

HGS Book Recommendations

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Get your mitts on a book...



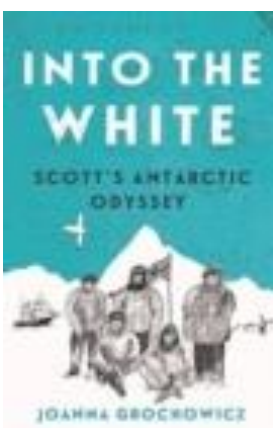
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George and his family are celebrating Christmas by the sea.

But when a body washes up on the beach, George can't stop thinking about the strange lights he saw on the cliff top...

Neither can his cousin, Isla. Together, they follow the clues, and as they draw nearer to the truth, they step further into danger.

On land, or at sea, someone is desperate to stop them, whatever it takes. And that someone may be closer to home than they realise...



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This is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova expedition and the memorable characters, who with a band of shaggy ponies and savage dogs, followed a man they trusted into the unknown.

Battling storms at sea, impenetrable pack ice, man-eating whales, crevasses, blizzards, bad food, extreme temperatures, and equal measures of hunger, agony and snow blindness, the team pushes on against all odds.

But will the weather hold? Will their rations be adequate? How will they know when they get there? And who invited the Norwegians? Into the White will leave you on the edge of your seat, hoping against hope that Scott and his men just might survive their Antarctic ordeal and live to tell the tale.



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Beware the evil in the woods...

In a village at the edge of the wilderness of northern Russia, where the winds blow cold and the snow falls many months of the year, an elderly servant tells stories of sorcery, folklore and the Winter King to the children of the family, tales of old magic frowned upon by the church. But for the young, wild Vasya these are far more than just stories.

She alone can see the house spirits that guard her home, and sense the growing forces of dark magic in the woods. . .



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After a long absence, 18-year-old Jasper is finally heading home for the holidays – and she's keeping secrets. Arthur, a budding filmmaker, is turning the town of Lake Pristine into a small town story worthy of the big screen.

His plans are disrupted by the arrival of the town's golden girl – the antagonist of his school days; a girl he's never forgotten. Jasper Montgomery is back in Lake Pristine for one reason: to say goodbye.

But before long small-town tensions start to rise, and a certain brooding film buff starts to look like a very big reason to stay . . . The perfect story to get lost in, *Some Like it Cold* centres Jasper as an autistic heroine in a cosy YA romance that will melt your heart, from the bestselling author of *A Kind of Spark*.



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A new land has been discovered to the east. Winterkeep is a land of miracles, a democratic republic run by people who like each other, where people speak to telepathic sea creatures, adopt telepathic foxes as pets, and fly across the sky in ships attached to balloons.

But when Bitterblue's envoys to Winterkeep drown under suspicious circumstances, she and Giddon and her half-sister, Hava, set off to discover the truth--putting both Bitterblue's life and Giddon's heart to the test when Bitterblue is kidnapped.

Giddon believes she has drowned, leaving him and Hava to solve the mystery of what's wrong in Winterkeep. Lovisa Cavenda is the teenage daughter of a powerful Scholar and Industrialist (the opposing governing parties) with a fire inside her that is always hungry, always just nearly about to make something happen.

She is the key to everything, but only if she can figure out what's going on before anyone else, and only if she's willing to transcend the person she's been all her life.