

ADULT BOOK REVIEWS.

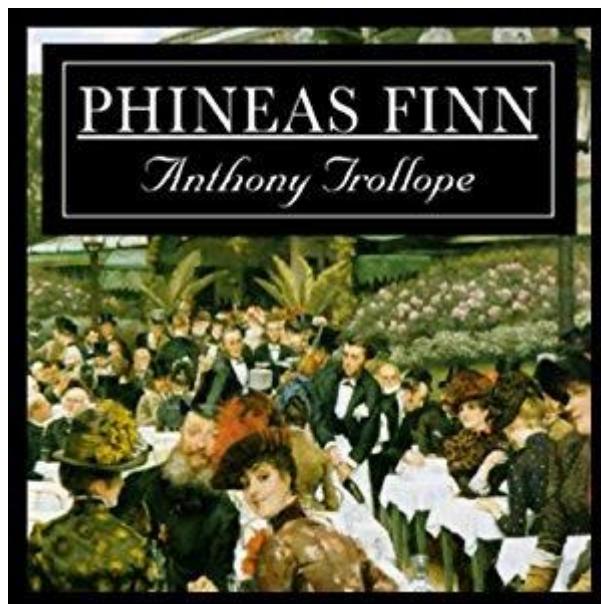
The adults in our school also love reading. We like to share stories or non-fiction books with one another and recommend authors whose work we have enjoyed.

Have a look at our book reviews you may see something that catches your interest that you would like to try.

Mr. Boland.

I have just finished reading **Phineas Finn by Anthony Trollope**.

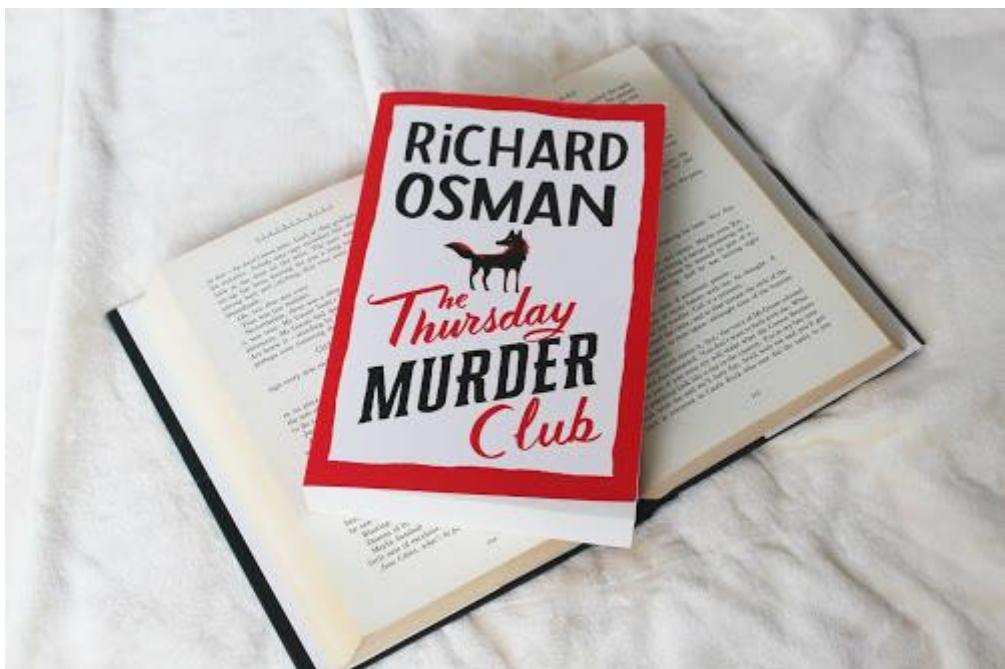
People say you choose between Trollope or Dickens as to which you prefer. Having read both, I can say I prefer Dickens. It was a long book and I enjoyed it and learned a lot about politics in England and Ireland in the late 1800's.



Mrs Cooper.

I recommend **The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman.**

4 friends living in a retirement home meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. Soon our 4 friends are investigating a murder right on their doorstep. This book is fun to read as it is not only hilarious in parts it also has a really clever plot and keeps you guessing right up until the very end. I love a good twist in the story!

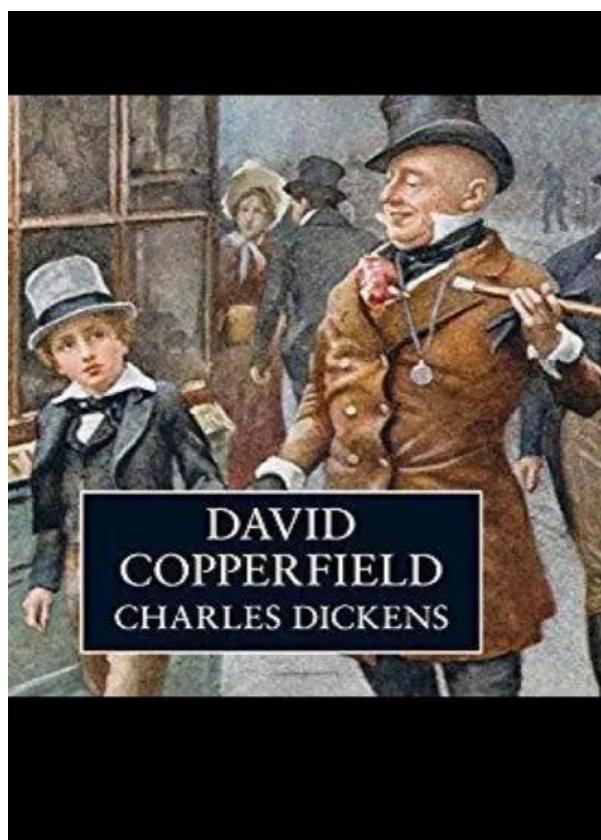


Mr. Magill.

Book review- **David Copperfield by Charles Dickens.**

What a fantastic book! I have been reading this over the past several months to my son, Rory (2), and Mrs Magill whilst Rory settles to sleep. I have loved it. The book follows the life of the protagonist, David Copperfield; it has many moments where I have laughed out loud and quite a few moments where I had to stop reading out loud for a second because I had started to cry.

As with any Dickens' novel, it was fantastically well-written. The detail included in each description, be it of character or setting is unbelievable. There were many a time where I had to reread a particular passage because it was just so well-written. Again, one of Dickens' strengths is that every character that is introduced or every plot thread is returned to at some point within the book and I found this satisfying. You find yourself really caring for David and the other characters around him.

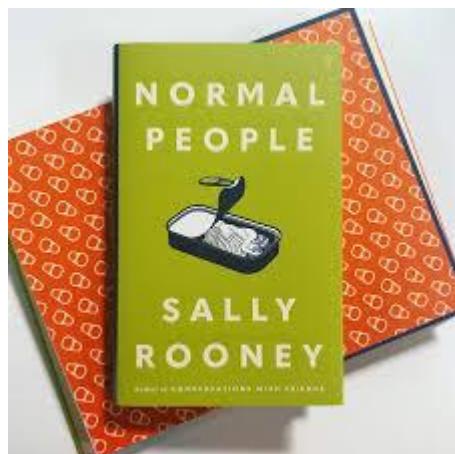


I would recommend this book to those who have built up a stamina to read and enjoy a really good story to get stuck into. Do not worry that it is a long book, I read about 6-10 pages a night and still thoroughly enjoyed it.

If you like the sound of this but think it is a bit too long to start with, why not try 'A Christmas Carol'? It is well known but I think you will love Dickens' writing style all the same.

Mrs Wright.

I have just read **Normal People by Sally Rooney**. I loved how well it was written and how the characters developed, following the lives of two young people during their university years. It was also made into a series which very closely followed the book, this was a refreshing change.



Mr Craig.

I enjoy reading historical fiction loosely based on fact. At the moment I am enjoying reading books by the author **Conn Iggulden**.

I have read his series of books on Ancient Rome and Genghis Khan, stories fabricated around historical events.

Currently, I am reading **The Falcon of Sparta** which is enjoyable to read both as a story and for learning new facts about the times it is written in. I would highly recommend this author to anyone interested in history.



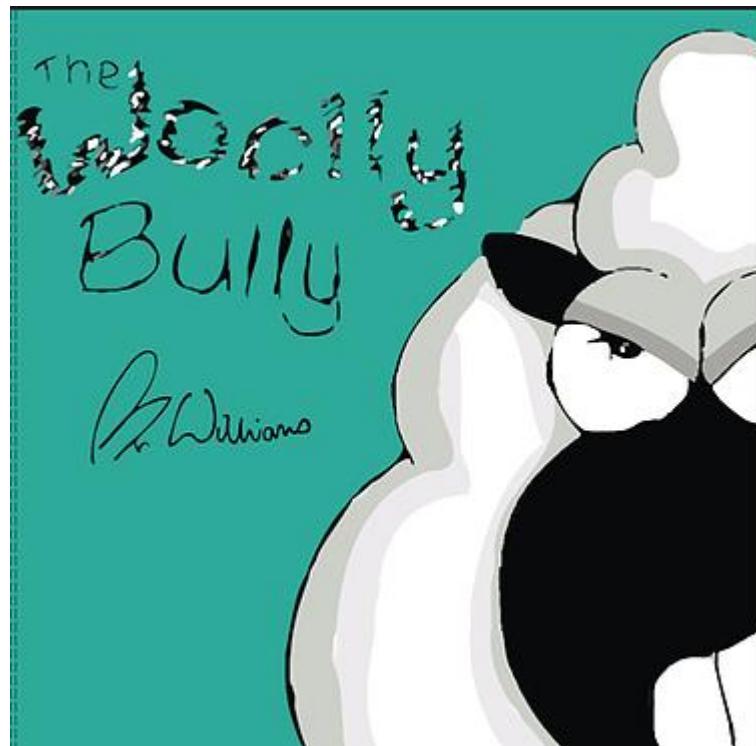
Mr. Williams



I'm Not Chicken!

The first therapeutic story written **by Mr Williams**, I'm Not Chicken tells the story of Charlie the Chicken and his friend Harry the Hare as Charlie challenges himself to follow Harry on an adventure and prove to himself and others how brave he can be!

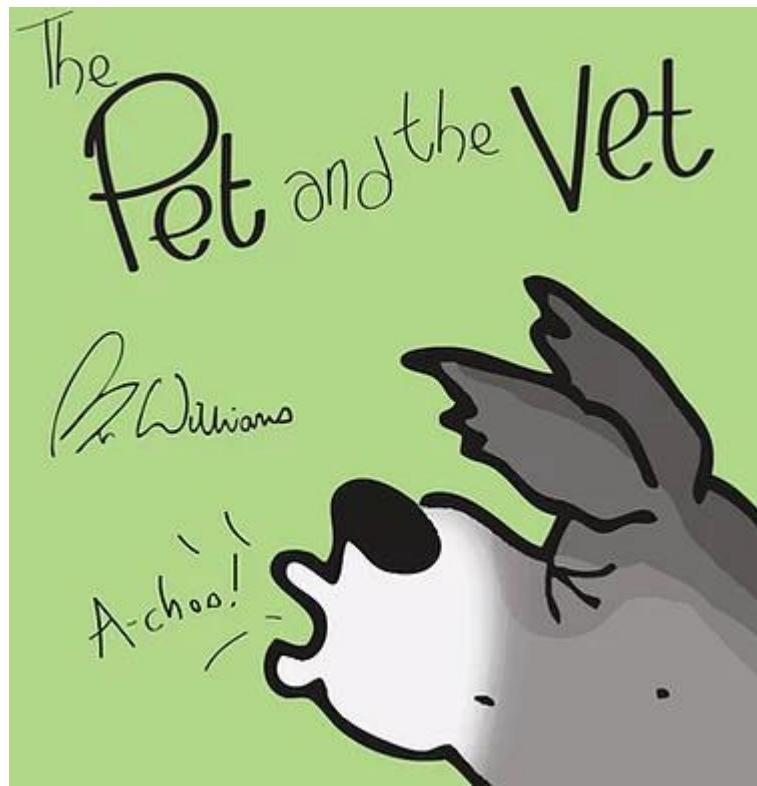
Written in Mr Williams' signature rhyming style, with colourful illustrations, I'm Not Chicken aims to help young people who lack confidence in new situations or to try new things.



The Woolly Bully by Mr. Williams.

Book two in the Charlie the Chicken & Friends series introduces new characters including Sally, a sheep who spends most of her time picking on other animals on the farm. One day, after witnessing Sally picking on his friend Charlie, Harry decides to do something about her bullying ways...

The Woolly Bully looks at the issue of bullying from both the point of view of the bully and the victim, exploring what to do if you or a friend is being bullied and why people may be led to bully in the first place.



The Pet and the Vet by Mr. Williams.

Introducing Swift the sheep dog - an ordinary pet, who's afraid of the vet! The Pet and the Vet aims to ease the fears of children who worry at general illness or trips to the doctor.

“Absolutely fantastic story! This reflects the thoughts of many children that come to our paediatric unit and I’m certain this would help alleviate some of their worries and anxieties if ever they had to visit us” - James Lewis, Ward Manager, Whiston Hospital Paediatric Unit.

“A thoroughly entertaining read, just the job to help any worried little patients before a trip to their doctor’s appointment!” - Dr Ryan Peers, GP and Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics

