

# The ultimate winter reading list

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Transform dark winter afternoons into adventure with our seasonal reading picks. We've curated the perfect reading mix for students of all ages. From books inspired by National Tree Week, uplifting tales of community for International Volunteer Day, and powerful stories for Holocaust Memorial Day, as well as some magical picks for the festive season.

Perfect for independent reading or classroom discussion, these books will inspire students to engage meaningfully with both nature and history, developing a love of reading throughout the winter and beyond.

**National Tree Week**

Saturday 23 November to Sunday 1 December 2024

**International Volunteer Day**

Thursday 5 December 2024

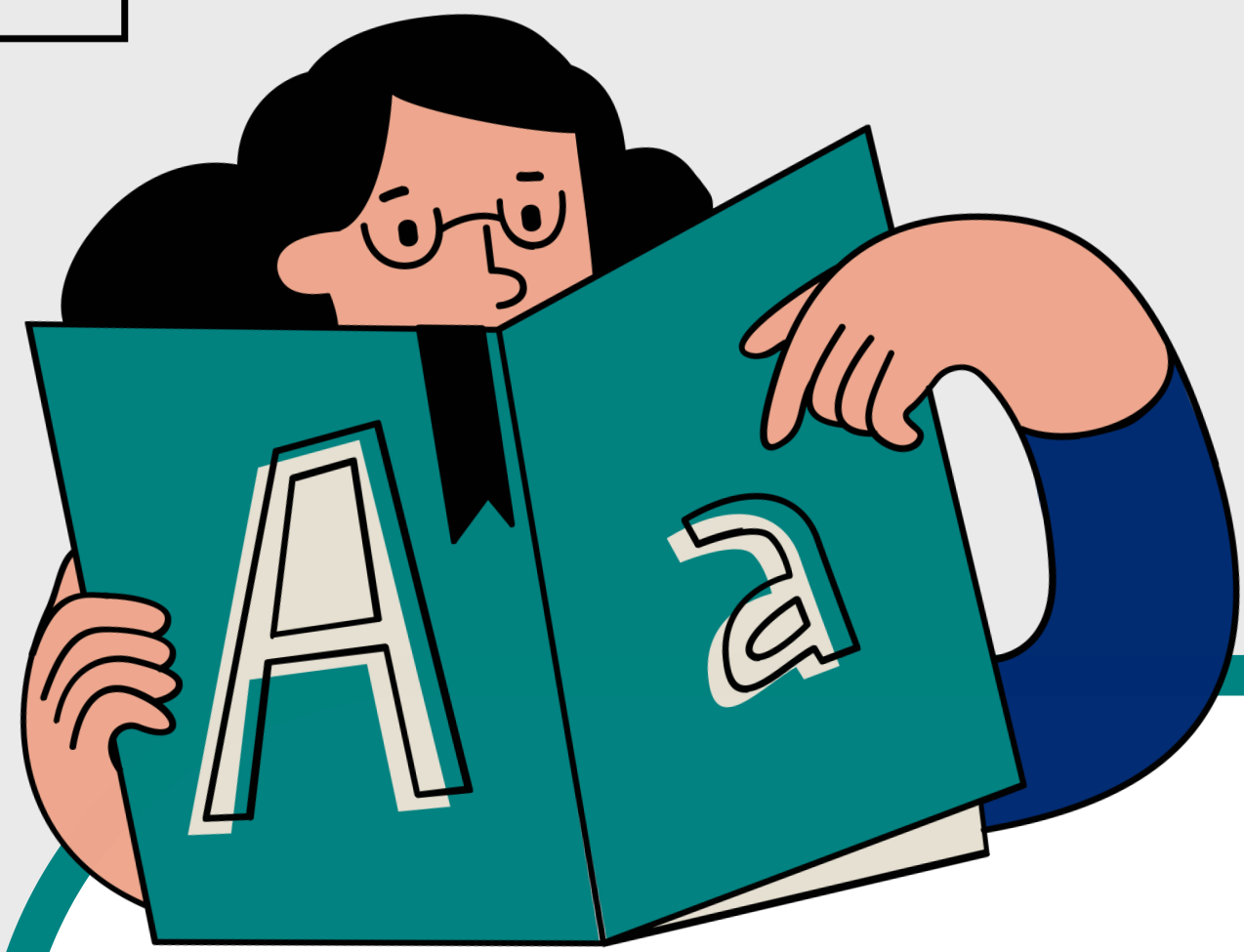
**Festive picks**

December 2024

**Holocaust Memorial Day**

Monday 27 January 2025

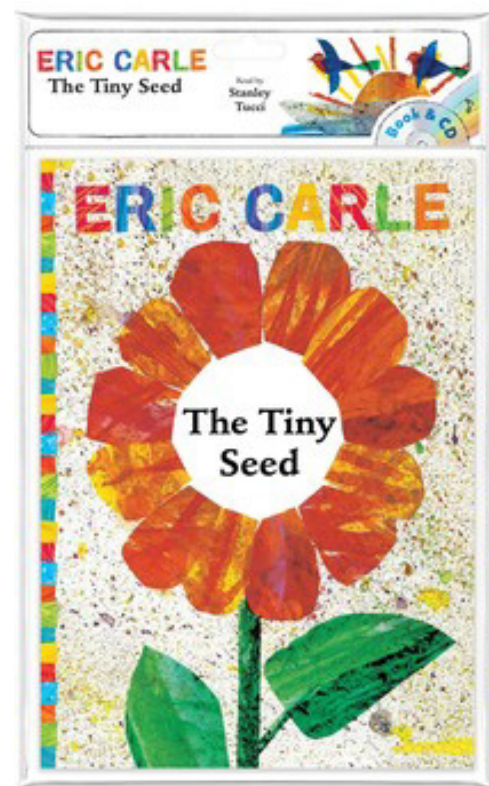




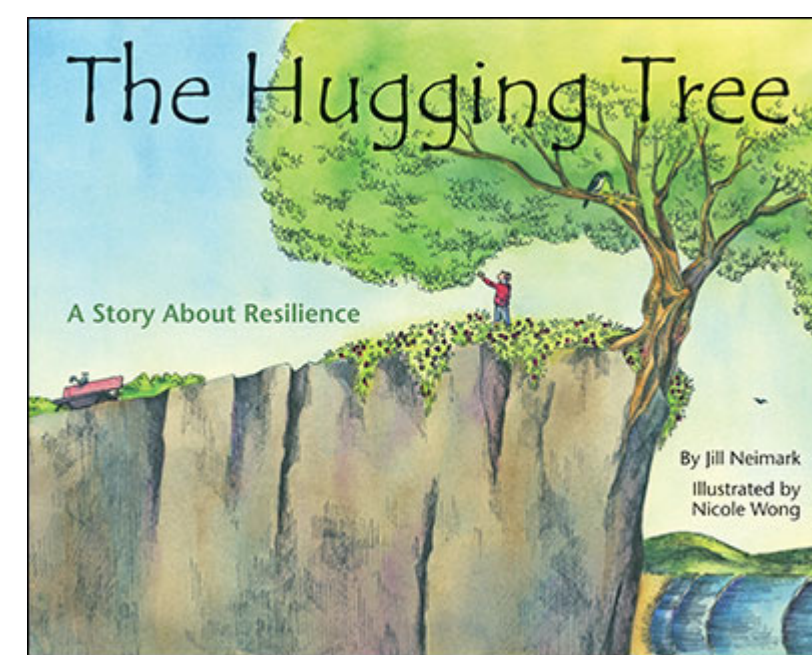
# Primary

Ages 4-7

## National Tree Week



**The Tiny Seed**  
Eric Carle

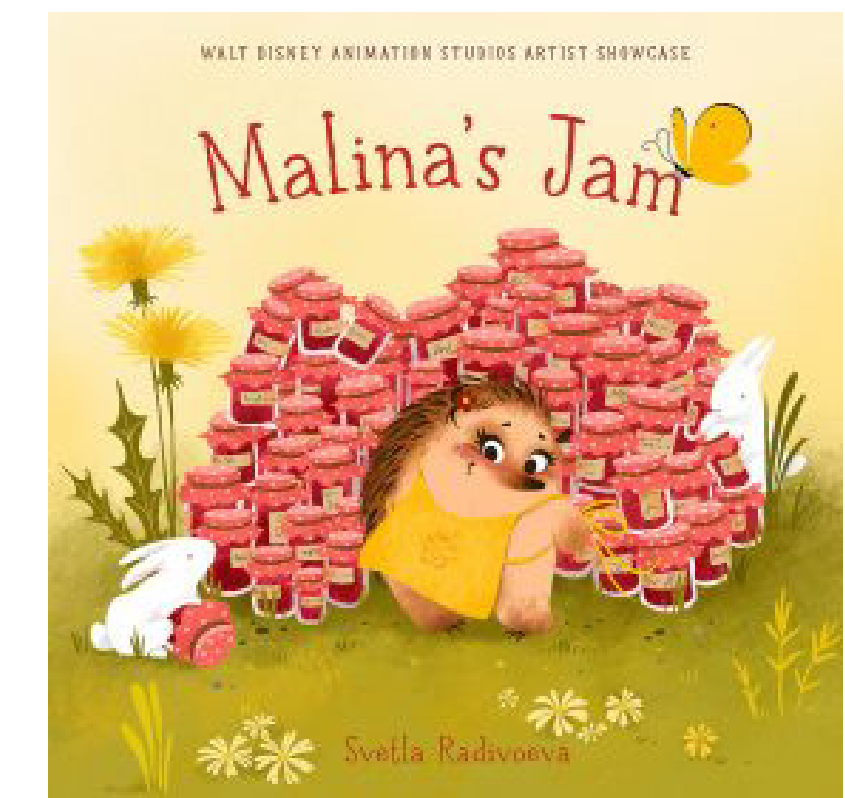


**The Hugging Tree**  
Jill Neimark

## International Volunteer Day



**Just Help**  
Sonia Sotomayor

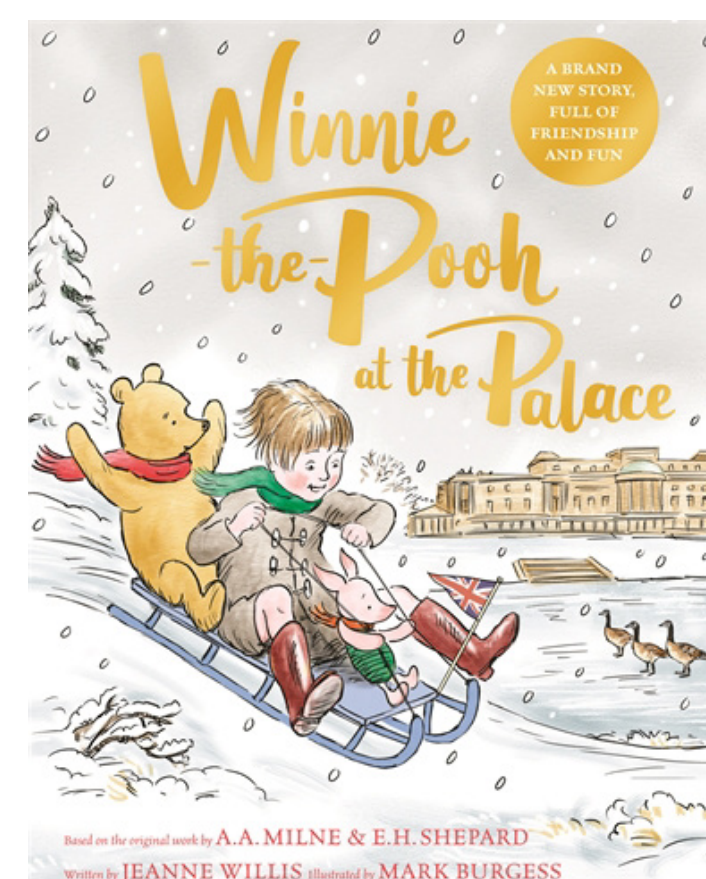


**Malina's Jam**  
Svetla Radivoeva

## Festive picks

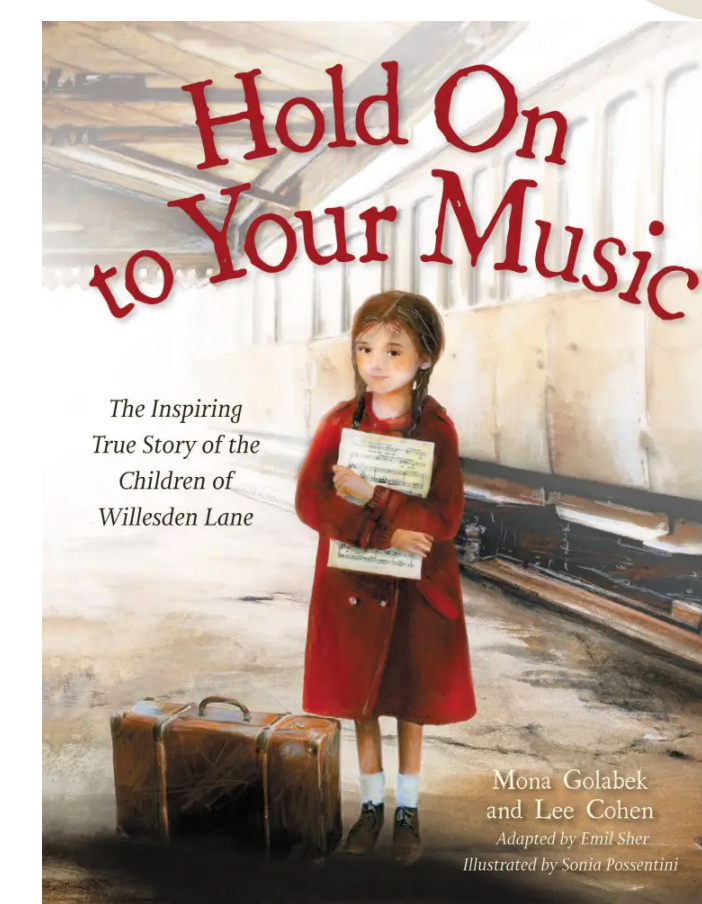


**The Night Before  
Christmas in Wonderland**  
Carys Bexington

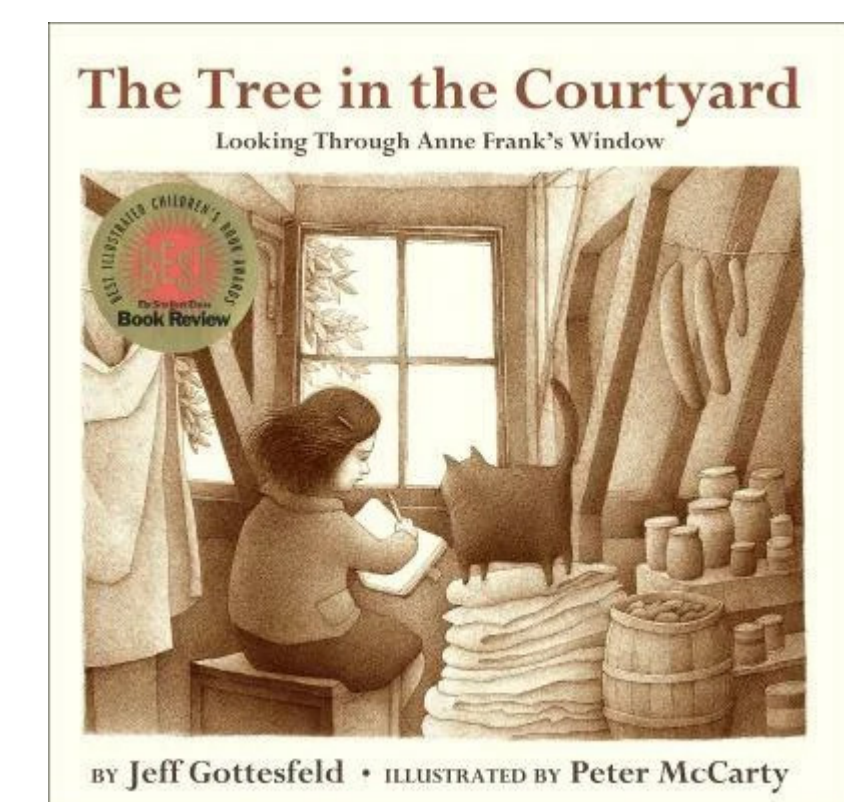


**Winnie-the-Pooh  
at the Palace**  
Jeanne Willis

## Holocaust Memorial Day



**Hold On to Your  
Music**  
Mona Golabek and  
Lee Cohen



**The Tree in the  
Courtyard**  
Jeff Gottesfeld



# Primary

Ages 8-11

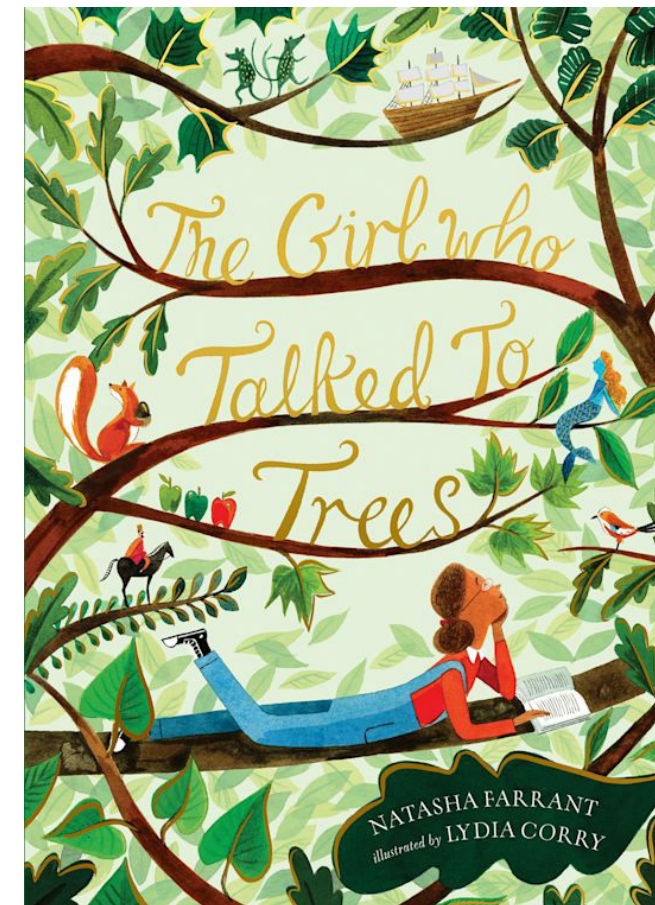


## National Tree Week



### Kate Who Tamed the Wind

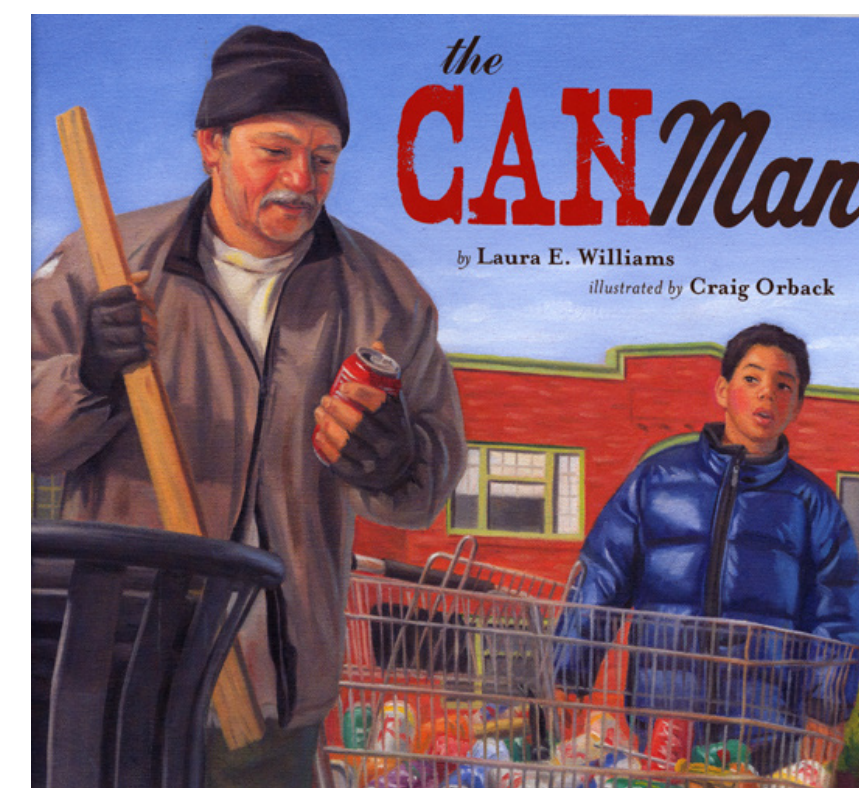
Liz Garton Scanlon



### The Girl Who Talked to Trees

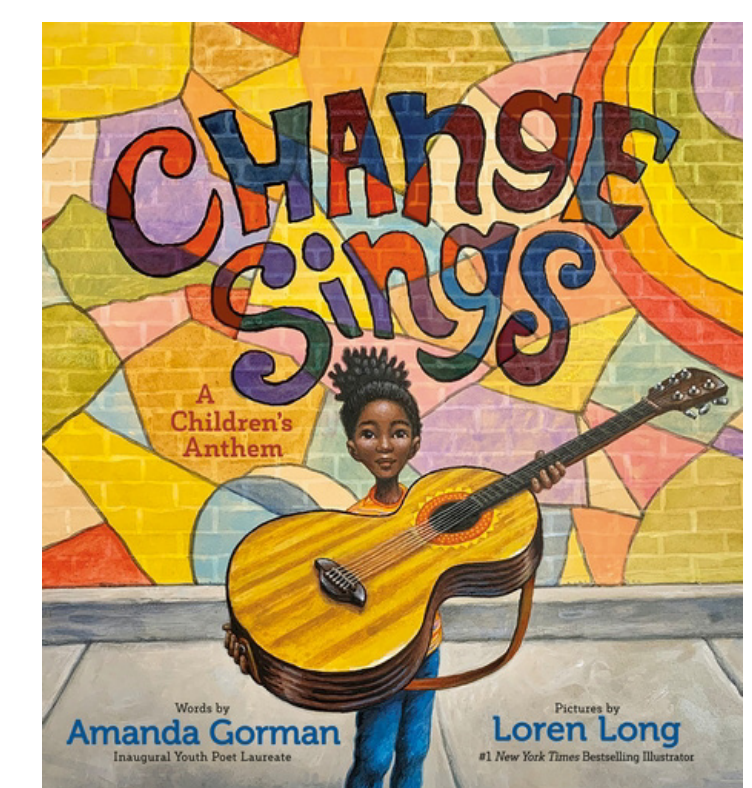
Natasha Farrant

## International Volunteer Day



### The Can Man

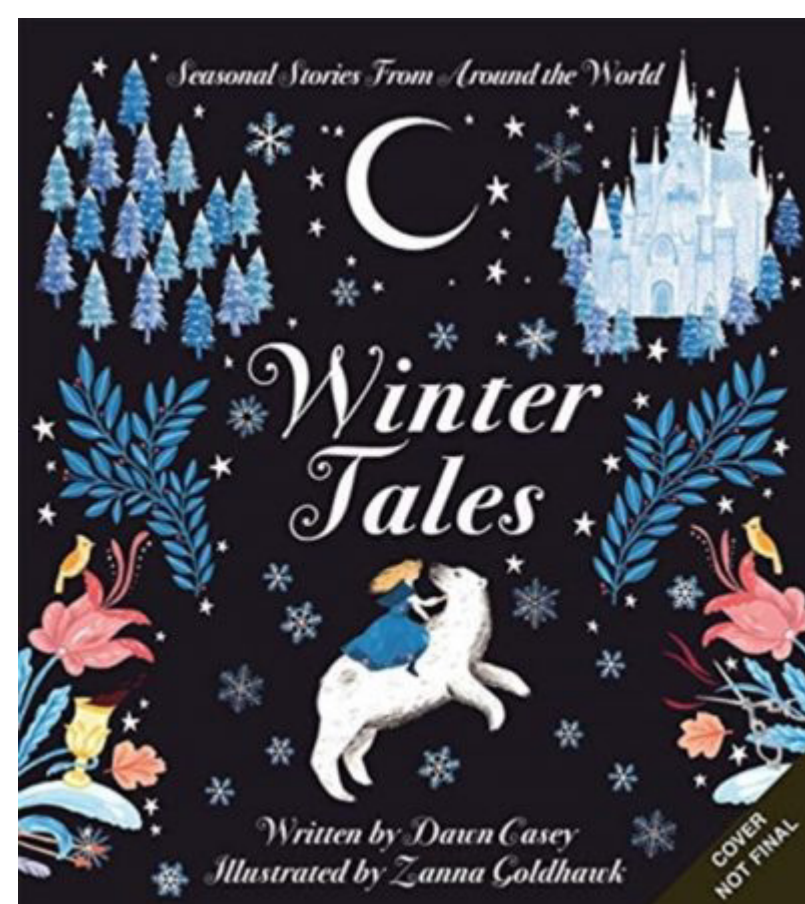
Laura E. Williams



### Change Sings

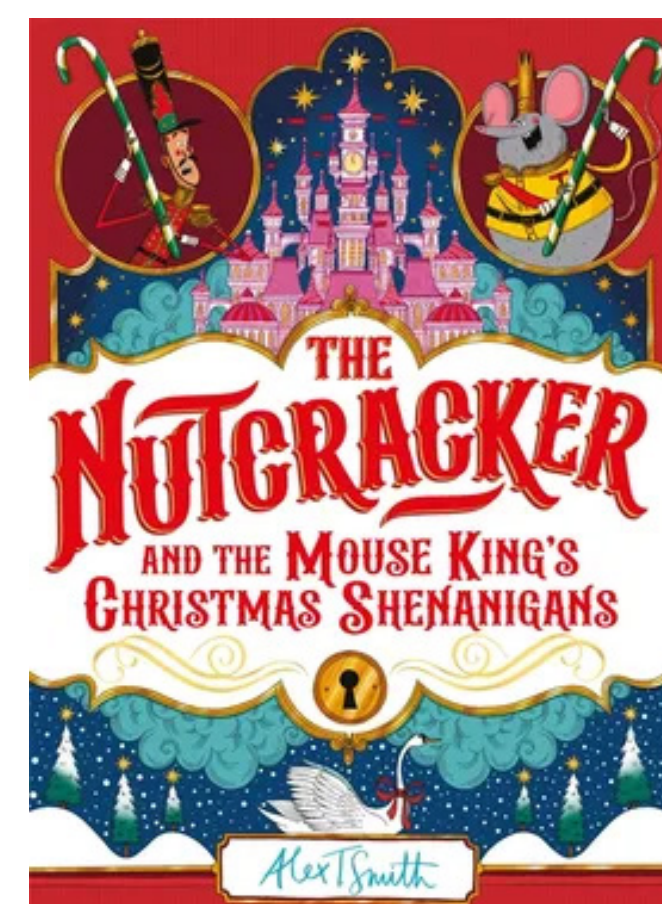
Amanda Gorman

## Festive picks



### Winter Tales

Dawn Casey



### The Nutcracker

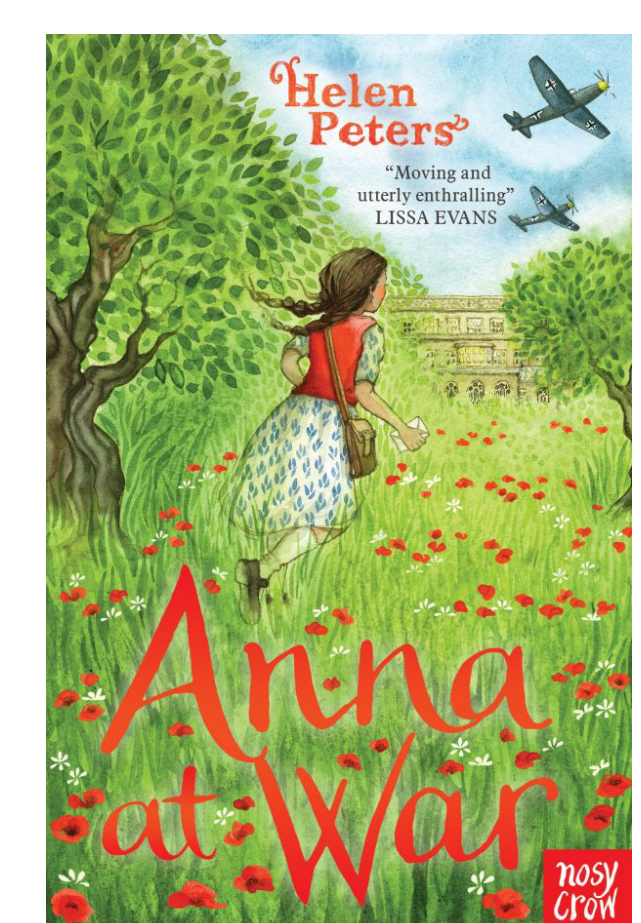
Alex T. Smith

## Holocaust Memorial Day



### The Dollmaker of Krakow

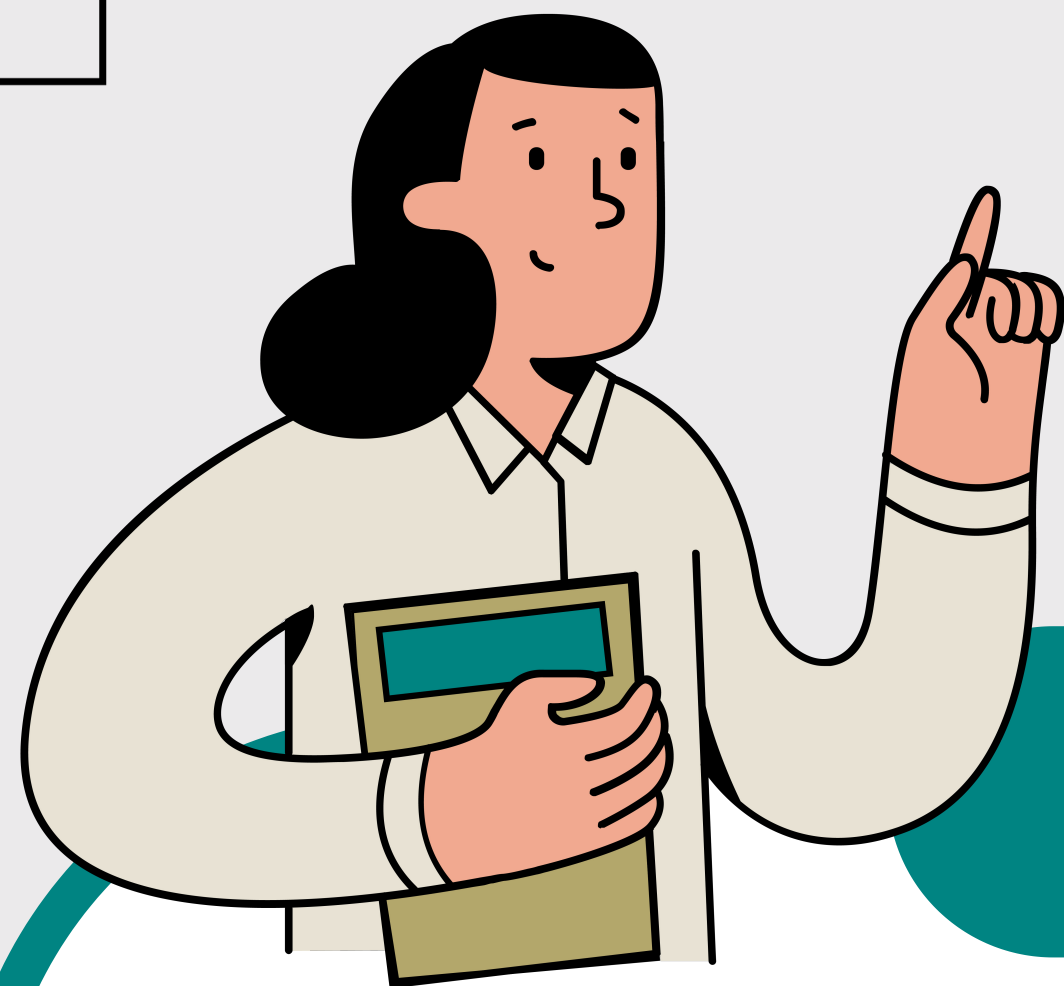
R. M. Romero



### Anna at War

Helen Peters

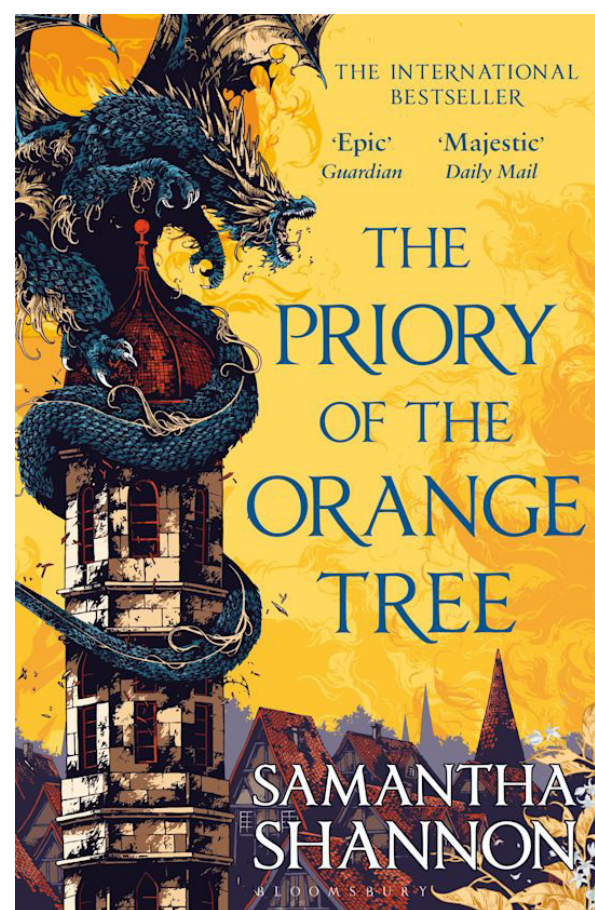




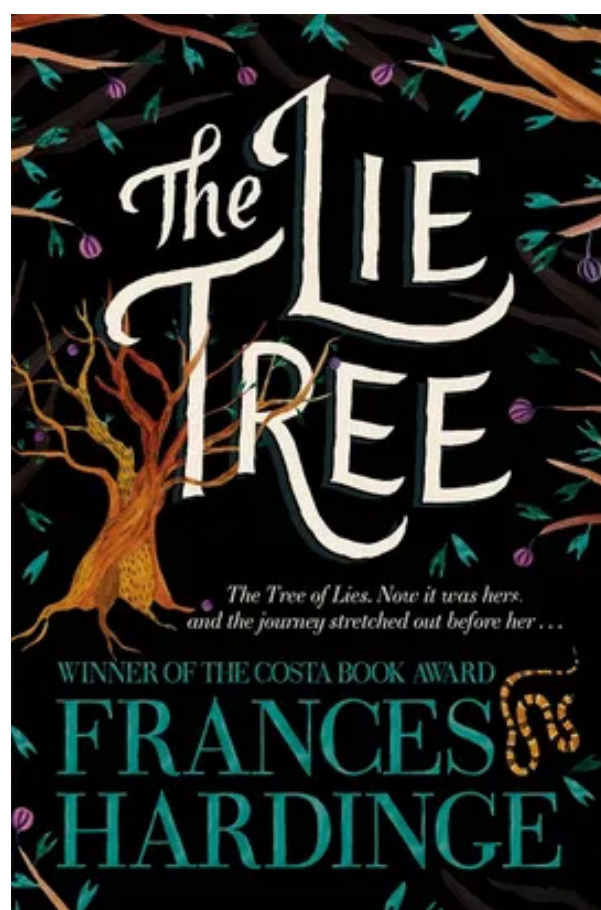
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Ages 11-14

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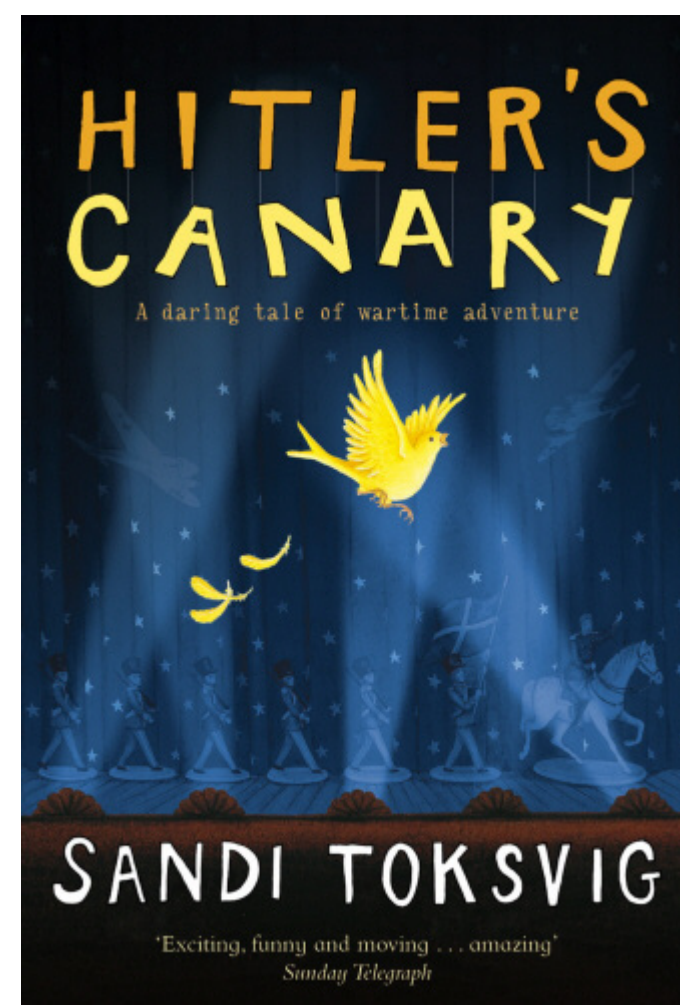


**The Priory of the Orange Tree**  
Samantha Shannon



**The Lie Tree**  
Frances Hardinge

## Holocaust Memorial Day

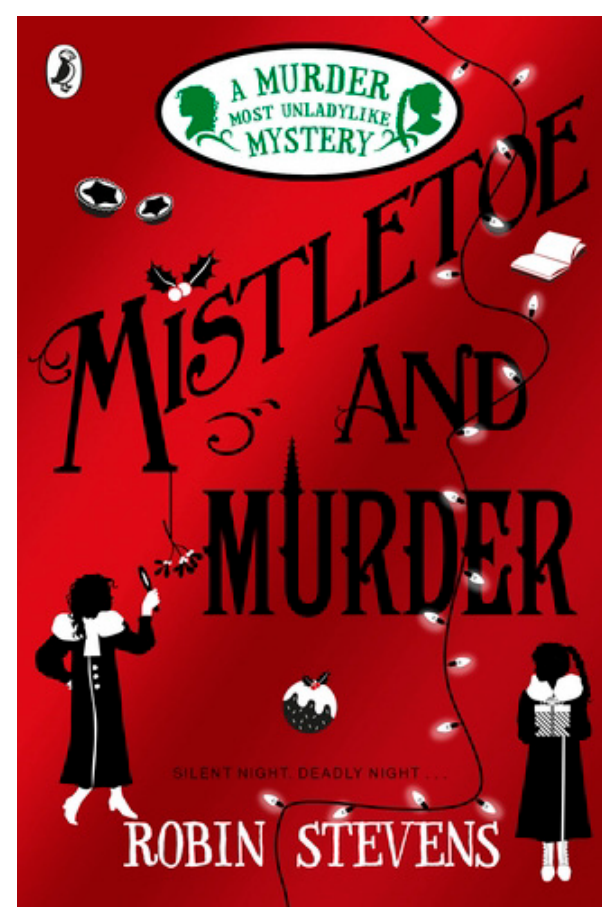


**Hitler's Canary**  
Sandi Toksvig

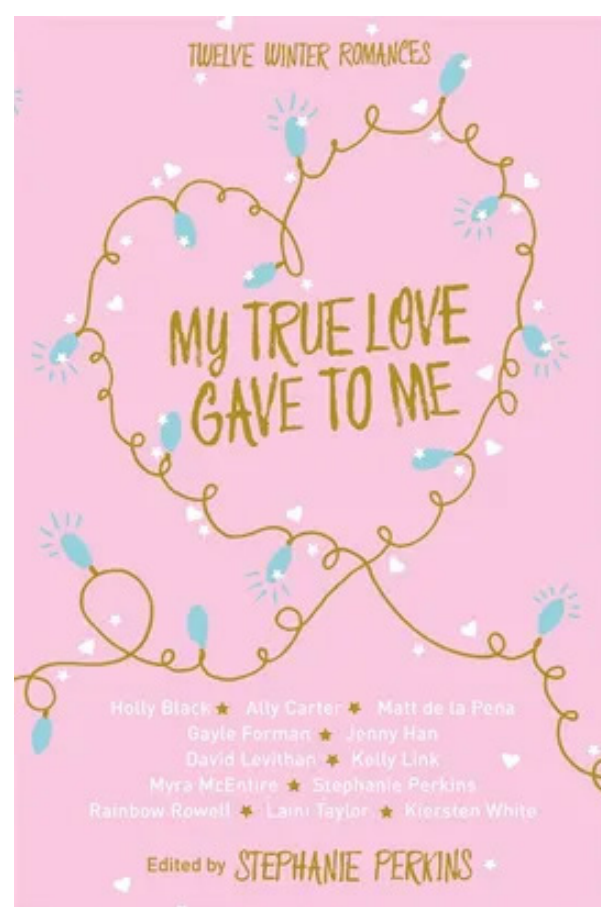


**Fritz and Kurt**  
Jeremy Dronfield

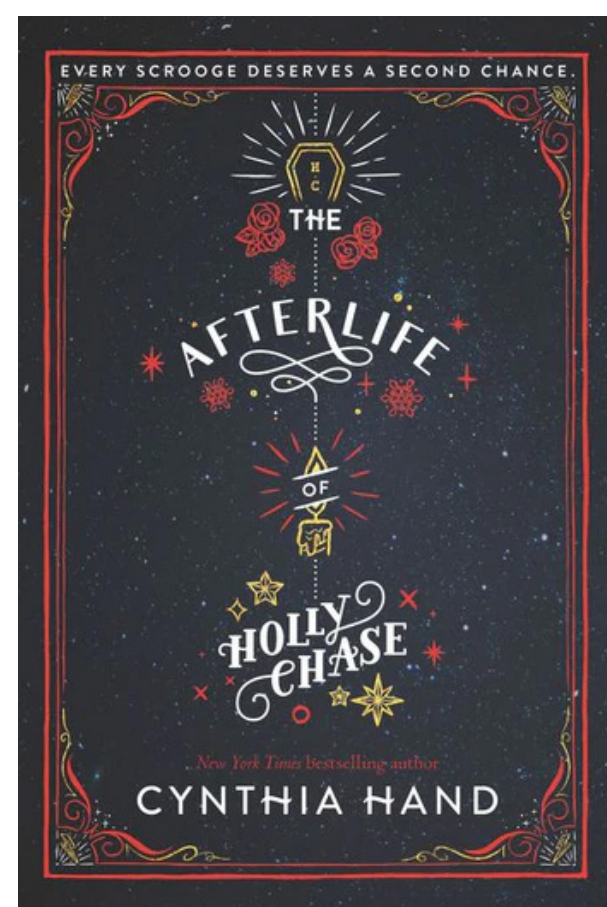
## Festive picks



**Mistletoe and Murder**  
Robin Stevens

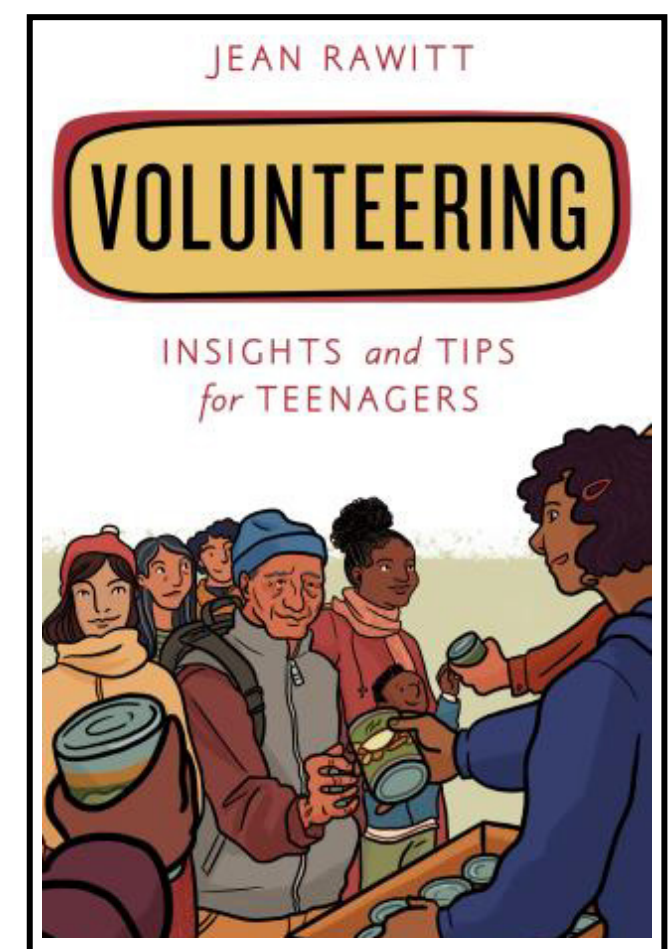


**My True Love Gave to Me**  
Various,  
editor: Stephanie Perkins



**The Afterlife of Holly Chase**  
Cynthia Hand

## International Volunteer Day



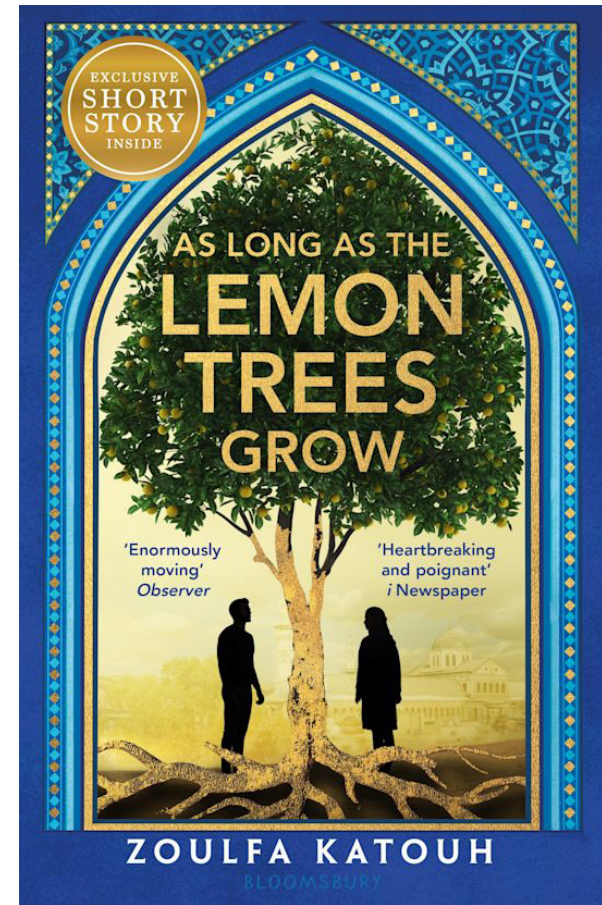
**Volunteering**  
Jean Rawitt



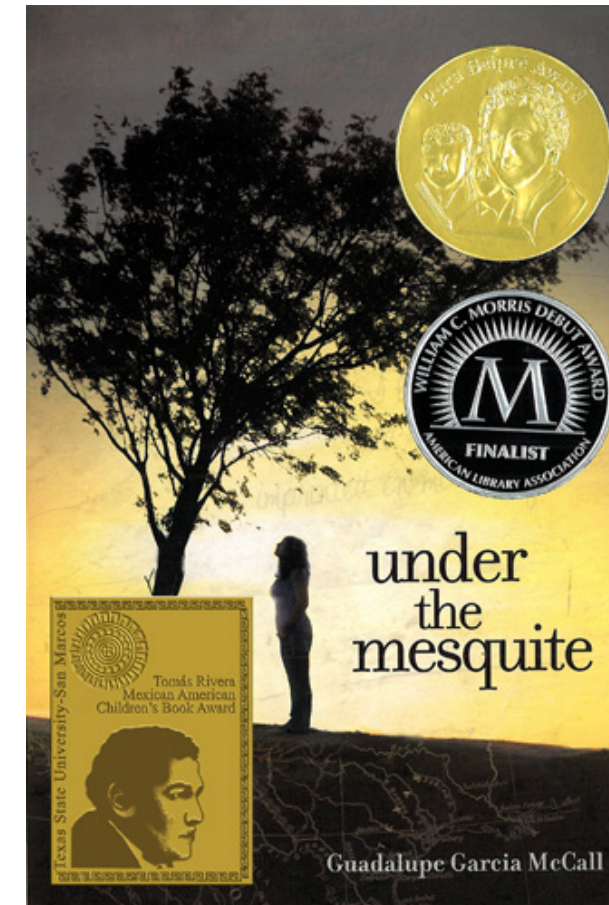
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Ages 14-16

## National Tree Week

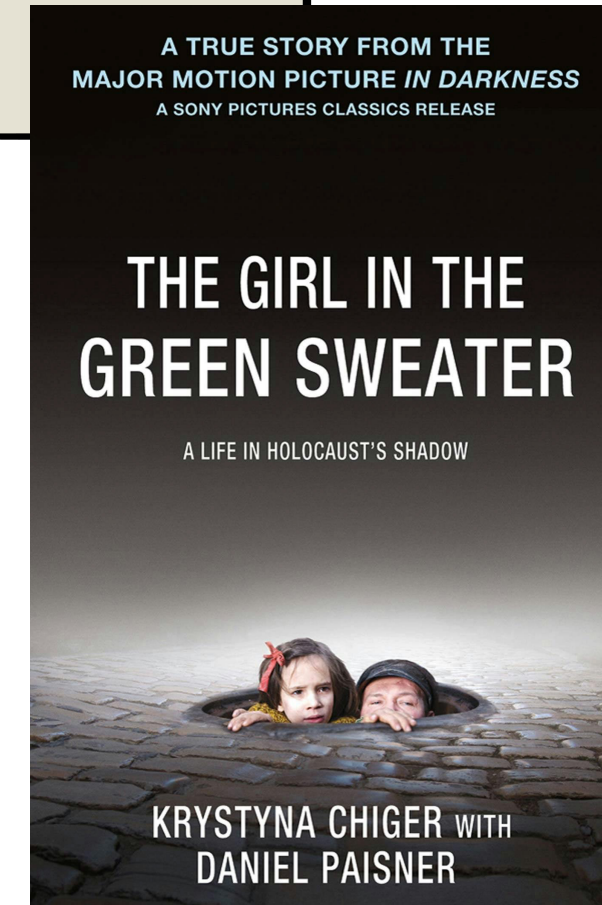


**As Long As the  
Lemon Trees Grow**  
Zouflla Katouh

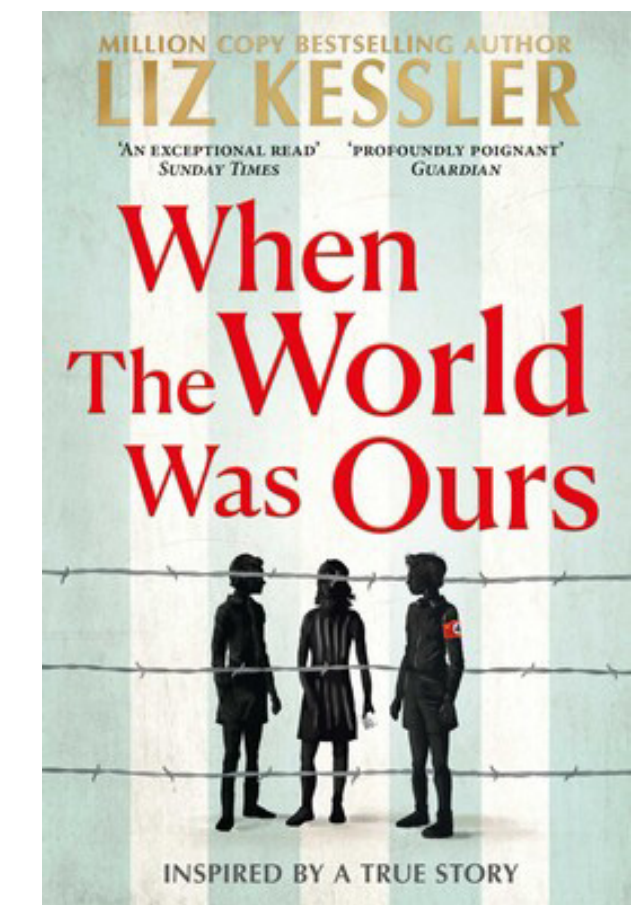


**Under the Mesquite**  
Guadalupe Garcia  
McCall

## Holocaust Memorial Day

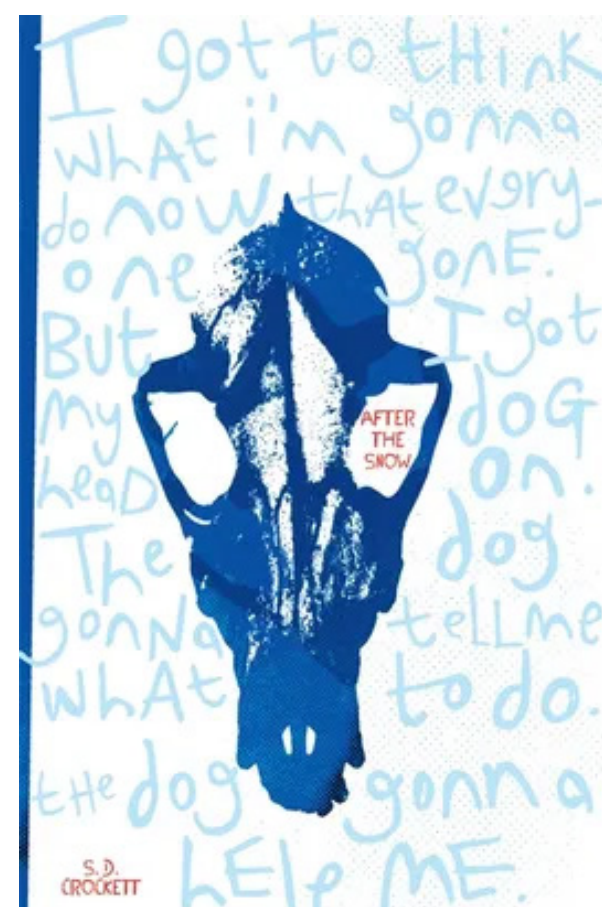


**The Girl in the  
Green Sweater**  
Krystyna Chiger

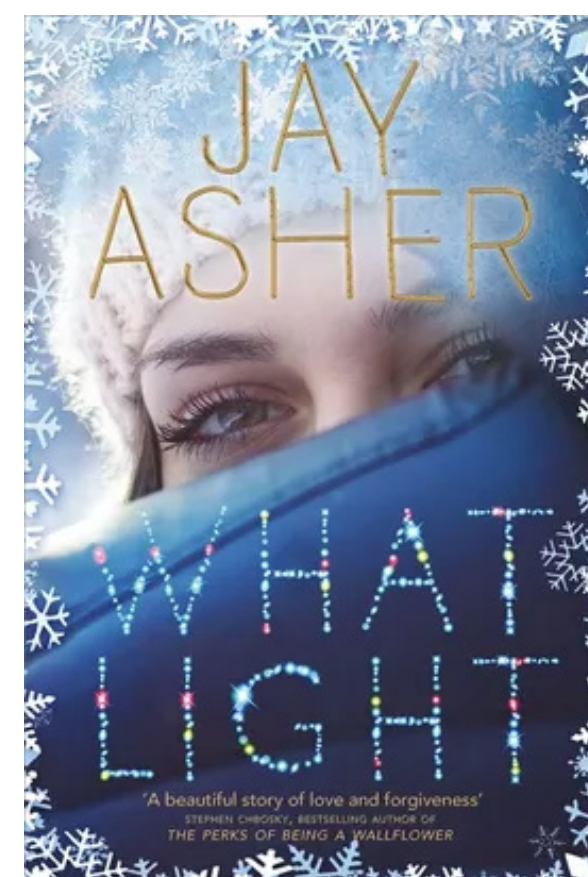


**When the World  
Was Ours**  
Liz Kessler

## Festive picks



**After the Snow**  
S. D. Crockett

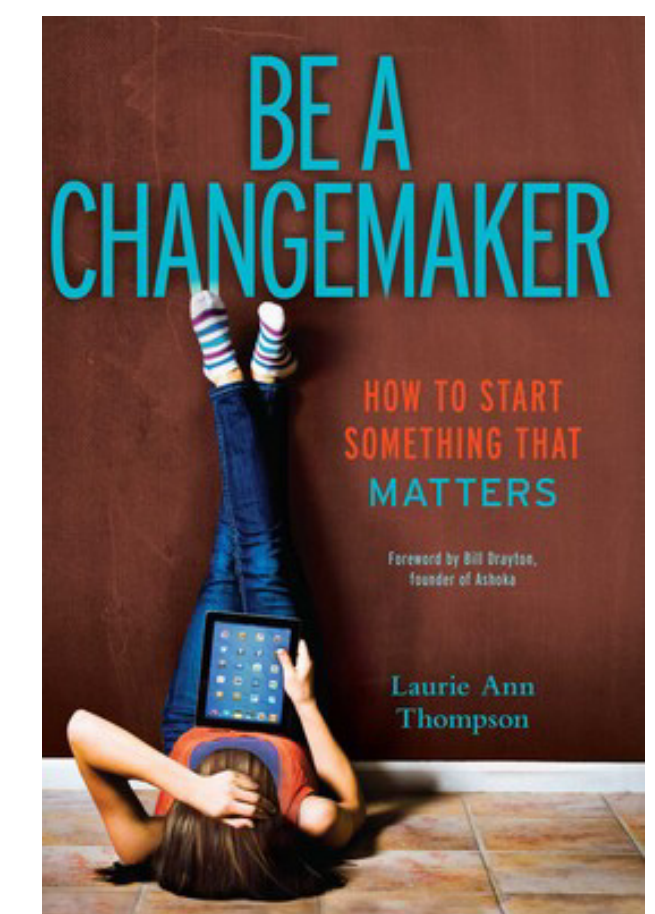


**What Light**  
Jay Asher



**The Winter Place**  
Alexander Yates

## International Volunteer Day



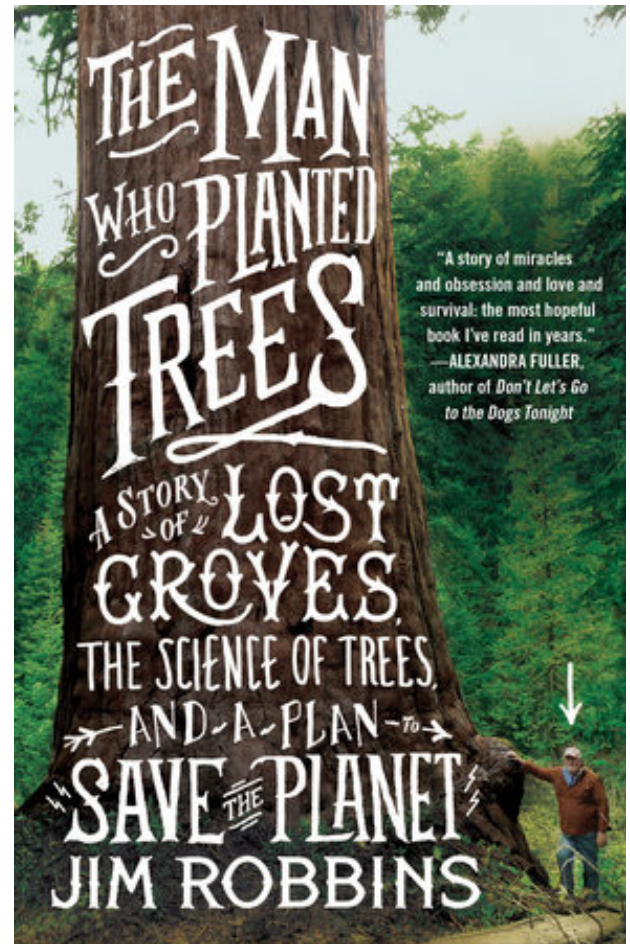
**Be a Changemaker**  
Laurie Ann  
Thompson



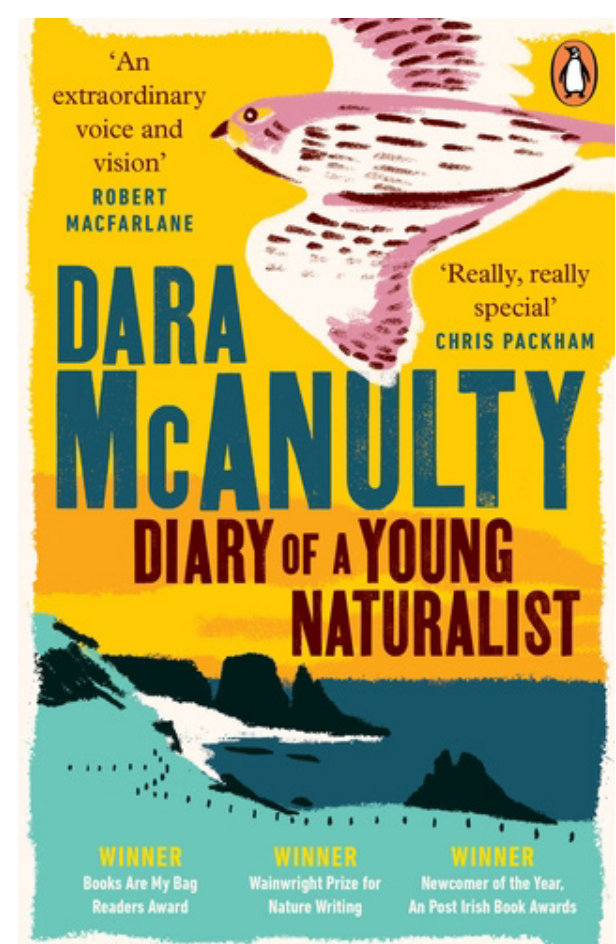
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Ages 16-18

## National Tree Week

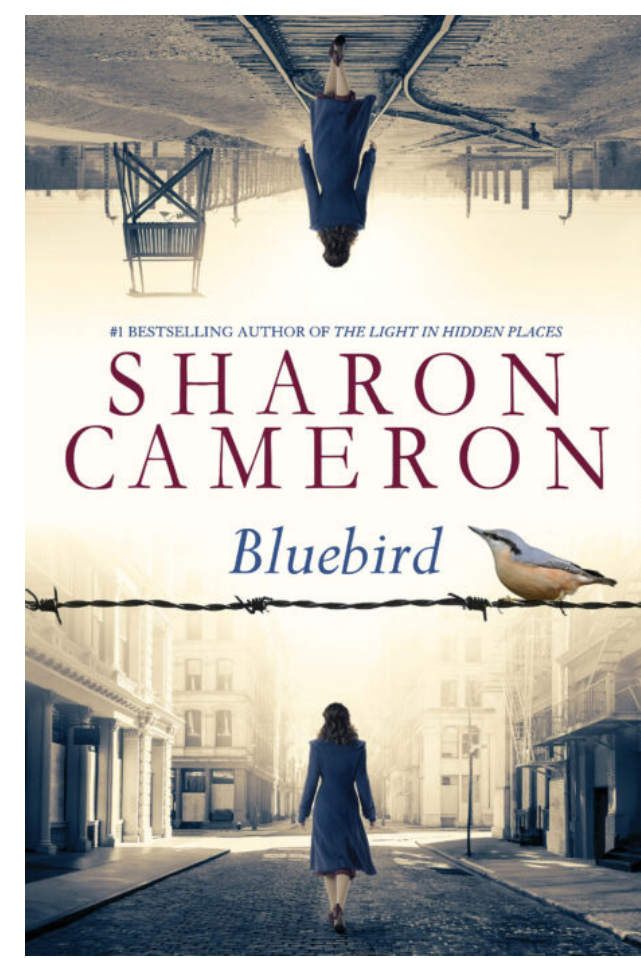


**The Man Who Planted Trees**  
Jim Robbins

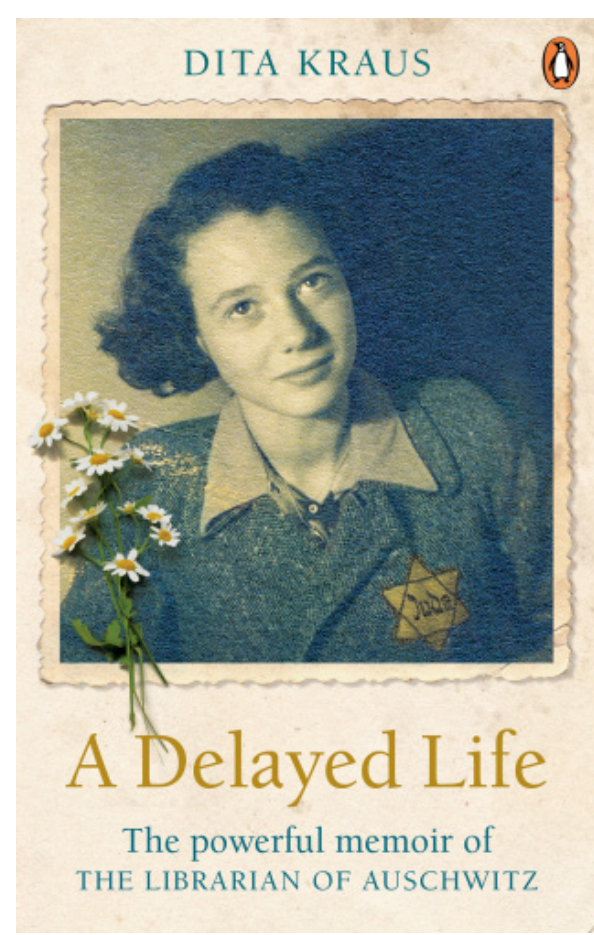


**Diary of a Young Naturalist**  
Dara McAnulty

## Holocaust Memorial Day



**Bluebird**  
Sharon Cameron

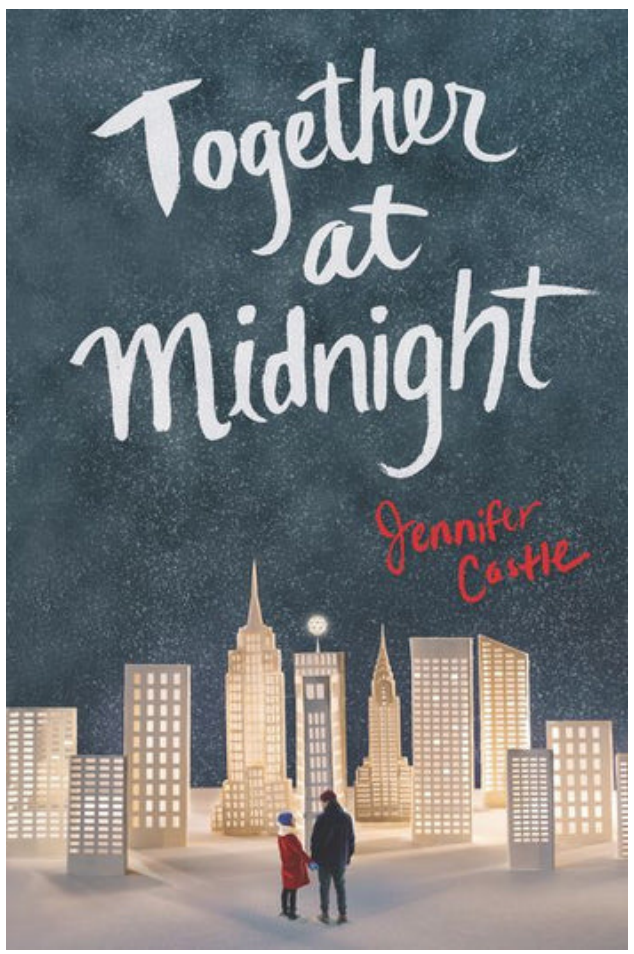


**Delayed Life**  
Dita Kraus

## Festive picks



**Snowglobe**  
Soyoung Park

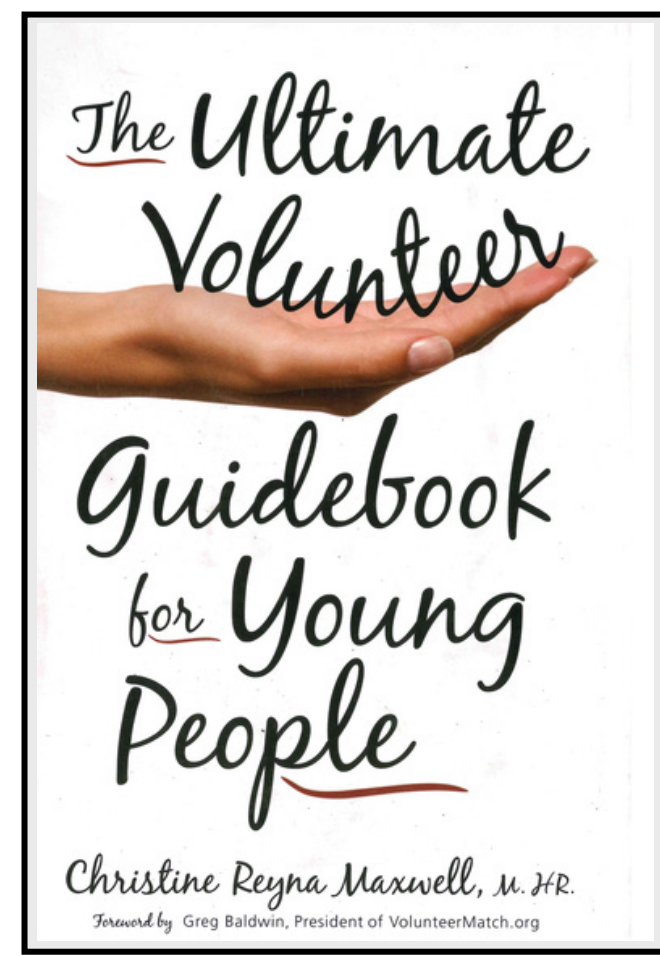


**Together at Midnight**  
Jennifer Castle



**The Paper Bag Christmas**  
Kevin Alan Milne

## International Volunteer Day



**The Ultimate Volunteer Guidebook for Young People**  
Christine Reyna Maxwell



# Publisher info



## **PRIMARY Ages 4-7**

The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle – 9781416979173 – Little Simon

The Hugging Tree – Jill Neimark – 9781433819070 – Magination Press

Just Help!: How to Build a Better World – Sonia Sotomayor – 9780593206263 – Philomel Books

Malina's Jam – Svetla Radivoeva – 9781368024587 – Disney Press

Hold On to Your Music – Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen – 9780316463133 – Little, Brown Young Readers US

The Tree in the Courtyard – Jeff Gottesfeld – 9780385753975 – Bantam Doubleday Dell

The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland – Carys Bexington – 9781509882212 – Macmillan Children's Books

Winnie-the-Pooh at the Palace – Jeanne Willis – 9781529070415 – Macmillan Children's Books

## **PRIMARY Ages 8-11**

Kate Who Tamed the Wind – Liz Garton Scanlon – 9781101934791 – Schwartz & Wade Books

The Girl who Talked to Trees – Natasha Farrant – 9781800242234 – Zephyr

The Can Man – Laura E Williams – 9781600602665 – Lee & Low Books

Change Sings – Amanda Gorman – 9780241535844 – Puffin

The Dollmaker of Krakow – R. M. Romero – 9781406379822 – Walker Books

Anna at War – Helen Peters – 9781788004718 – Nosy Crow Ltd

Winter Tales – Dawn Casey – 9781787416871 – Templar Publishing

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans – Alex T Smith – 9781035028177 – Macmillan Children's Books



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## **SECONDARY Ages 11-14**

The Priory of the Orange Tree – Samantha Shannon – 9781408883358 – Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

The Lie Tree – Frances Hardinge – 9781509868162 – Macmillan Children's Books

Volunteering: Insights and Tips for Teenagers – Jean Rawitt – 9781538129753 – Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

Hitler's Canary – Sandi Toksvig – 9780440866626 – Random House

Fritz and Kurt – Jeremy Dronfield – 9780241565742 – Puffin

Mistletoe and Murder – Robin Stevens – 9780141369723 – Puffin

My True Love Gave to Me – Various, Editor: Stephanie Perkins – 9781447272816 – Macmillan Children's Books

The Afterlife of Holly Chase – Cynthia Hand – 9780062318503 – Harper Collins

## **SECONDARY Ages 14-16**

As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow – Zoulfa Katouh – 9781526648549 – Bloomsbury YA

Under the Mesquite – Guadalupe Garcia McCall – 9781600604294 – Lee & Low Books

Be A Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters – Laurie Ann Thompson – 9781582704647 – Simon Pulse/ Beyond Words

The Girl in the Green Sweater – Krystyna Chiger with Daniel Paisner – 9780312376567 – St. Martin's Press

When the World Was Ours – Liz Kessler – 9781471196805 – Simon & Schuster

After the Snow – S D Crocket – 9781447201175 – Macmillan Children's Books

The Winter Place – Alexander Yates – 9781471123832 – Simon & Schuster Children's UK

What Light – Jay Asher – 9781509840762 – Macmillan Children's Books



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The Ultimate Volunteer Guidebook for Young People – Christine Reyna Maxwell – 9781594160585 – Westholme

Bluebird – Sharon Cameron – 9781338355963 – Scholastic Press

A Delayed Life: The True Story of the Librarian of Auschwitz – Dita Kraus – 9781529106053 – Ebury Press

Together at Midnight – Jennifer Castle – 9780062250513 – Harperteen

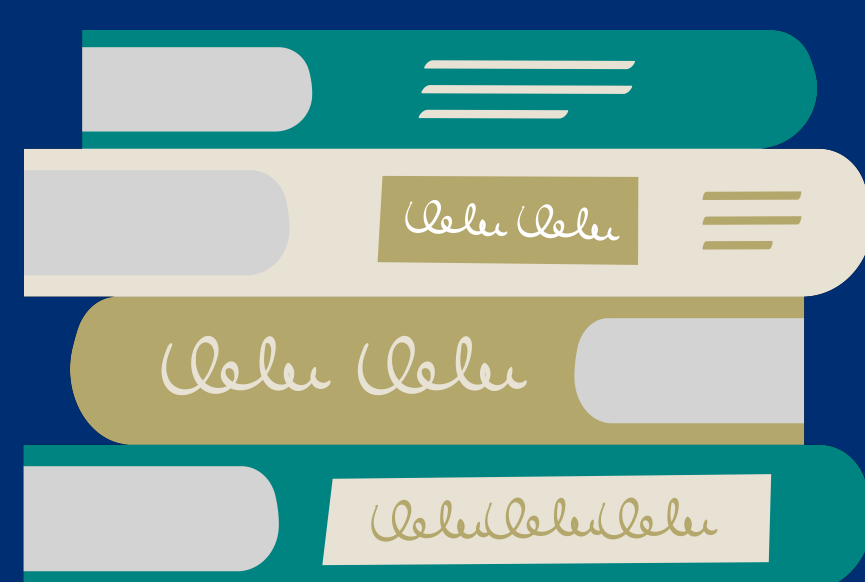
Snowglobe – Soyoung Park – 9780241681060 – Penguin

The Paper Bag Christmas – Kevin Alan Milne – 9781478974765 – Center Street





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