



BB Reading Round Up - Autumn 2

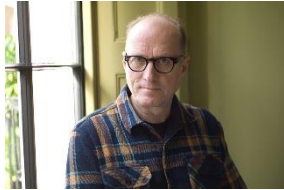
From Miss Moore



Let's be honest, we like any excuse to share a good book here at BB. Add hot chocolate, a roaring fire and your closest family and friends and you've got your very own 'Jolabokafloð'. This is an Icelandic tradition where books are exchanged on Christmas Eve. They then spend the rest of the night reading and eating chocolate! Not surprisingly, Iceland's book-loving inhabitants and sky-high literacy rate seem inextricably linked. Why not hold your own Jolabokafloð and enjoy the opportunity for some quality time and a lovely new book on Christmas Eve?



Ade Edmondson's guide to reading stories over Christmas



There's no better time to share stories as a family than at Christmas. So, author and actor Ade Edmondson has given us his tips on the best ways to enjoy them...

My friend Rachel says her Gran won't allow anyone to use phones or even watch the TV on Christmas Day. Her Gran says it's a day for sharing with the rest of the family, for eating too much and for playing board games. And why not for reading to each other as well?

Here's an idea. Instead of watching the same old films that are always on the telly at Christmas, why not practice reading a chapter from your favourite book (or a whole book if it's not too long) and read it out loud to the rest of the family.

The best times to read over Christmas

1. On Christmas Eve, just before bedtime.
2. On Christmas Eve, just after bedtime (remember to take a torch to bed).
3. On Christmas morning outside your parents' bedroom door. Instead of waking them up shouting, 'Has he been? Has he been?' you could read them *A Visit from St. Nicholas* by Clement Clarke Moore. It's only three minutes long!
4. After everyone's stuffed themselves with turkey and pudding, and everyone's in a brilliant mood – read them the funniest chapter of a book you've ever read.

Here's a handy guide to how long it takes to read some Christmas classics:

3 mins: *A Visit from St. Nicholas* by Clement Clarke Moore. This is the one that starts, "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

8 mins: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss. Or double that if you stop and examine all the pictures, which is worth doing.

20 mins: *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. This one will have your parents weeping in no time at all, a) because they will be remembering the Christmases of their youth, or b) because they are Welsh.

2 hrs: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Or, as it is written in five chapters, you could read a chapter each evening in the run-up to Christmas. Or maybe take it in turns to read a chapter each?

Getting ready to read out loud

Did you know that Charles Dickens used to really enjoy doing public readings of *A Christmas Carol*? He crossed out about 25% of the book and made it about 85 minutes long. You can see this edited copy in the New York Public Library, or there are pictures of it online.

If you're going to read something aloud, don't be afraid of editing it yourself. Books are generally written to be read to yourself, and reading aloud you often find that sticking to the main story is more exciting for the listeners.

Merry Christmas!





Introducing some of our BB Reading Ambassadors 2021-2022!

Being a Reading Ambassador is all about reading for pleasure and sharing the enjoyment of a great book! Our Ambassadors have been chosen for their love of reading and their enthusiasm to share this with others. As well as encouraging others to read more and to find their own love of reading, our ambassadors will be the first to get to know about new books and all things reading related. They will then share with the rest of the school anything new they have tried out and liked!



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