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# Reading Challenges



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Read Your Way...



Around the  
World

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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Around the World



| Author           | Book Title                                | Author           | Book Title                                    |
|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Gary Paulsen     | <b>Canada</b><br>Hatchet                  | Teresa Breslin   | <b>Scotland</b><br>Divided City               |
| Malala Yousafazi | <b>Pakistan</b><br>I am Malala            | Mildred Taylor   | <b>U.S.A.</b><br>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry |
| Candy Gourlay    | <b>Philippines</b><br>Bone Talk           | Mal Peet         | <b>Brazil</b><br>Exposure                     |
| Elizabeth Laird  | <b>Lebanon</b><br>Oranges in No Mans Land | Michael Morpurgo | <b>Africa</b><br>The Butterfly Lion           |
| Siobhan Dowd     | <b>Northern Ireland</b><br>Bog Child      | Chris Bradford   | <b>Japan</b><br>Young Samurai Series          |
| Bali Rai         | <b>India</b><br>City of Ghosts            | Marcus Sedgwick  | <b>Russia</b><br>Blood Red, Snow White        |

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Read Your Way Through...

# Numbers



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through Numbers

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| Author           | Book Title  | Author             | Book Title                                 |
|------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Morris Gleitzman | Once  | Rosemary Sutcliffe | Eagle of the Ninth                         |
| Andy Griffiths   | The 13-Storey Treehouse (or other books in series)  | Alex Bellos        | Alex's Adventures in Numberland            |
| Pittacus Lore    | I am Number Four (or any other book in this series) | Hans Magnus E.     | The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure |
| Edith Nesbit     | Five Children and It                                | Norton Juster      | The Phantom Tollbooth                      |

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Read Your Way Through...

Books of  
Black Origin



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through Books of Black Origin



| Author          | Book Title  | Author                | Book Title   |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| David Olusoga   | <b>Black and British: A Short Essential History</b> | Faridah Abike-Iyimide | <b>Ace of Spades</b>   |
| Alex Wheatle    | <b>The Humiliations of Welton Blake</b>             | Catherine Johnson     | <b>Freedom: 1789</b>   |
| Nic Stone       | <b>Dear Justyce</b>                                 | Kwame Mbalia          | <b>Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky</b>                    |
| Marcus Rashford | <b>You Are A Champion</b>                           | Jason Reynolds        | <b>Any book from the Track Series (Ghost, Lu, Patina or Sunny)</b> |

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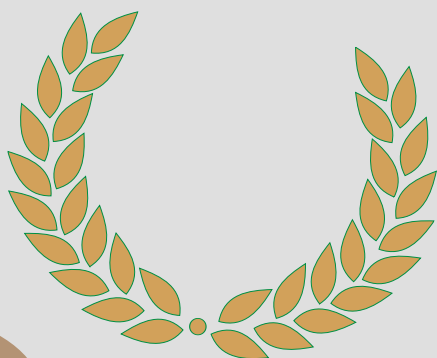


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# History



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through History



| Author            | Book Title   | Author        | Book Title  |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Tony Bradman      | Anglo-Saxon Boy <b>or</b> Viking Boy   | Hilary McKay  | The Skylark's War   |
| Catherine Johnson | Queen of Freedom: Defending Jamaica  | Markus Zusak  | The Book Thief  |
| Hayden Kaye       | The Girl Who Said No to the Nazis: Sophie Scholl and the Plot Against Hitler | Paul Dowswell | Ausland   |
| Michael Morpurgo  | Private Peaceful <b>or</b> War Horse   | Kekla Magoon  | The Flag Never Touched The Ground: America's Brave Black Regiment in Battle |

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Changing  
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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through a Changing Planet



| Author           | Book Title  | Author          | Book Title   |
|------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Sarah Crossan    | <b>Breathe</b>                                      | Neal Shusterman | <b>Dry</b>   |
| Sita Brahmachari | <b>Where the River Runs Gold</b>                    | J. G. Ballard   | <b>The Drought</b>   |
| Elizabeth Laird  | <b>Song of the Dolphin Boy</b>                      | Emily Diamand   | <b>Flood Child</b>   |
| Marcus Sedgwick  | <b>Floodland</b>                                    | Isabel Thomas   | <b>This Book is Not Rubbish: 50 Ways to Ditch Plastic, Reduce Rubbish and Save the World</b> |
| Greta Thunberg   | <b>You Are Never Too Small To Make a Difference</b> | Amanda Saint    | <b>Remember Tomorrow</b>   |

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Read Your Way Through...

Books of  
LGBTQ+ Origin



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through Books of LGBTQ+ Origin



| Author            | Book Title   | Author            | Book Title   |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Adam Silvera      | <b>They Both Die at the End</b>                      | Becky Albertalli  | <b>Love, Simon (Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda)</b> |
| Patrick Ness      | <i>Any book from the</i> <b>Chaos Walking series</b> | Elizabeth Acevedo | <b>The Poet X</b>                                      |
| Simon James Green | <b>Life of Riley: Beginner's Luck</b>                | Leigh Bardugo     | <b>Six of Crows</b>                                    |
| Patrick Ness      | <b>More Than This</b>                                | David Levithan    | <b>Boy Meets Boy</b>                                   |
| Rosie Talbot      | <b>Sixteen Souls</b>                                 |                   |  |

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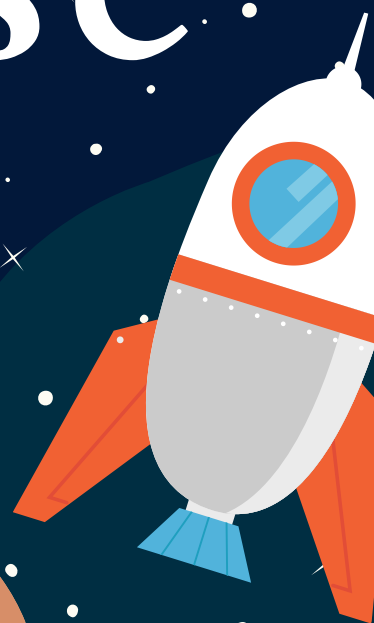


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Read Your Way Through...

The  
**Universe**



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through the Universe



| Author                 | Book Title                           | Author        | Book Title  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Frank Cottrell Boyce   | Cosmic                               | Simon Mayo    | Itch: The Explosive Adventures of an Element Hunter |
| Lucy & Stephen Hawking | George's Secret Key to the Universe  | Philip Reeve  | Railhead <b>or</b> Fever Crumb                      |
| Madeleine              | A Wrinkle in Time                    | Douglas Adams | Hitchhikers Guide to the Universe                   |
| Isaac Asimov           | Any book from The Foundations Series | Frank Herbert | Dune  |

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Read Your Way  
Through...

Sport



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# Verulam Reading Challenge: Read Your Way Through Sport



| Author                | Book Title  | Author           | Book Title   |
|-----------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Harry Coninx          | <b>Football</b><br>Any book from the <b>Tales from the Pitch</b> series     | Kwame Alexander  | <b>Basketball</b><br>Any book from the <b>Crossover</b> series             |
| Jason Reynolds        | <b>Track Athletics</b><br>Any book from <b>Track Series</b>                 | Alan Gibbons     | <b>Football</b><br><b>Home Ground</b> or <b>Keeper</b> or <b>Super Sub</b> |
| Bob Cattell           | <b>Cricket</b><br>Any book from the <b>Glory Garden Cricket Club</b> series | Dan Freedman     | <b>Tennis</b><br><b>Unstoppable</b>  |
| Gerard Siggins        | <b>Rugby</b><br>Any book from <b>Rugby Heroes</b> series                    | Dan Freedman     | <b>Football</b><br><b>A Dan Freedman Football book</b>                     |
| Matt Oldfield         | <b>Football</b><br>Any book from <b>Ultimate Football Heroes</b> series     | James Hook       | <b>Rugby</b><br>Any book from <b>Chasing a Rugby Dream</b> series          |
| Patterson & Alexander | <b>Boxing</b><br><b>Becoming Muhammad Ali</b>                               | Robert Swindells | <b>Swimming</b><br><b>The Deep End</b>                                     |

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