



# QM Library Newsletter

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## IN DEPTH

**MISBORN** (series)  
by Brandon Sanderson

*Mistborn* is a trilogy which rivals even the best magic and adventure books. Published in 2006-2008 and written by Brandon Sanderson, this series is a creative take on the fantasy genre, following the story of a street urchin named Vin, in a world unlike ours.

Vin is different from other *skaa*, the term in the Final Empire for the poor and enslaved. She is a Mistborn, a title for a person who has the power to 'burn' and control metal, to manipulate minds, and enhance physical attributes. This power catches the infamous Kelsier's eye, who is another Mistborn, experienced and powerful. He and his crew of Misting thieves, people who can burn only 1 of the 10 metals, have one goal in mind: overthrow the Lord Ruler the 'God' of the Final Empire, holding almost limitless power- or so it seems.

Though this series could prove a challenging read, I believe that it is worth the time, and I highly recommend it.

**Idris (Year 9)**

## WHAT'S ON?

There are book clubs for the following years:

Year 7: Thursday, 13:30, Q3

Year 8: Monday, 13:30, M3

Year 9: Wednesday, 13:30, Q3

Script-reading groups are running:

KS3: Monday, 13:00, M1

KS4/5: Friday, 13:30, Q3

Students in Years 10 to 12 are also welcome to solve language puzzles in M2 each Monday at 13:15.

The English Department would like to gauge interest in a classics reading group, focused on Greek tragedy, and a public speaking group. Please speak to PRD.

## QUICK REVIEWS

**MURDER ON THE SAFARI STAR**  
by M.G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman

The *Adventures on Trains* series just keeps on getting better and better – *Murder on The Safari Star* is the third outing for Hal and Uncle Nat, and this time, there is an actual murder to solve... Or is there?!

As with all the books in this series, *Safari Star* is a high-speed adventure, full of mystery, chaos, humour, and friendship. Bringing a cast together of both likeable and detestable characters, this is a classic locked-room conundrum. As the story hurtles to its dramatic conclusion, can you solve it before Hal?

This book is perfect for fans of trains, mysteries, and real-life adventure. If you enjoy *Alex Rider*, *Cherub* and *Murder Most Unladylike*, you should definitely give these books a try!

**Mrs Walker (Librarian)**

## WINK

by Rob Harrell

This book follows a young Year 7 boy called Ross who is diagnosed with a very rare type of cancer. His only option is to have radiation treatment although it will mean he will permanently lose his vision. He gets bullied for having to wear a hat to keep sun light off his face. The man who operates the radiation beams offers to teach Ross how to play guitar. Ross gains the courage to finally perform in his school talent show. It's a hilarious but quite tragic novel.

**Aman (Year 8)**

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

from **MOONFLOWER MURDERS**  
by Anthony Horowitz

The greatest evil occurs when people, no matter what their aims or motives convinced that they are right.

## THEATRE

**GRIMEBOY**  
by Casey Bailey

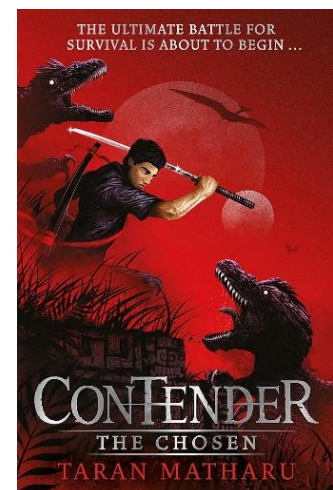
Few productions greet their audiences with the low lighting and boisterous beats of a rave. In this *GrimeBoy*, a new play by Birmingham Poet Laureate Casey Bailey, was unique.

The play, which a group of Year 8s and Year 12s caught in a matinee performance at the Birmingham Rep, tells the story of GrimeBoy who longs to be the greatest grime artist of his generation. Its story of the relationship between art and violence, friendship and the loss of young life are told through a mixture of rap and prose dialogue that together make for a memorable and exciting dramatic experience.

The *mise en scène* was a highlight, producing a fluid dramatic space dominated by looming stereo speakers that are transformed by turns and the actions of the four-man cast (three principals and a DJ in a role like a Greek chorus) into the seats of a bus, the tower-blocks of the inner city and the cosy comfort of a bedroom.

A unique play about the pain and value of hope.

## JUDGING BY COVERS



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