

“Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.”

Mason Cooley

Poem of the Week

‘Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening’ by Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound’s the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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Another great Shakespeare moment

Shylock is the Jewish moneylender in *The Merchant of Venice* and one of Shakespeare’s most intriguing characters. In many ways he is the villain of the play and presented as a stereotype.

But Shakespeare also gives him this extraordinary speech in which he challenges the anti-semitic views of the Christian characters and perhaps those of the audience as well.
What do you think?

‘I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer, as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?’
(Act 3, scene 2)

Name those books

Cryptic descriptions in 10 words

1. Murder in the Louvre, a search for the holy grail
2. A long way home to Ithaka and lots of detours
3. Reverse racism, a game of tic tac toe, on tv
4. Master that double think or it’s Room 101 for you
5. It’s a nightmarish future for women (and men?) in Gilead

Name those colours

1. Arthur Conan Doyle, A Study in _____
2. Philip Pullman, The _____ Compass
3. Anthony Burgess, A Clockwork _____
4. Zadie Smith, _____ Teeth
5. E L James, Fifty Shades of _____
6. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, _____ Hibiscus
7. Jack London, _____ Fang

What colour connects these?

1. A novel by Stephen King
2. A Book by Dr Seuss
3. A medieval story about Sir Gawain

THINK YOU KNOW YOUR HARRY POTTER STUFF?

May 2nd is **International Harry Potter Day!** HP fans celebrate the end of the Second Wizarding War and the final defeat of Lord Voldemort. Try the Bookstuff quiz.



Enchanted objects

1. Detects the liars and shady characters around you
2. A device for writing fake news?
3. It might help you get there on time or alter the whole fabric of reality
4. The broom that Malfoy buys the whole Slytherin quidditch team

Beasts

5. A giant serpent. Look straight into its eyes and you die
6. Half horse, half eagle, they're proud and very dangerous
7. The wizarding prison guards who drain peace, hope and happiness out of everything
8. Drinking their blood will give you a kind of immortality but at a terrible price

Who are they? And who played them in the films?

9. 'He was tall, thin and very old, judging by the silver of his hair and beard, which were both long enough to tuck into his belt.' (2 actors)
10. 'I can teach you how to bottle fame, brew glory, even stopper death – if you aren't as big a bunch of dunderheads as I usually have to teach' (3 actors)

And a few bigger questions to think about

- What do you think about the way justice works in the wizarding world? Is it a just place?
- Is Hogwarts a good model for how we should raise and teach our children
- The mirror of Erised shows what you really desire. What would you see if you looked in it?

ANSWERS

Name those books: The da Vinci Code, The Odyssey, Noughts and Crosses, 1984, The Handmaid's Tale

Name those colours: Scarlet, Golden, Orange, White, Grey, Purple, White

What colour connects them?: GREEN – The Green Mile, Green Eggs & Ham, Sir Gawain & the Green Knight
Harry Potter

1. Sneakoscope
2. Quick Quotes Quill
3. Time Turner
4. Nimbus 2001
5. Basilisk
6. Hippogriff

7. Dementor
8. Unicorn
9. Dumbledore (Richard Harris in HP and the Philosopher's Stone and HP and the Chamber of Secrets, Michael Gambon in all the rest)
10. Severus Snape (Alan Rickman in all HP films, Alec Hopkins in HP and the Order of the Phoenix, Benedict Clarke in HP and the Deathly Hallows)



