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World Book Day Interview

As part of our world Book Day Celebrations, Declan McCann, school librarian, shared some of his favourite reads.

What was your favourite book as a child?

It's not particularly well known, but Janni Howker's *The Nature of the beast* was a book I loved. I must have read it when I was about 11 years old. I liked how it acknowledged the full range of emotions you can feel at that age and was very much anchored in the real world.

Are there any books you would recommend to pupils?

I often recommend *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio; it's the kind of book that can really change a person's outlook. Others include: *The Curious incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon, *Code name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London and *A Monster calls* by Patrick Ness.

How do you choose the books you read?

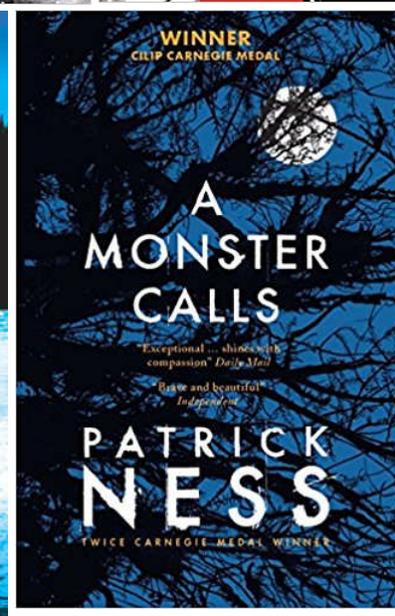
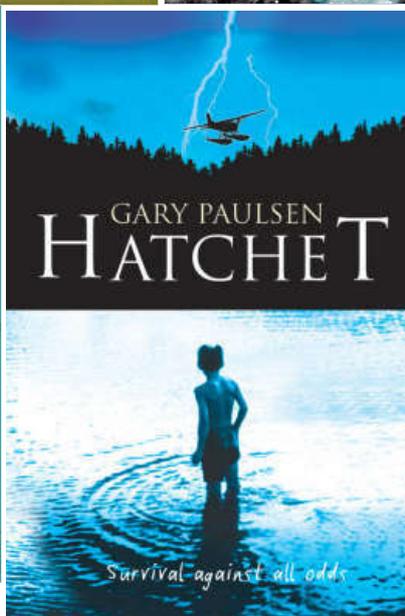
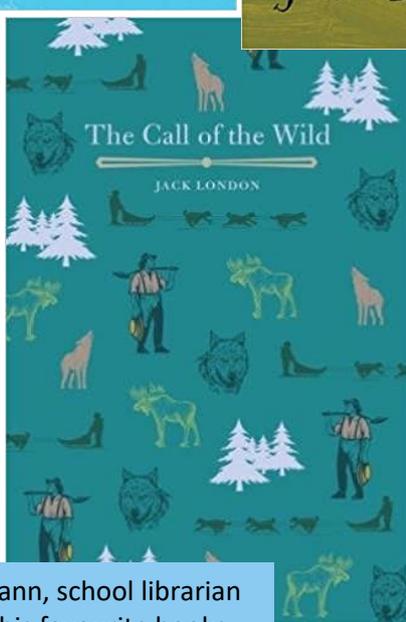
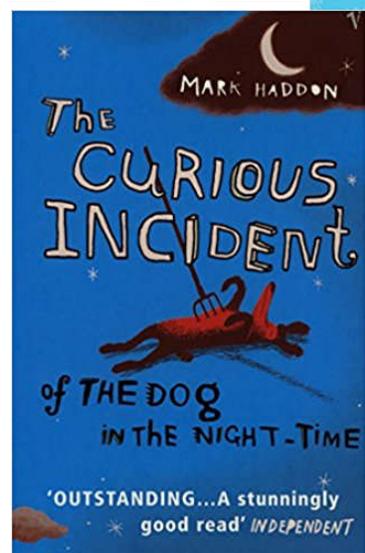
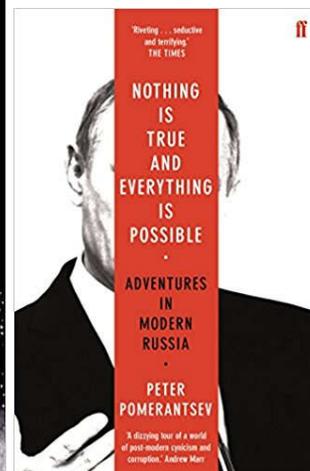
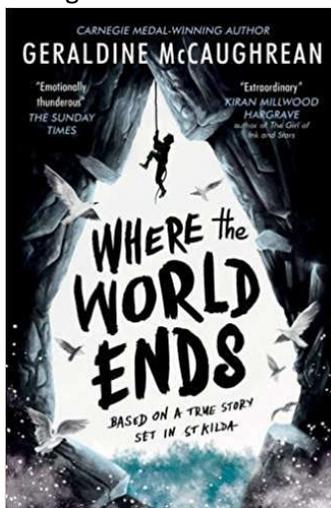
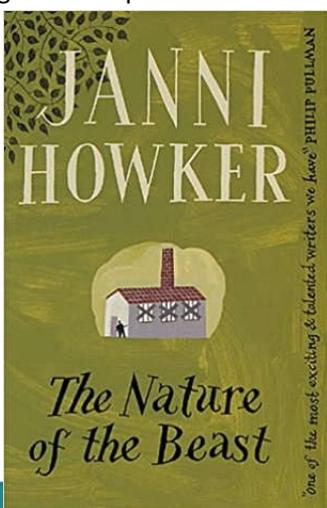
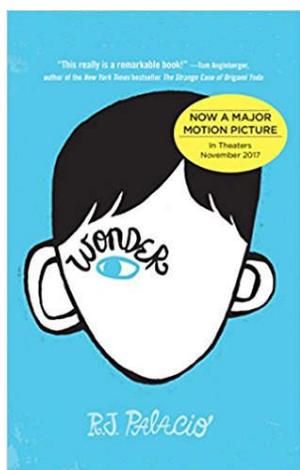
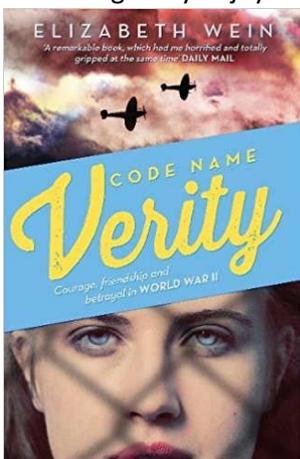
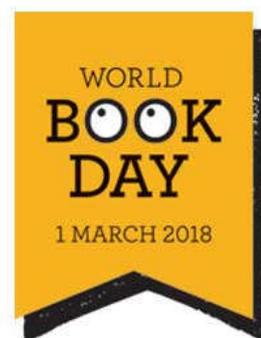
I tend to read a mixture of recommendations from friends and colleagues, and books that compliment my current interests. I also read a lot of junior and young adult fiction for work. I like to choose a wide range of reading material that helps to broaden my world view.

What's the best non-fiction book you've read recently?

For non-fiction I would chose *Nothing is true and everything is possible* by Peter Pomerantsev. The Last really great fiction book I read was *Where the world ends* by Geraldine Mcaughrean.

What is the last book you read but didn't finish?

T.M. Devine's *The Scottish nation*. It's not that I didn't enjoy the book, T.M. Devine is a great writer, I thought my enjoyment of this book would be greater if spread over a few sittings.



Many thanks to Declan McCann, school librarian for telling us about some of his favourite books.