

#### EDITION 1

Welcome to the first edition of Let's Talk Books. Our aim is to promote reading for pleasure across the trust with recommendations for reading and extracts from books we think you might enjoy, as well as snippets of how reading looks in our schools. This edition focuses on reading at All Saints'

CofE Primary, Bradford.

Anthor Focus: Jenny Meladolan

"When we read, we step out of our own world and visit someone else's for a while... you never know what you're going to find there!"



Jenny McLachlan has been writing stories full time since 2014. Her books include the Land of Roar series, Feel Good Detectives and her newest

release "Stink."



#### Stink (World's. Worst. Fairy) Author: & Illustrator: Jenny McLachlan Published by: Farshore

Year 2 Rowan Class have been enjoying Stink as part of their storytime. As part of their storytime, they got the opportunity to draw Stink, before receiving a video message from the author, Jenny McLachlan herself, where she shared her inspirations for the

story.

I love when Stink went in the chocolate fountain because I like chocolate too!



I love Stink because her spells always go wrong!













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## LET'S TALK BOOKS... <u>Q & A with Jenny Mclachlan</u>

Danny absolutely does not believe in fairies, so is astounded when he accidentally summons Stink, a feisty green fairy, who causes havoc wherever she goes. Stink promises to return to Fairyland and leave Danny in peace if he helps her earn enough money to buy some state-of-the-art Silver Bullet wings.

#### Where did the idea for Stink come from?

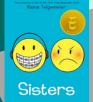
The whole idea came to me because my daughter got a fairy door for her birthday. It was a sticker. She stuck it on her wall and she sat back and tried to open it. It didn't open because it was a sticker. She was so disappointed. I really wanted to make her excited. I like to think about the **what if...?**, when I write. For Stink, it was **what if a boy winding up his sister, did a silly rhyme, knocked on the door and then a real fairy came out. Not only that but she will not leave him alone?** 

#### Who is Stink based on?

Stink is based on every funny student I ever taught mixed up with my children when they were 2 or 3. I added wings and a wand and a little fairy land. She is like a toddler.

#### What do you like about Stink?

I like how having Stink in Danny's life makes it a little bit more fun. She might be annoying but she definitely gives him a lot more fun



J**enny McLachlan's recommended read:** Raina Teigemeier's graphic novels especially Sisters.





Watch Jenny talking about STINK by clicking on the QR code







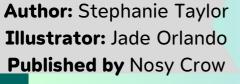






I'm going to be a princess







What will Maya be when she grows up? A rocket scientist like Annie Easley? An Olympic athlete like Alice Coachman? A brain surgeon like Alexa Canady? In this heart-warming and funny story, Maya discovers the achievements of some incredible Black women . . . but it's a brave Nigerian princess who really captures her imagination!

<u>Years 3/4</u>



Tom Gates: Five Star Stories (Hooray!)

Author: & Illustrator: Liz Pichon Published by: Scholastic

Q: Who wants their FIVE STAR funny story included in Oakfield School's story book? A: EVERYONE!

But what will Tom write about? Inspiration strikes when he looks at his excellent collection of ODD OBJECTS and remembers the funny stories behind each one. Starting with Great Great Aunt Aggie's fake bird hat, the weird stone with a hole and his very special doodle pen.













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Finding Bear Author: Hannah Gold Illustrator: Levi Penfold Published by: Scholastic



April Wood has returned home from her adventure on Bear Island, but over a year later, she can't stop thinking about Bear.
When April hears that a polar bear has been shot and injured in Svalbard, she's convinced it's her friend and persuades her dad to travel with her to the northernmost reaches of the Arctic. So begins an unforgettable journey across frozen tundra and icy glaciers.
But along the way, she discovers much more than she bargained for – a tiny polar bear cub, desperately in need of her help. In freezing temperatures, April must navigate the dangerous Arctic terrain and face her deepest fears if she's to save him.

## QR Recommendation

Learn to draw like Liz Pichon with this edition's fantastic QR code featuring some of the characters from Tom Gates.











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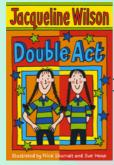
## LET'S TALK BOOKS... Our Recommendations

My favourite book is: **Charlotte's Web** by **E.B. White** I love reading because it allows me to escape to another world.

### Mrs Shaw (Headteacher)

My favourite book is: **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by **Roald Dahl** I love reading because it takes you on a journey of knowledge and vocabulary.

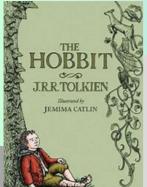
<u>Mr Gage (Year I Maple, teacher)</u>



My favourite book is **Double Act** by **Jacqueline Wilson**.

I love reading because every book I read takes me on a new journey, letting my imagination grow with new

ideas. Mrs Dickinson (Year 2 Rowan, teacher)



My favourite book is: The Hobbit by J.R.Tolken I love reading with my children because it reminds me of the connections I shared with my own parents such as being snuggled with my mum, reading the Hobbit a little bit at a time.

Mrs Phillips (SENCO)







