

WORDS FOR LIFE



SAMUEL J Halpin writes daily. Having studied journalism, he went on to study cinematography in Sydney before moving to London and working in comedy TV production. *The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods* is published this month. Here, he tells us what the best thing about reading is.

“ I remember once eating an entire pancake (cream and jam) that was meant for my brother completely by accident, simply because I was so mesmerised by what I was reading. Being lost and not looking for a way out is the best thing about reading. ”



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MICHELLE MAGORIAN BACK HOME

Reviewed by Daisy Stansfield, age 12

It's 1945 and WW2 is just ending. Twelve-year-old Rusty has just arrived back from America, where she was evacuated five years before, to the rainy corner of England that she left. Everyone expects her to be thrilled to be home. But it doesn't feel like home, she barely remembers it and her mother is hardly more than a stranger. She is cold and lonely, struggles with the rationing and misses America desperately. Things come to a climax when she's sent away to school and she stages a final, desperate, revolution...

This is one of my favourite books – I love the subject and characterisation. I would recommend it to everyone between 8 and 14.



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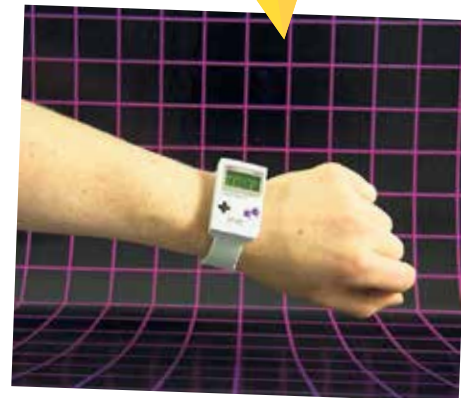
WONDER WOMAN WATCH IWANTONEOFTHOSE.COM £16.99

Help protect the skies with the LEGO DC Universe Superheroes Wonder Woman minifigure link watch! It's time to protect the innocent and bring the bad guys to justice once again. Featuring cool interchangeable links and a minifigure integrated into the bracelet, this watch can be personalised any way you like.



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