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Controversy Over Books

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Reading List

Some of you may have heard it, some of you may not but this reading list is a special collection of 70 books from all over the Commonwealth to celebrate the Queen's long 70 year reign.

So how has it caused an outrage? Well, apart from finding sources of conflict the natural instinct of a 21st century human, one very well-known reason is the reading list doesn't include Harry Potter.

I have a feeling many of you are also outraged by this. How could this national treasure of story telling be left out?

The judges have thrown in their own explanation, saying that Harry Potter is a 'children's book', despite including other titles that could be classed as such.

A more reasonable answer would be the Wizarding World has had many visitors and that a reading list should have recommendations and not books people have read before.

What do you think about this topic?

I personally don't really mind. Either way, you should check out the reading list. Maybe you'll find something you like to read.



Technology News

William Fitzgerald

Self-healing materials made from 'jelly' and salt

The emergence of self healing materials that can aid cuts and wounds might not be as far into the future as we think. This cheap material can sense strain, temperature and humidity which helps it know when to heal. Then at room temperature it heals the wounded area by stretching and then re-generating the lost parts.

The EU-funded SHERO project, Hardman and his colleagues have developed this material that can help its self in the healing proses by stretching and then moulding using the salt as a grittier to bond the parts to recover the wound.

They use a chemical formula that includes salt and hydrogen as salt can be hidden in water thanks to its solubility to then be regathered and used. This could affect our lives dramatically as the idea of self healing materials can bring an age of the healing where cars regenerate after being damaged, writing equipment self erases the written marks on command and more!



Sports News

William Mayall

Rugby shocks

In the Six Nations, France have won another title. They were dominant the whole tournament and couldn't stop winning. Their 25-13 win over England just summarises how their competition went. They were not a shock winner however as their team is always a strong one.

The shock of the tournament would definitely be when Italy won against Wales. Italy came into the competition as one of the underdogs and the worst team in the tournament, losing all their games except from this one. Heartbreak for Wales fans who were optimistic coming into the competition.

Ireland beat Scotland 26-5 to claim their 12th ever triple crown. Ireland's Dane Sheenan won man of the match as he scored the opening try.

At the end of the competition 1st was France, 2nd was Ireland, 3rd was England, 4th was Scotland, 5th was Wales and 6th was Italy.

Organisation Tips

Haania Qureshi

Have control of your busy life

Organisation can be considered as an important life skill that helps you control your busy life. Organisation leads to less stress, and you get things done easier as you know what you're doing. Everyone needs organisation during any period of time in their life; it is always a relevant thing. For students specifically, organisation is extremely important. Unfortunately this is not really taught in school, however after reading our tips and tricks, organisation can become a strength.

Here are our top 4 tips!

- 1) Write down all the things you have to do for the day/week, and list them in order of importance or due date. This helps your rushing mind figure out priorities.
- 2) Have a clean and healthy environment. Cleaning your room helps clear your mind and helps you organize things easier. If your room is a mess then your mind is likely to be a mess as well.
- 3) Do a spring clean! Get rid of things you don't need or will need. If you want to save the item for later make sure you **really** need it or else you may get into a hoarding habit. This also includes all of your papers and documents you don't need from previous years.
- 4) Sustain being organised. If you are organised one day but not organised the next day you are likely to get back into a bad habit of being unorganised.



Technology News

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Self driving delivery vehicles

While this idea has been around for a while, it has been added to by the new remote controls that utilise Tesla-like tech to be able to locate and avoid anything in its path.

This includes infrared cameras which detect heat signatures to be able to see humans and creatures. An example is if a biker is behind a parked car it would be out of sight but the natural human body heat can be displayed and then the system or driver can manoeuvre to accommodate. This can be life changing and help in no end of ways.

This can be mainly used in urban areas where it is unsafe for a human to pilot the vehicle! FedEx and Volkswagen have already utilised autonomous vehicles in countries such as China and Germany. Domino's Pizza and 7-Eleven are now experimenting with bringing food and products to American customers. The United States Postal Service is aiming to implement this service by 2025, projecting a deployment on 28,000 rural routes.

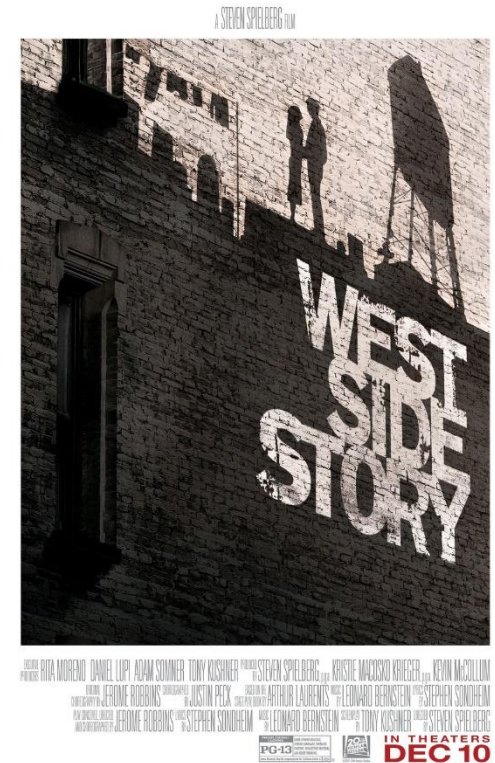


Film Of The Week

Nancy Clark

West Side Story (2021)

This film is based on the well known romantic musical from 1961. The film stars some new and well known faces including Rachel Zegler, Ansel Elgort and Ariana DeBose. It is directed by Steven Spielberg. The film follows the story of two young people living in 1957 New York City where the Americans and Puerto Ricans live side by side however the harmony is not always as it seems as the two groups The Jets and The Sharks become rivals in city dominance. There is a high school dance and this is where our two young meet, while glancing across the room, Maria and Tony catch love at first sight. Unfortunately for them, Maria's brother Bernardo is the head of the Sharks whereas Tony is an ex-convict trying to not get mixed up with the Jets so their love could never be or could it? West Side Story has won many awards including 3 Golden Globes, 2 BAFTA awards and more. The reviews are 92% on Rotten Tomatoes and a 7.3/10 on IMDb. This film is available to stream on Disney+ and to buy on Amazon Prime and Apple TV so head over there over to watch it now and the songs will be stuck in your head for weeks and weeks on end.



Historical News

Elliot Richardson Bushell

History in the month of May

There are many, many incredible events that happened in the month of May. Groundbreaking events fill this month's history over centuries of history. In this article, two of these affairs will be introduced and hopefully you will want to learn more. If you want to visit a website to find out about more there are several websites but personally I would recommend History UK.

On the 5th May 1821 Napoleon Bonaparte died on the very small British island of St Helena where the English imprisoned him there, as far away from France as they could get him. This was the second time he was exiled as he had escaped once before from an island close to France. He died at age 51 but some people believe that he survived as the cause of death still isn't fully known. Many conspiracy theories have been put forward but there is not much evidence for any of the assumptions. The official cause of death was stomach cancer but some believe foul play was involved. There is one theory that he was poisoned and this has some proof as there was an extraordinary amount of arsenic in a hair sample but this is not considered the complete truth as many people think that his house wallpaper contained arsenic.



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On the 8th May 1429 Joan of Arc (French warrior maiden) led the Dauphin's (the heir to the French throne) troops to victory over English warriors who were laying siege to the French city of Orleans. This was a major win for the French in the Hundred Year's War. The Hundred Year's War ended with the French victorious and it was the first time canons were used for warfare. This battle has gone down in history and Joan of Arc has become an international inspirational icon. She was born on 6th January 1412 so she was only 17 in the huge battle! In April of 1430 her army had lost a battle and she was captured. The English army paid for her to be captured and she stood trial in England. During her trial she stayed remarkably calm but sadly was sentenced to death. She died on 30th May 1431.



Technology News

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Elon Musk attempts to take over Twitter

Elon Musk has been known to be a spending addict but never before like this! After back and forth with his tweets being deleted because of Twitter's vigorous rules on what you can and cannot say, Musk has decided to buy Twitter and to change it to a 'digital town square' with less restrictions on what you say and a new style. This, for many, is an exciting prospect but Twitter executives do not like this idea and are actively trying to make the purchasing process harder and harder for Musk. This may also conflict with many regulators worldwide, which will require user-generated content platforms to implement robust content moderation systems.

So far, none of the preventions have stopped Elon Musk who follows the raised conditions with a better and better deal! After Elon Musk's \$44 billion deal to buy Twitter, EU officials have a message for the eccentric tech billionaire which, in short, states that even if Musk makes the purchase he will not be able to give all users free speech because the European Union forces large tech companies to more aggressively police content on their platforms.

"User-generated content platforms like Twitter and Facebook will be required to implement robust content moderation systems to ensure they can quickly take down illegal material such as hate speech, incitement to terrorism and child sexual abuse"

This is shooting down Musk's plan to give greater free speech but Musk's ideas keep rolling in and it is guessed by some that Elon.

Sports News

William Mayall

Fulham Back to the Premier League

Last year was a sad one for all Fulham fans, after only one season in the top tier of football, they returned to the Championship League, along with both West Brom and Sheffield United. It was 11 points that separated Fulham from their closest rival to the drop into the Sky Bet Championship, Burnley who, interestingly are not doing well in the Premier League this year with manager Sean Dyche sacked.

This year has been a great year for Fulham, having 26 wins from 42 games, and they are also the first team to be promoted to the Premier League this season. Bournemouth look like they may also be going up with 77 points with 22 wins, other competitors in the play-off places are Huddersfield Town, Luton Town, Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United.

At the top of the Championship goalscoring charts is Alexander Mitrovic from Fulham with an astounding 40 goals in 40 games with 7 assists also to his name. Dominic Solanke is the second top goal scorer in the Championship with a however less impressive record with 26 goals in 41 games for Bournemouth.

With Fulham doing so well in the Championship, will they replicate their form once back in the Premier League? Or will their rise be as short-lived as last time?