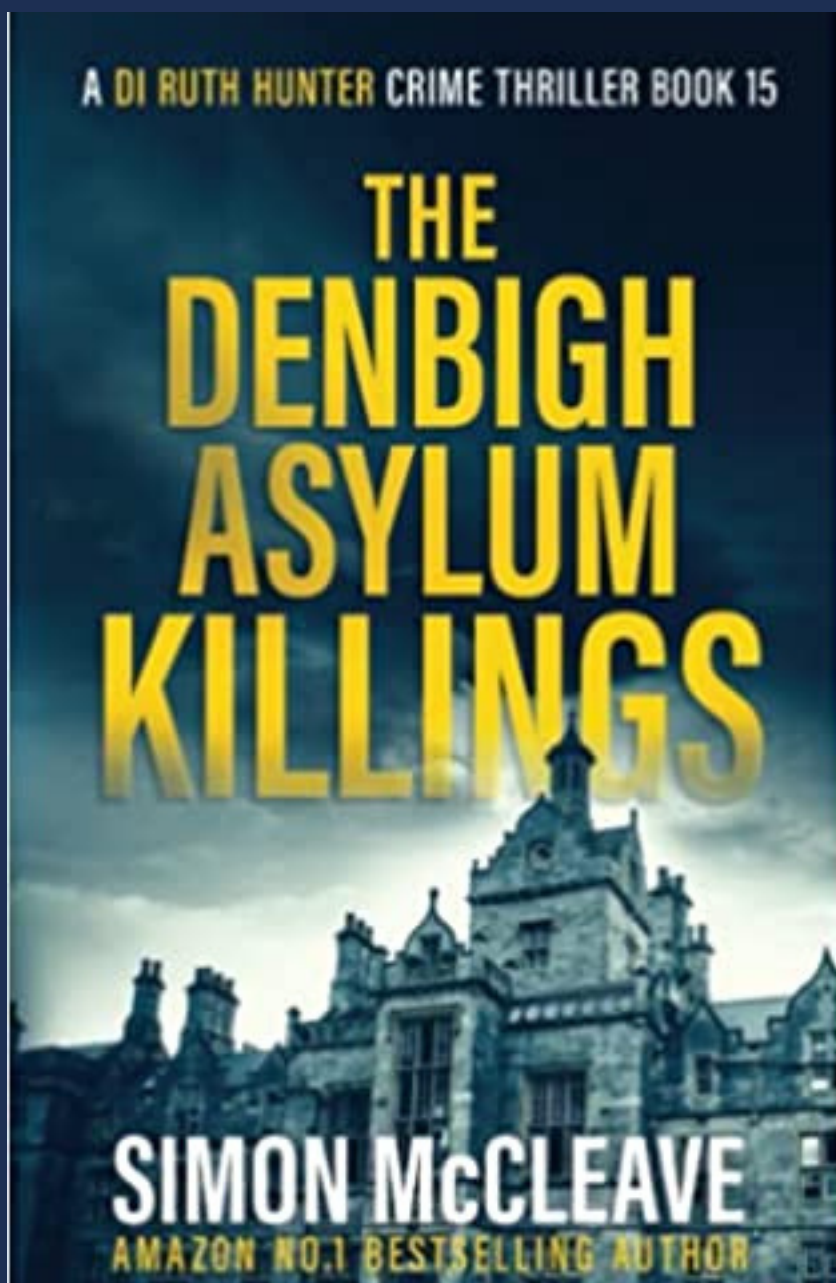
English



# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



**Mrs Geraghty-Green is reading  
"The Denbigh Asylum Killings" by  
Simon McCleave**



"This is the next book in  
the series I am reading."

"Classic murder  
mystery set in a  
frightening location."

Room 2



# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



## Mr Baldock is reading "Alone in Space" by Tillie Walden



"A collection of her short comics: it proves why she is the future of the genre."

"She is an extraordinary artist, and a powerful writer. These early works which started off her career and won her lots of awards are funny, moving, profound and lovely to look at."

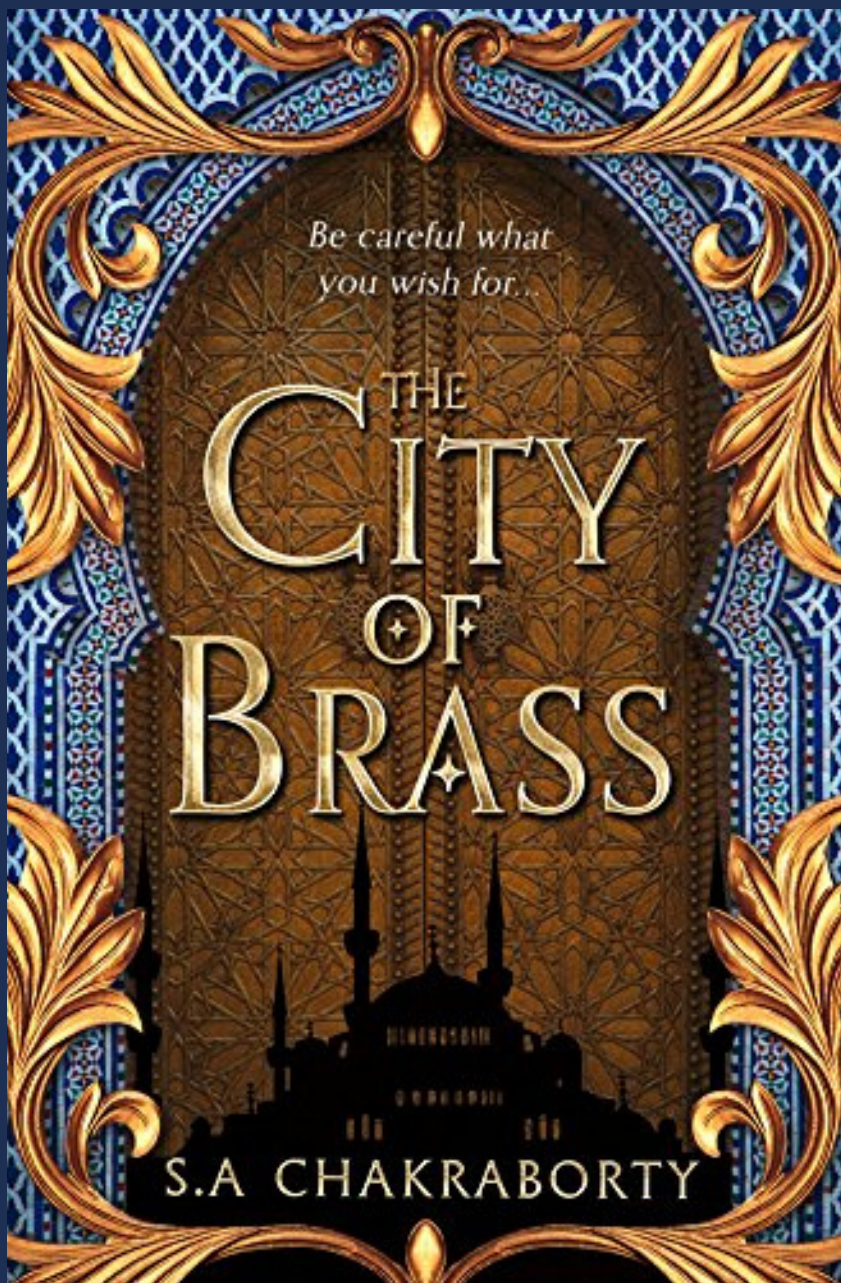
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# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Ms Eggers is reading  
"The City of Brass" by  
S. A. Chakraborty



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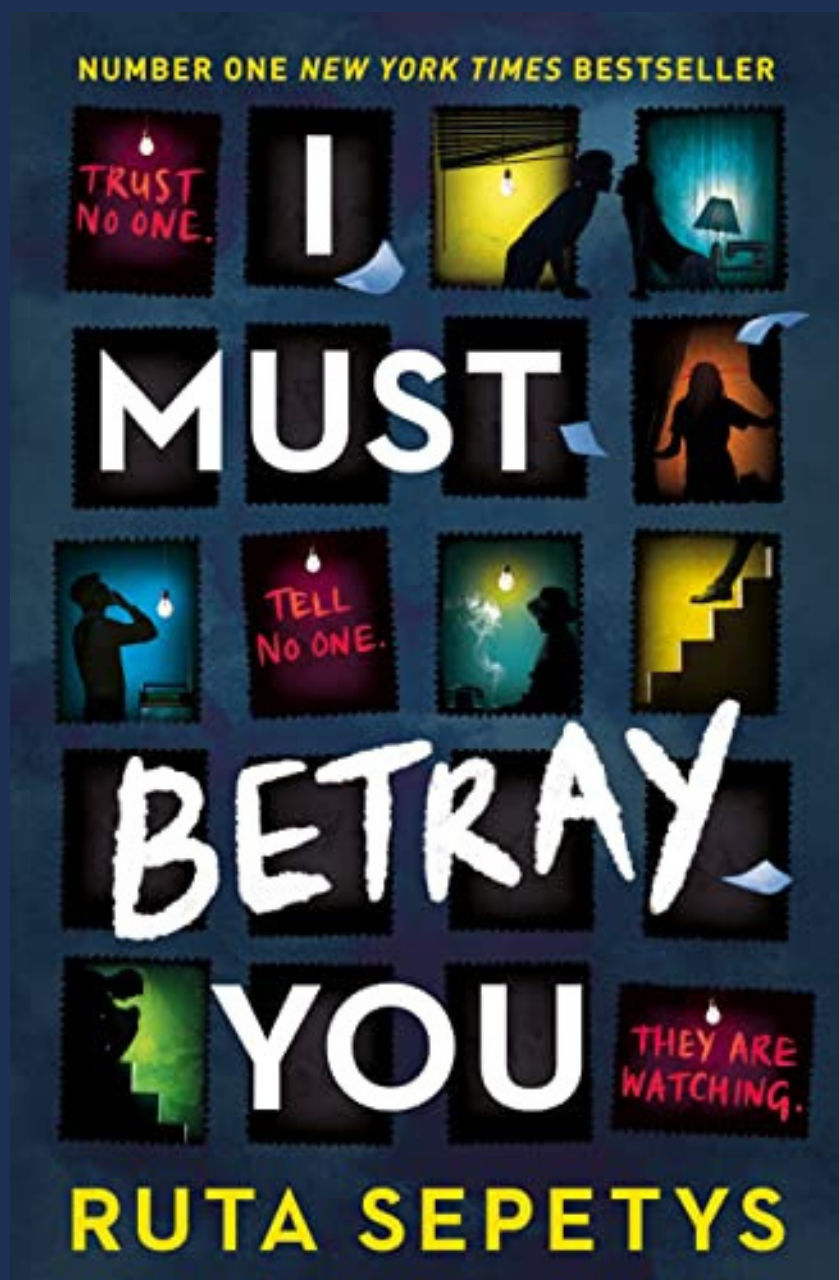
"A street thief, a djinn, AND a cursed warrior? Sign me up."

"Rich worldbuilding, brilliant characters, clever storytelling. Just when you think you know what this story is, it keeps pulling the rug (or should I say, the magic carpet... heh) out from under you. Highly recommended to fantasy and historical fiction fans, though older readers may find the level of detail (and the gore) more appealing."

# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



Mrs Kesteven is reading  
"I Must Betray You" by Ruta Sepetys



"Shortlisted for the Yoto  
Carnegie Book Award."

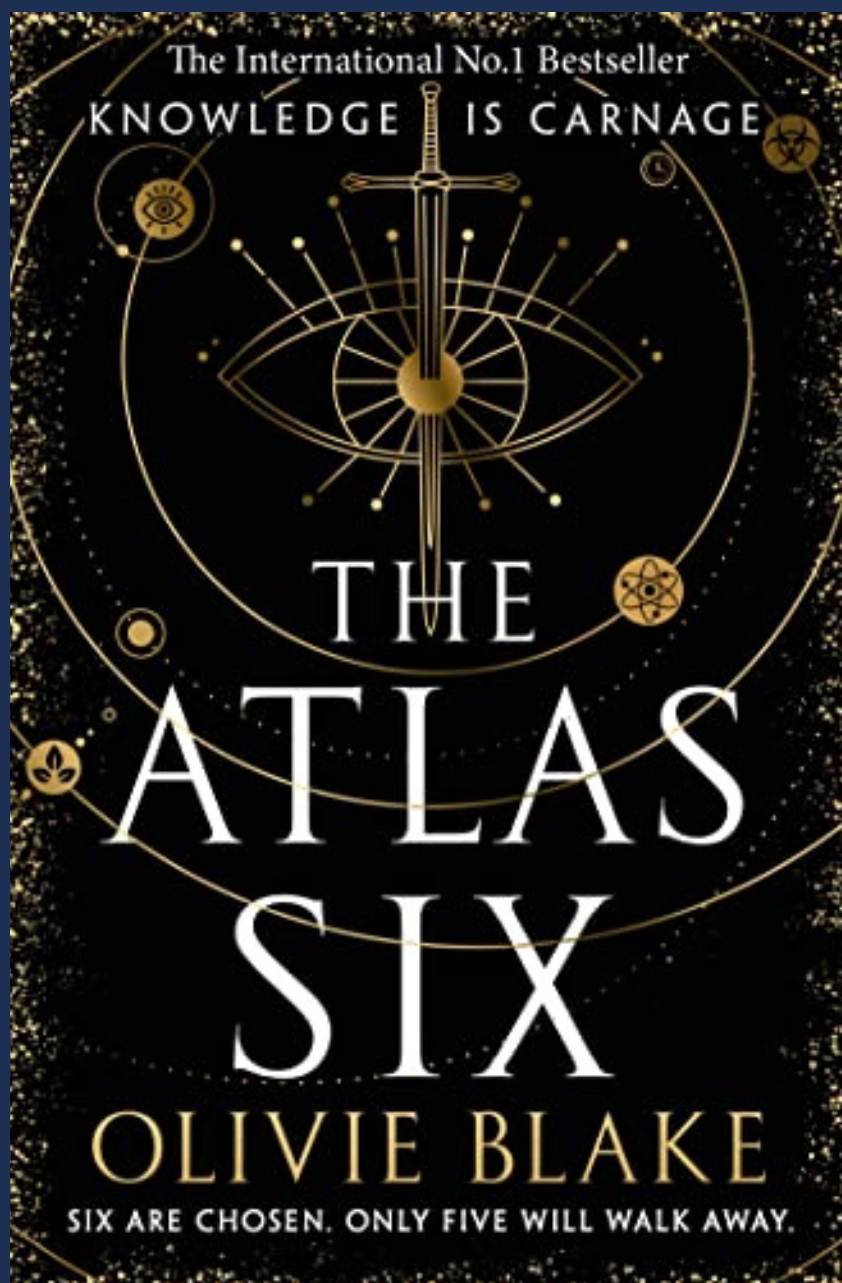
"I thought it was going to  
be teen fast fiction but it's  
actually far more chilling!  
It is set in the Romanian  
Revolution of 1989 and is  
a strong contender for  
the Award."



# Reading School Summer Reads 2023



**Mrs Kesteven is reading  
"The Atlas Six" by Olivie Blake**



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"Olivie was a guest at MCM Comic Con for the Dark Academia author panel."

"The Atlas Six started as a self-published book, which went viral. The mix of magic, mystery and strong characters make this a great read so far."