

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

by Miss Jacqueline Heusdens

I am very excited about the upcoming release of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. I really enjoyed The Lord of the Rings movies, and I can't wait to go see The Hobbit at the cinema!

I have no doubt that this film will have wonderful special effects, great characters, and exciting stories that will have me sitting on the edge of my seat for all of the adventures!

Bilbo, a hobbit, is smoking his pipe one day when the wizard Gandalf appears and asks him to go on an adventure. He tells the wizard to come back the next day. The wizard does show up the next day, but only after thirteen dwarves have knocked at his door first. Bilbo allows them in and they tell him about their plans, and they convince Bilbo to join them on their adventure.

Bilbo wakes late the next morning, and is hurried along by Gandalf to join his fellow travelers. They begin their journey, and before long, they have gone further from Hobbiton than Bilbo ever has before. From this point on there is adventure after adventure, and we learn about how this hobbit came into possession of the ring.

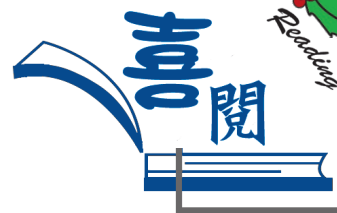
After a very long journey, Bilbo makes it home to find his stuff being auctioned off. He gets most of his things back and settles down again, happy to be living a simple life after all of his travels.

From this point on we know the story, and I am so curious to see it from the beginning of the tale. Even though the story was



The movie The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey will be in the cinema this Christmas. Wanna read the original fiction and other related stories? Turn to the next page and find out more!

originally written for children, it has captured the hearts and minds of both young and old all over the world! Although the author, J.R.R. Tolkien, wrote this story in 1937, it is more popular today than ever before. This just proves what a wonderfully well-written awesome story it truly is!



It's time for English readings! Students are required to read English books during morning reading section every day 6 in term 2. "Joyful Reading Bulletin" will provide you with great recommendations.

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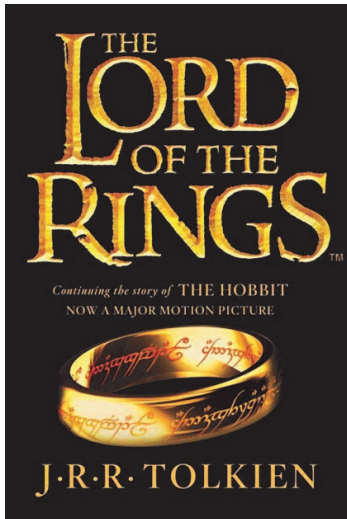




Extended readings...

Great Works of J.R.R. Tolkien

J.R.R. Tolkien (1892 –1973) was an English writer, best known as the author of the classic fantasy novels *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.



Author	TOLKIEN, J.R.R.
Title	The Fellowship of the Ring/ The Two Towers/ The Return of the King
Publication	U.K. :Harper Collins,1999
Call No.	F/ TOL

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy

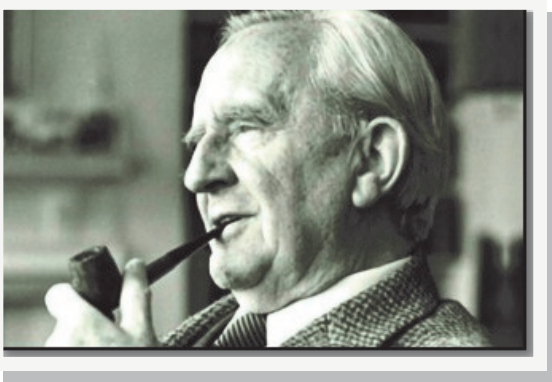
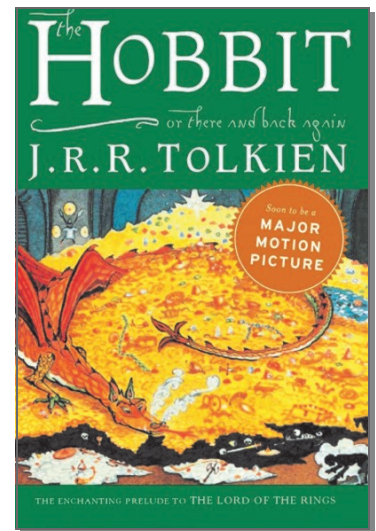
The three volumes of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy were titled *The Fellowship of the Ring*,

The Two Towers, and *The Return of the King*. These great works of imaginative fiction have been labeled both heroic romance and classic fantasy fictions. Tolkien created a vast new mythology in an invented world which has proved timeless in its appeal.

The Hobbit

The Hobbit, of which adaption movie recommended by Miss Heusdens on the previous page, is one of the earliest creations of Tolkien. It was originally a children's book written for his son. As the prelude to *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit* has sold many millions of copies since its publication in 1937, establishing itself as one of the most beloved and influential books of the twentieth century.

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J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), author of *the Lord of the Rings* and *the Hobbit*.

fantasy novels 奇幻小說
The Hobbit 《哈比人歷險記》
The Lord of the Rings 《魔戒》
trilogy 三部曲
heroic 英勇
romance 浪漫、愛情

mythology 神話
invented world 虛構世界
prelude 前傳
influential 有影響力的

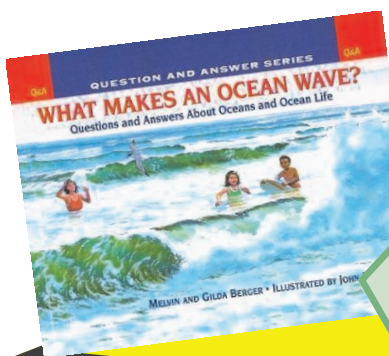


Highly Recommended Reading

Mr. Tam Tak Kwong

Learning English is great fun. A person can brush up or polish up his English by reading English books. With your interest in reading whatever books you like, you can build up your vocabulary, learn the sentence structure, appreciate the writing styles of the writers, understand the grammatical formats, or even familiarize yourself with the use of punctuation. There are some books from the school library that are worthy of recommendation. In one way or another, these books could facilitate one's absorption of the English language, as well as help with the acquisition of other valuable information.

At Form 1 & Form 2 level:



What makes an ocean wave?

Melvin and Gilda Berges

Did you know that we could not survive without the oceans?

Call No.: 551.46 BER

Energy Essentials – Renewable Energy

Nigel Saunders and Steven Chapman

It describes how ideas and technology can be used and developed to provide us with energy in the future.

Call No.: 333.794 SAU

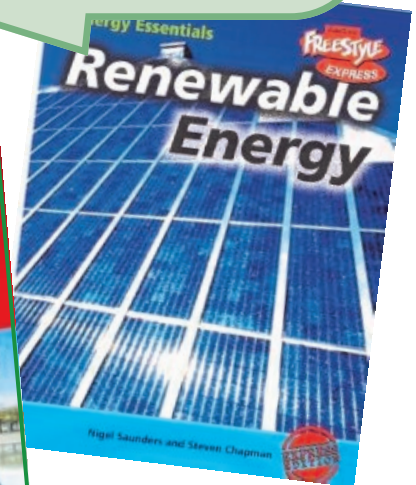
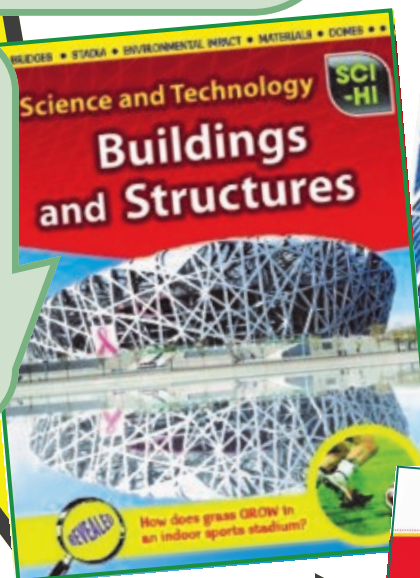
Science and Technology - Buildings and Structures
Andrew Solway

How are suspension bridges built?

What is a keystone?

How do green roofs save energy?

Call No.: 690 SOL



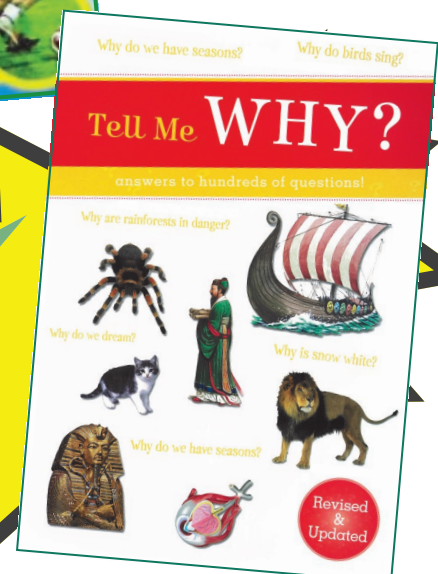
At Form 3 & Form 4 level:

Tell me Why?

Chancellor Press

Tell me Why is full of hundreds of surprising questions and fascinating answers which can provide teasing quiz questions, settle arguments and assist with school projects.

Call No.: 032.02 TEL



At Form 3 & Form 4 level:



Health Zone series: Keep Your Cool! What you should know about Stress

Sandy Donovan
Call No.: 616.98 DON

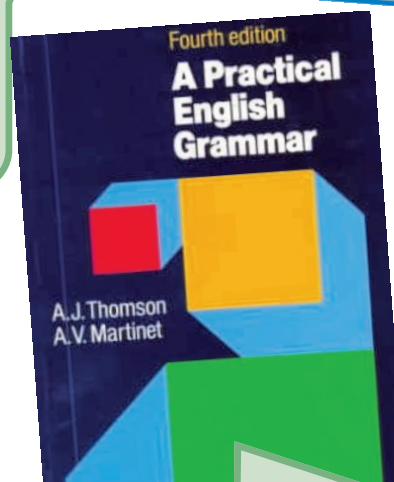
What can you do to cut down on the stress in your life?



Building Homes for Tomorrow

Rob Bowden
Call No.: 333.77 BOW

How are high-density and low-impact housing changing the way people live?



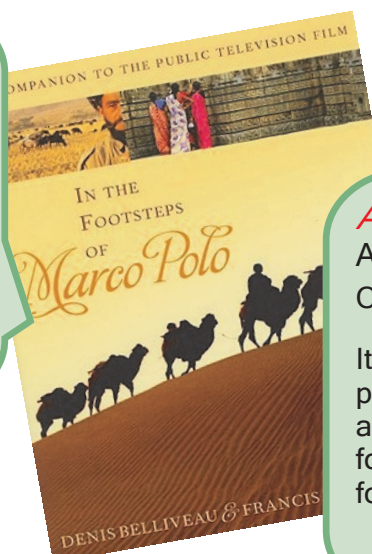
At Form 5 & Form 6 level:

In the Footsteps of Marco Polo

Denis Belliveau and Francis O'Donnell

Call No.: 915.042092 BEL

An extraordinary initiative and travel experience.



A Practical English Grammar

A.J. Thomson and A.V. Martinet
Call No.: 425 THO

It is intended for intermediate and post-intermediate learners, but is also a useful source of reference for more advanced students and for teachers.



Global Connections - Environment and Natural Resources

Charles F. Gritzner
Call No.: 304.2 GRI

Environment and Natural Resources addresses the problems of overpopulation; adequate land for an over-increasing agricultural demand; the effects climate change has on the environment resources, and mankind; the availability of fresh water; and whether the planet's natural endowment is doomed to destruction.

My Choices!

Great books recommended by Miss To Tin Yui

“THE MORE YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.”

DR. SEUSS, "I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT!"

Dracula by Bram Stoker

This is a much simplified version of the classic vampire tale. It is an 1897 Gothic horror novel. Jonathan Harker moves from Transylvania to England. He goes to meet Count Dracula in his castle to provide legal support to him. Soon, Jonathan finds that he has become a prisoner in the castle.

There are so many similar stories based on vampires but *Dracula* is one of the oldest and most popular ones. *Dracula* has produced many modern-day vampires, but this most iconic character still unleashes the mind's deepest fears.



Dracula creator celebrated with Google doodle

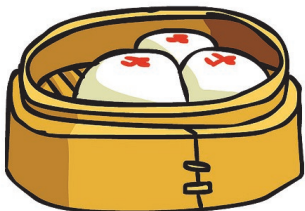
Cantonese Culture

by Shirley Ingram & Rebecca S.Y. Ng

Hong Kong is not only a complex blend of Eastern and Western cultures; it is also made up of peoples from all areas of China, a vast country with many variations of culture and customs.

This book basically reflects customs of the Cantonese, originally from Guangdong province. Topics covered in this book are common things that happen in everyday life, from birth to marriage to death. It helps the newcomer to have a basic understanding of the culture, and to know how to relate

to people and situations. You may be interested to see how outsiders see us, and you can decide whether you agree with the remarks of the authors on Hong Kong behavior.



Dracula

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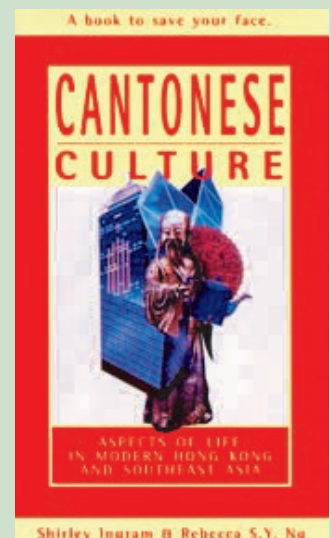
Category: Print fiction

Author: Bram Stoker

Publisher: Macmillan
Readers Intermediate
Level

Number of pages: 60

Call Number: F / STO



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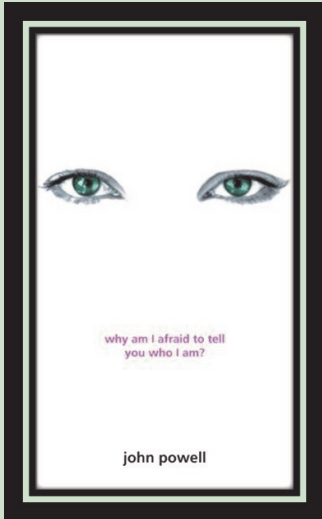
Level of difficulty: ★★☆☆

Category: Print Non-fiction

Author: Shirley Ingram &
Rebecca S.Y. Ng

Publisher: Asia 2000

Number of pages: 100



Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?

Level of difficulty: ★★★

Category: Print Non-fiction

Author: John Powell

Publisher: Thomas More Association

Number of pages: 150

Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?

by John Powell

Do you know who you are?

This book deals with the fear involved in allowing others to see the "real" you. It shows that people are afraid of rejection, but that maturity is reached through communicating with other people.

Sharing yourself with others is helpful, enjoyable and vital for a full and rewarding life. Powell shows that the courage to be open to others can be developed.

This book discusses various different personality types and asks readers to explore their own character and image, learning to accept themselves and face the world without fear. The book is not an easy one, though it has

helpful graphics and captions. It should appeal to the philosophically minded.



More books are on display in the school library. Come and explore!

Activity Review

English Book Fair (22/11-24/11)

Did you go to the English Book Fair? I bet most of you did. This year, I took two of my classes to the table-tennis area for the Book Fair during an English lesson, and we all had great time there. As part of their "classwork", everyone was asked to bring a pen and fill in a "My Wish Book" form during the visit. So when we arrived there, everyone went to look for their favorite book right away. While most students were busy picking their choice, a few of them came up to me and asked for recommendations. I shared my reading experience with them, and introduced them to some lovely books with colorful pictures published by National Geographic. The students then told me the types of books they like in return. When I collected the Wish Book forms, I was actually impressed by how much they were interested in the activity!



Mr. Sherlock Lau

不能忘記的歷史：《牛棚雜憶》

10月19日早會閱讀分享

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神長、校長、各位老師、同學：

早安！

本月的靈德育主題是「認識祖國」，提到當代中國歷史，就不得不提「文化大革命」。不知道同學對這段歷史有什麼認識呢？

文化大革命發生於1966至1976年，對於當代中國影響深遠。由於當時毛澤東有意藉著發動改革舊文化的運動，以重奪政治主導權，當時整個中國大陸的人民紛紛響應。而所謂的革命，其實根本是騷亂和暴動，各地的珍貴文物遭受大肆破壞，其後更加演變為互相加害、報復的瘋狂行為，學者文人受到身心殘害，社會運作崩潰，道德價值淪亡，例如子女為求自保，不惜背叛、殘害父母，毫無法律可言，甚至是人性泯滅。



文化大革命期間不少知識份子遭受殘害。

而我今天介紹的書，就與文革有關——書本名稱是《牛棚雜憶》，由已故國學大師季羨林所著，他將自己在文革之中的慘痛經歷和感受紀錄下來，他曾說過這本書是「用血淚換取而來」的。他曾經住過牛棚，在牛棚過著非人生活，飢寒交迫，淪為階下囚。例如他經常無故被抓去集會之中，接受批鬥，又被人無故搜屋，務求抓到季老的把柄以羅織罪名、誣讎這名無辜的老人，實在是非常恐怖。

這本書可說是笑中帶淚，同時亦都感受到更大的可悲。例如書入面提到當時的思想左傾，四處散佈著「寧左勿右」的白色恐怖。作者和其他學者淪為階下囚、在操場上步操的時候，由於指揮員不敢喊「向右轉」，所以要向隊伍喊三次「向左轉」才可使隊伍向右走，這樣的情景相信對同學而言非夷所思，但這些正是歷史的真相。

作者季羨林提到，「打人者與被打者，同樣都是受害者，只是所處的地位不同。」文革之中，任何人都受到心靈上極大傷害，十年浩劫帶來的破壞絕對是史無前例，更重要是啟發我們不單要避免歷史重演，而且要制衡當權者濫用權力，以免他們為社會大眾帶來災禍。季羨林最後指出，這本書記載的「不是仇恨和報復，而是一面鏡子，照出善惡、醜美和希望」。

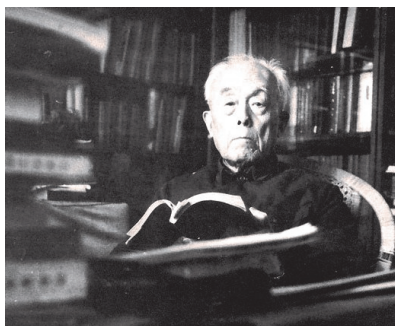
同學或許未能相信，但這些事情均確確實實發生過。希望中國在發展的同時，亦要回望過去，避免重蹈覆轍。

《牛棚雜憶》 季羨林

香港：三聯書局出版（1999年）

索書號：782/2084

作者介紹：季羨林（1911-2009），中國著名的古文字學家、歷史學家、東方學家、思想家、翻譯家、佛學家、梵文巴利文專家、作家。他精通12國語言，是世界上僅有的幾位從事吐火羅語研究的學者之一。1967年夏秋之交，季羨林加入反對新北大公社



的北大造反派組織井岡山兵團，被推選為東語系勤務員。同年11月30日深夜被抄家，找到「反革命」證據，被打倒。受到造反派兩派審訊，動念自殺，又被抓去批鬥。次年春天先在北大勞動改造。經歷煤廠大批鬥後與100多個黑幫分子被拉往十三陵附近的北大分校勞動改造，不久關入牛棚。1969年改派到延慶營接受貧下中農的「再教育」，其後於北京大學擔任門房工作，直到1978年文革結束，續任北京大學東方語言文學系主任，並被任命為北京大學副校長。



有聲有識圖書館



同學對於以 iPad 試聽古典音樂感到新鮮



圖書館內展出的音樂書籍增加了同學對古典音樂的興趣。

不知道同學平常有沒有聽音樂的習慣呢？相信聽的也多是流行曲吧！不知道於 10 月 15 日至 26 日舉行的「有聲有識圖書館」有沒有提起同學對古典音樂的興趣呢？

這次的活動主要有兩個環節，首先是歷時兩周的圖書館音樂專題展覽，同學可於圖書館以 iPad 試聽巴哈、蕭邦等名家的作品，也有悲愴交響樂、四季交響樂等名曲；而圖書館內亦展出了介紹音樂家的傳記、古典音樂欣賞入門等，提升同學對於古典音樂的興趣。其次是 10 月 17 日至 19 日舉行的專題書展，書展於乒乓球場舉行，展出音樂相關的書籍，以及回應十月靈德育主題「認識祖國」的時事文化書籍。書展場面盛大，不少老師及同學更以便條介紹好書，展示在場內壁上，亦有不少同學以圖書館所贈的購書證、書展現金卷購得心頭好。

其實各位同學倘若對古典音樂有興趣，可以到學校圖書館借取。學校圖書館提供豐富的音樂光碟可供外借，外借方法十分簡單，首先可利用圖書館內的光碟目錄尋找光碟的編號，然後於圖書館靠窗的卡片盒索號碼卡，最後交給圖書館管理員便可，十分方便。希望同學都可以嘗試到圖書館借取音樂光碟，體會古典音樂的美妙吧！

3C 任彥博

活動預告

12 月	中一級口述閱讀報告	1 月	黃擎天先生作家講座
12 月-1 月	中學生六十本好書選舉	2 月	科學專題書展

12 月「期期有獎」問答比賽

上期得獎同學
 1A 吳嘉能 1C 蔡鴻基
 2D 陳城熹 4A 鄭宗宇 6E 李惟建
 以上同學將獲得圖書館優惠卡一張及禮物一份。

上期答案

1. 圖書館和商務印書館合辦的書展於哪幾天舉行？	10 月 17 日至 19 日
2. 於圖書館內舉行的「有聲有識圖書館」主題書籍推介於哪幾天舉行？	10 月 15 日至 26 日
3. 「有聲有識圖書館」活動當中的「聲」是指圖書館和哪一學科合作推介書籍及光碟？	音樂科
4. 「有聲有識圖書館」活動當中的「識」是希望同學透過閱讀增加哪方面認識？	認識祖國



姓名： _____ 班別： _____ ()

請將參加表格沿虛線剪下投入圖書館門外之收集箱。獎品豐富，請踴躍參加！

1. Who is the author of <i>the Lord of the Rings</i> ?	Ans:
2. When was the story <i>the Hobbit</i> written?	Ans:
3. Where did Mr. Sherlock Lau take his classes for the English book fair ?	Ans:
4. How many books did Miss To Tin Yiu recommend?	Ans: