

It's Christmas!



Welcome to the 2022 JRN seasonal special – four pages packed with festive fun

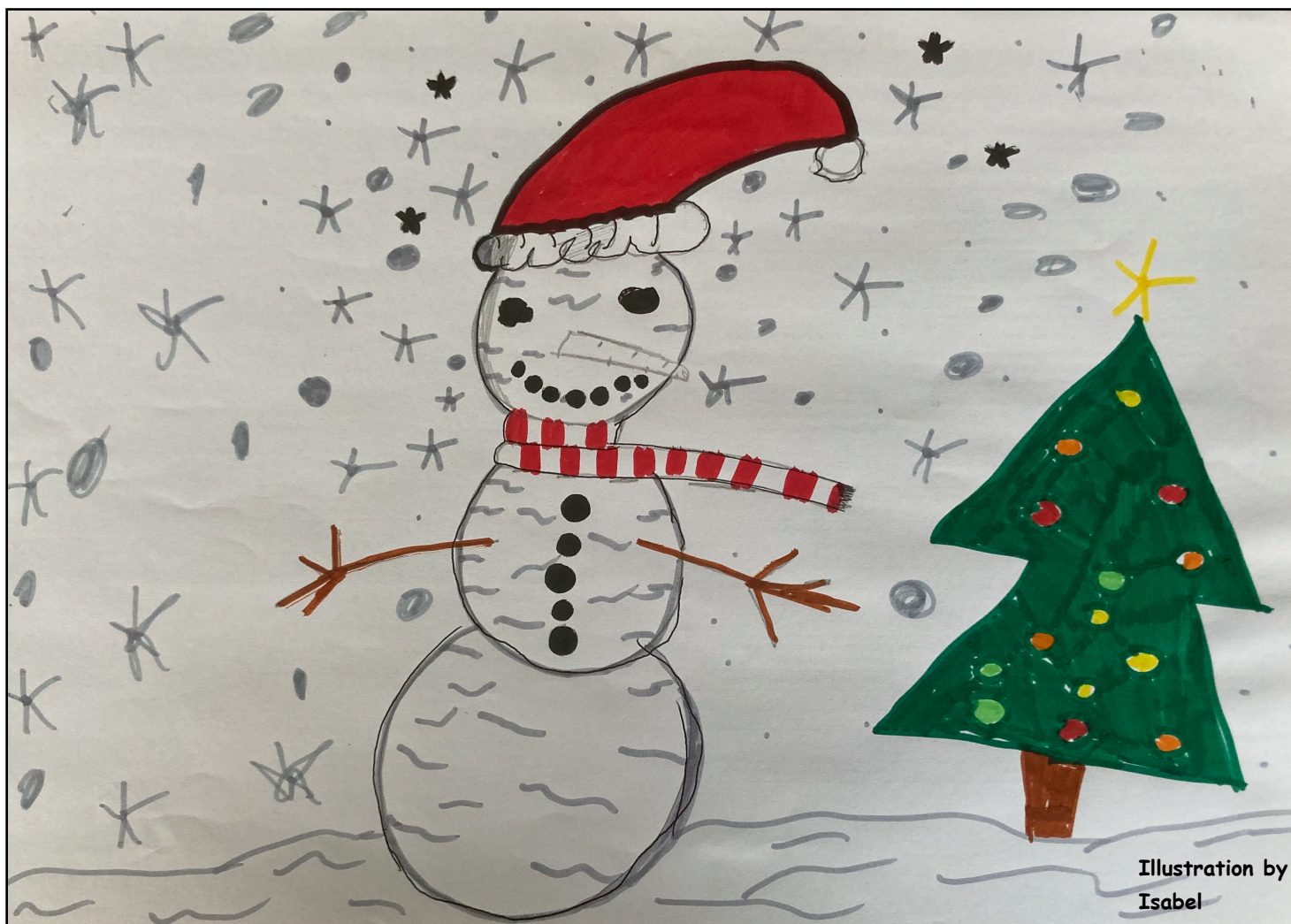


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Christmas jokes ...

What happens to naughty elves?

They get the sack!

Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?

Santa Paws!

Which reindeer has the worst manners?

Rude-olph!

What do you call Santa on his tea break?

Santa Pause!



**A very Merry
Christmas to
everyone at
JRS from all
of us here at
Newspaper
Club!**

John Rankin News

Christmas jokes ...

What is Santa's sister called?

Mary Christmas!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing ... it was on the house!

Why does Santa have three gardens?

So that he can hoe, hoe, hoe!

Why is Santa good at karate?

Because he wears a black belt!

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**It's
Ethan's
Xmas
word
search!**

**See if
you can
find all
the
words on
the list
(and
there's a
special
bonus
phrase
for
Rick
Astley
fans)**

Christmas Santa elf gingerbread present
reindeer chimney coal grinch
Mistletoe sleigh tree pudding



Christmas book reviews by Freddie

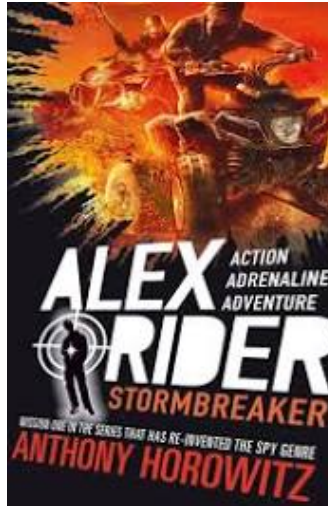
The Alex Rider Series

by Anthony Horowitz

This action-packed series ticks all the boxes for me. Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is recruited by the special operations division of MI6 shortly after his uncle's mysterious death and sent to Cornwall to stop Darius Sayle's evil plans. There are 13 books in total. Starting with Stormbreaker and ending in Nightshade, this series is amazing. Personally I like Eagle Strike best, but they're all great.

Age: 9+. Violence: medium.

Swearing: mild.



Freddie's gift rating

Kidnapped

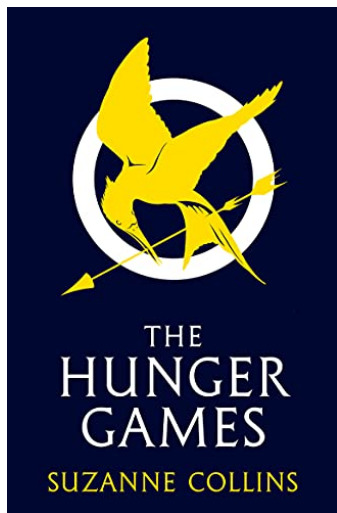
by R.L. Stevenson

This 1886 classic is a thrilling pirate-themed adventure story. It intrigues the mind and makes you never want to stop reading. The Scottish dialect is a little hard to get your head around, but it's still a great book. Mr Shaw is a drunk, nasty piece of work. When David Balfour, the main character, gets kidnapped, he doesn't think anything can get any worse – but when the ship hits the reef, it's every man for himself!

Age: 9+. Violence: none. Swearing: none.



Freddie's gift rating



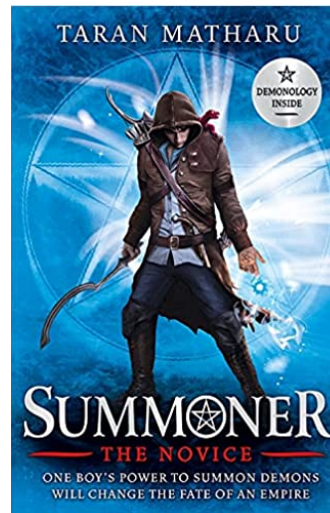
The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

Set in a dark future of North America, every year 12 boys and 12 girls are sent into an arena to fight to the death, with random weapons and only one rule: kill or be killed. Katniss Everdeen is placed in the games and the pressure is on. There are three other books in the series.

Age: 11+. Violence: strong. Swearing: mild.

Freddie's gift rating *****



Summoner: The Novice

by Taran Matharu

This amazing book is the first in a series of four. Set in the kingdom of Hominum, the lucky few have the ability to summon demons. Young Fletcher Wulf is a countryside nobody until he learns he can summon. Whisked away to Vocans Academy to win the end-of-year tournament. All four books are fantastic.

Age: 11+. Violence: medium. Swearing: mild.

Freddie's gift rating *****

Baby Business at Christmas ... The awesome JRN cartoon strip by Dennis



And now JRN presents a chilling Christmas Ghost Story by Isabel

Frostbite

Montgomery was what you could call normal. Average. He had an average job in an average company in an average town getting average pay every two average weeks.

So when he won a competition for 10 hours of free ice-skating ... good for him! He LOVED ice-skating. Even when he had to work long hours, he always seemed to find time to go ice-skating.

So on December the 17th, Montgomery set out to the local skating rink. The trees that surrounded it were covered in lights and decorations, the poles that held up the lights were covered in tinsel.

He grabbed his skates, and stepped on to the ice. Soon enough, he was spinning around in the middle, having the time of his life.

He didn't notice the icicles, forming way too fast for normal icicles. Mists formed in deep blues and greys.



It had no mouth or nose, just two eyes that stabbed into your soul ...

Soon, a figure took shape. It wore a cloak, made of blue and white icicles and shards. It wore a crown, made of the same materials. It had no mouth or nose ... just two eyes that stabbed into your soul.

"I ... am ... the ... fro ... zen ... one!" it said in a cold and dry voice.

The ghost's misty form turned into a large black cloud. It felt to Montgomery as if thousands of frozen pins were prodding him.

"AAGH!" he winced as the cloud came closer ...

Black. All he could see was black. He was back on the ice. But it wasn't December the 17th any more.

The rink was filled with people, all scrambling to get away from the machine that fixes the ice after it's been skated on.

But one person didn't realise. Suddenly, they tripped, only a few paces away from the machine.

Montgomery looked away. A long, high-pitched scream came from behind him. The black cloud surrounded him again.

He was back, and the ghost was standing right in front of him. He couldn't look right at it any more, knowing of the terrible death it had suffered.

Then it came closer ...