

Welcome to The Musical Menagerie! Your one stop shop for all the best musical recommendations!

This article covers many genres of music, bands and such, and hopefully will put a smile on your face or find something you like!



# **Graham Kartna**

I absolutely adore Graham Kartna's work, especially Graham's 'An Obsession With Kit' album. It's amazing and I adore the theme of it.

Their work has been popularised by the online series 'ENA' created by Joel G on YouTube and due to this, Graham has gained some traction, not much, however.

The music itself is themed around the internet, and it shows. The chiptune sounds makes it feel like it comes from a video game.

They have other albums too and I highly recommend you try listening

to their stuff.

# Inabakumori

For those Japanese fans out there, I would really recommend Inabakumori's songs.

I found out about them from scrolling through Youtube and saw a meme of it. I was interested in the original and found it.

Their most popular song is ' $\mathcal{I}$ '  $\mathcal{I}$ ' (Lagtrain) and is very good. It, however, is kind of depressing when you translate it, but not as depressing as most other songs that you can find from Japanese artists.

Overall, I suggest you give them a go, and if it's not your cup of tea, that's fine.





## **Lemon Demon**

Lemon Demon is a perfect pick for anyone's playlist. The songs are always weird and wacky and his songs always have some kind of story and it's very interesting. My personal favourite is 'Cabinet Man' from the Spirit Phone. It is stunning. I can't fathom the amount of love I have for the song. I beg of you to try their stuff. It's truly amazing.

-Jack Oliver

# READ FOR GOOD

Read for Good is helping children in hospital deal with their traumatic time.

Taking part in a Read for Good read-a-thon is a brilliant way to get reading and raising money to help provide much-needed books and storytellers for your nearest major children's hospital.

#### All you have to do is:

- Choose what you want to read
- Ask family and friends (never strangers) to sponsor you per book, per page, per 10 minutes. It's up to you!
- encourage sponsors to pay online at readforgood.org (link is below to check out any other information) https://readforgood.org/



Read for Good travels to children's hospitals to read stories to the kids. It can be very difficult to express your imagination with the thought of operations and many more traumatic experiences, which children go through in hospitals. Read for Good have a wide range of ages they read to, from a very young age to teenagers. It may not seem like much but when you are in hospital it is like an adventure to read books and widen your thoughts.

Whitmore High School is raising money for Read for Good by doing a sponsorship for how much pupils can read in a certain time. With the Money we raise we will be using 20% on our school books, and the rest will go to Read for Good. All schools across the UK received a £ 1 book token from Read for Good. This can be used in many shops will get you a free book from their Read for Good section. This was done for children in the UK who can't necessarily afford books to read. This token will end on the 27th March 2022.

# Saint David's Day

Saint David was not only the Archbishop of Wales in the 6th Century, he was the Patron Saint. These are known to be protectors and guardians of life. He is celebrated all around Wales as Welsh children dress in Welsh Lady costumes and rugby shirts, this is to show their appreciation of their culture.

There is also a national Eisteddfod. At the Eisteddfod, you can learn easy Welsh phrases, you can compete in different competitions such as; acting, solo singers, choirs and poetry. Find out more <a href="here">here</a>

This is a celebration of Saint David in Wales. Most Welsh people go as it helps them celebrate their culture and improve their knowledge of Wales too. You can celebrate being Welsh by pinning a daffodil or leek to your shirt, dressing up in costumes and much more.

# Ukraine crisis

Ukraine day is on the 25th of march, on this day you can wear yellow and/or blue. This day is to raise money and awareness to help Ukraine with all damage. you have to bring in £1 or more, all funds will go straight to the disasters emergency committee Ukraine humanitarian appeal.

if every child in the school donates £1 we could raise at least £1000, to really help out the needs of the Ukrainian people, this money could give the people a hand with basic needs such as food, clean water, and destruction help.



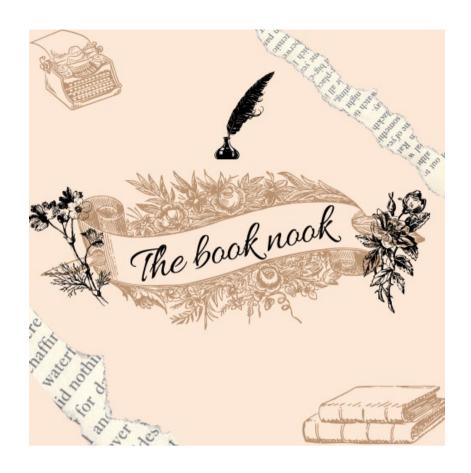




#### Uncharted review:



Uncharted was a good film and definitely worth a watch; but it wasn't anything special. The cast was amazing, such as Tom Holland as Young Nathan Drake and Mark Wahlberg as Sully (Victor Sullivan). The movie is about how Victor reminds Nathan of a lost fortune that was lost 500 years ago. Nathan and Victor then go on a journey of the ages to find the treasure. The movie reminds me a little bit of Indiana Jones mixed with Pirates of the Caribbean. The movie is apparently nothing like the game (I haven't played the games)



Your go to stop for everything bookish!

Written by Rhian Davis and Phoebe Bond, and Lucia Nicholson

## March Recommendations:

- Circe by Madeline Miller 13+ (Click here for TW's)
- Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid 13+ (Click here for TW's)
- The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow (Click here for TW's)
- The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton (Suitable for any age)
  - Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (Suitable for ages 11+)

# <u>The Ten Thousand Doors of January review, by Phoebe</u> <u>Bond</u>

The Ten Thousand Doors of January is an amazing book about a girl called January who lives a quiet and privileged life in Lock house. As the ward of the wealthy Mr. Locke, January yearns for excitement and adventure, however she loses that part of herself over the years. One day, January discovers a book titled the "Ten Thousand Doors" and learns of "Doors", (Pathways to other worlds.) As January rekindles her past love of adventure, she realises her life isn't as perfect as it seems, and some people are y et to reveal their true identities.

The Ten Thousand Doors of January is an amazing novel I would recommend to anyone. It has beautiful descriptions and lively characters. I found it a thoroughly enjoyable read and was an easy 5 stars from me!

Here is a link to more reviews on Goodreads!

# The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo Review, by Lucia Nicholson

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo is a historical fiction novel and ever since reading it months ago has become one of my favourites. The story is a series of memories that you live through while Evelyn tells her story during her interview with journalist Monique Grant. Jenkins Reid is an amazing author and she creates such a vivid picture with characters such as Evelyn, Celia and Harry.

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## Circe Review, by Rhian Davis

Circe is a Greek Mythology book with a spin. The author of this book is Madeline Miller. The plot is completely unexpected but it has the same myths retold in a different and modern way. The character development is crafted in such a delicate way and the characters are so memorable. The names can get confusing at times but their personality will always stay with you. You will enjoy the rollercoaster Madeline takes you on. There's ups and downs, twists and turns, you are always on the edge of your seat.

The story is great because you can easily binge - read the book and she always leaves you wanting more. Overall, you must put Circe as priority on your book li st.

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### The Famous Five series review, by Rhian Davis

The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton is a series suitable for everyone. It is targeted towards younger audiences but anyone and everyone can enjoy it. The adventures they go on are so different but everyone enjoys them. The characters are so adorable and relatable at times. Also, they have a very cute dog called "Timothy". The storyline is well

written and you should definitely read this for a relaxing read. It is an easy read so it's a win-win situation!

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# Little Women Review,

by Lucia Nicholson.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott is a series suitable for 11+, though the book was put for a 9+ but because of the themes used, I put it higher. Jo has been my favourite since I first read it but over the past two years, Amy has also interested me especially when looking at multiple perspectives with all the characters. One of the best things I love about this book is how the siste —rs can have their issues and arguments but in the end they care about each other and even when they don't see each other they still are thinking of the other and worrying.

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