



# Sporting Stars Portable Magic Dispenser

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## Why Should We Read?

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."  
□ Dr. Seuss,

Lacking vital literacy skills holds a person back at every stage of their life. As a child they won't be able to succeed at school, as a young adult they will be locked out of the job market, and as a parent they won't be able to support their own child's learning. (National Literacy Trust)

Research suggests that reading for 30 minutes a week increases health and wellbeing. Reading for pleasure has been found to improve our confidence and self-esteem, providing the grounding we need to pursue our goals and make life decisions. It can also aid our sleep and reduce feelings of loneliness.

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."  
□ Stephen King

## Book Spotlight

### One of Us is Lying

Pay close attention and you might solve this.

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, **the brain**, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule.

Addy, **the beauty**, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, **the criminal**, is already on probation for dealing.

Cooper, **the athlete**, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, **the outcast**, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app.

Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?

Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.

(Now a series on Netflix)



## Welcome!

### Book Club

To broaden the opportunities that you have to read we will be hosting a book club every week on a Wednesday from 2.15—3pm, where you will have the opportunity to not only read but talk about the texts that you enjoy.



## Author Spotlight



Karen M. McManus is a #1 New York Times and international bestselling author of young adult thrillers. Her work includes the One of Us

Is Lying series, which was turned into a television show on Peacock and Netflix, as well as the standalone novels Two Can Keep a Secret, The Cousins, You'll Be the Death of Me, and Nothing More to Tell. Karen's critically acclaimed, award-winning books have been translated into forty-two languages and have sold more than seven million copies worldwide.

### What are some of your all-time favourite books?

The Hunger Games, And Then There Were None, Vanity Fair, Gone Girl, A Secret History, and the Narnia series.

## Top Website

### Richard Ruddick's Graphic Novels Padlet

All you need for the best graphic novel recommendations for junior school children from the very knowledgeable Richard Ruddick.

<https://padlet.com/rruddick9zra/graphic-novels-73uh2srzpbia>



## It's the first one!

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to read our first monthly reading newsletter. Each month there will be a new competition, book recommendations and other interesting facts to foster and encourage a love of reading.

Reading is so important and we really need your help at home too—reading together and having a chat about what you've read can encourage enjoyment as well as enhancing understanding. It shouldn't be seen as a chore, but as an opportunity to not only spend some quality time together but immersing yourselves in magic, exploring new worlds, meeting new people and experiencing adventures without leaving the house!

## Wild Reading Challenge

Is all about reading outdoors. You could simply read a book in the garden or take a book with you on a long walk and read it up a tree or at the top of a hill or with your feet in a cool stream. Who says books can't have adventures too?

Who can come up with the most entertaining or original place to read a book?



To enter this competition take a picture of yourself reading in an interesting place and bring it into school. There will be a prize for the best entry

## Hannah's Favourite Young Adult Novels....

