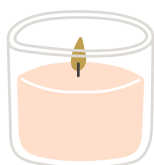








# Christmas Reading Times 2023





(primary edition)

***Behind many good films  
there's often a great book!***









The following pages outline many of the films that are on TV or streaming over the festive period that are based on books.




If you'd like to find out more about any of the books featured visit your school library staff who would love to chat with you about what to read next.



















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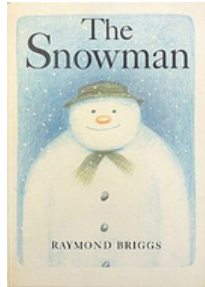


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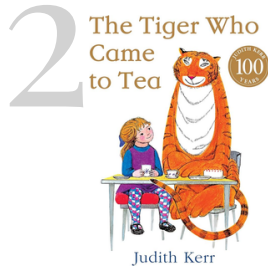
# READ or WATCH?

## KIDS' FAVOURITES



**The Snowman**  
by Raymond Briggs

24 Dec/Ch 4/7.50am  
24 Dec/Ch 4/4.40pm  
25 Dec/Ch 4/12.15pm



**The Tiger Who Came to Tea**  
by Judith Kerr

16 Dec/Ch 4/10.20am  
25 Dec/Ch 4/7.30am



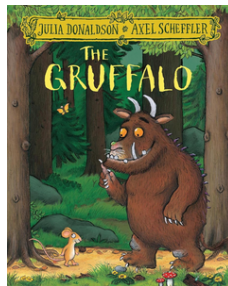
**Mog's Christmas**  
by Judith Kerr

24 Dec/Ch 4/7.45pm  
25 Dec/Ch 4/12.50pm  
26 Dec/Ch 4/11.05am



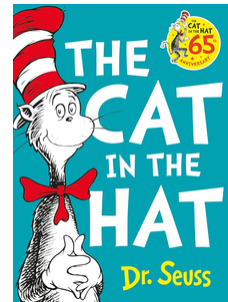
**Father Christmas**  
by Raymond Briggs

25 Dec  
Ch 4/8.05am



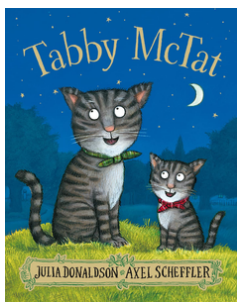
**The Gruffalo**  
by Julia Donaldson

25 Dec  
BBC1/8.50am



**The Cat in the Hat**  
by Dr Seuss

24 Dec/Film 4/1.00pm  
31 Dec/Film 4/11.00am



**Tabby McTat**  
by Julia Donaldson

25 Dec/BBC1/2.35pm  
26 Dec/BBC1/8.55am

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



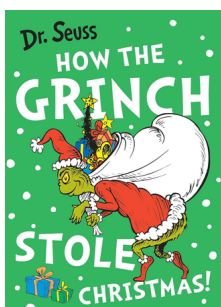
**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**  
by Michael Rosen

16 Dec  
Ch 4/9.15am  
26 Dec  
Ch 4/10.05am



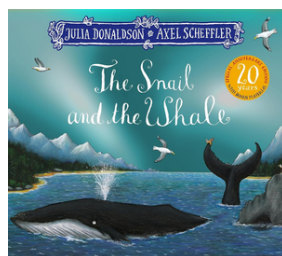
**The BFG** by  
Roald Dahl

28 Dec  
BBC1/1.55pm



**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**  
by Dr Seuss

24 Dec  
ITV1/2.40pm



**The Snail and the Whale**  
by Julia Donaldson

27 Dec  
BBC1/1.55pm



**The Smeds and the Smoos**  
by Julia Donaldson

1 Jan/BBC1/1.25pm



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## ALL CREATURES...



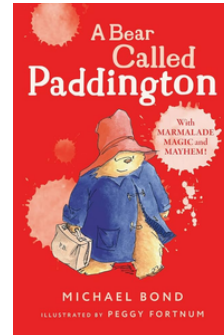
**Stuart Little**  
by E.B. White

16 Dec/ITV2/5.10pm



**Fantastic Beasts**  
by J.K. Rowling

16 Dec/ITV1/5.30pm  
23 Dec/ITV1/5.35pm



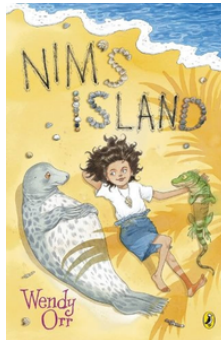
**Paddington**  
by Michael Bond

23 Dec  
BBC1/6.45pm



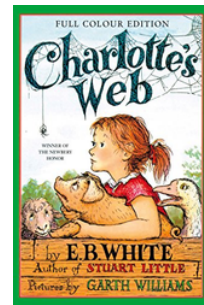
**The Secret Garden**  
by Frances  
Hodgson Burnett

21 Dec  
Ch 5/5.05pm  
28 Dec  
Ch 5/9.40am



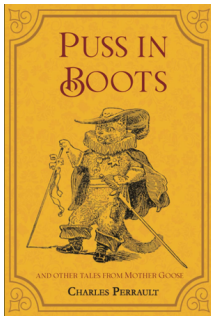
**Nim's Island**  
by Wendy Orr

24 Dec  
5 Star/10.45am



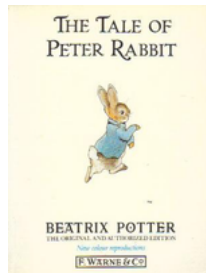
**Charlotte's Web**  
by E.B. White

24 Dec  
Ch 4/12.30pm



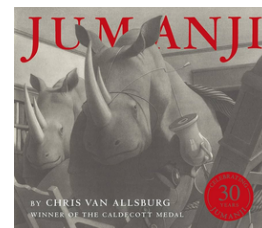
**Puss in  
Boots**  
(traditional  
fairy tale)

25 Dec/Ch 4/8.40am



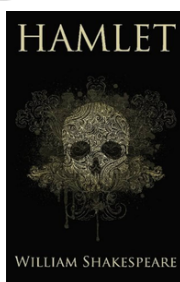
**Peter Rabbit**  
by Beatrix Potter

25 Dec/E4/7.10pm  
30 Dec/E4/4.40pm



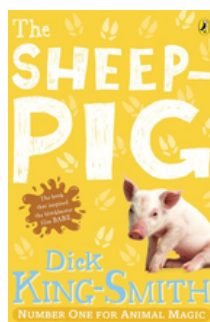
**Jumanji**  
by Chris  
Van Allsburg

25 Dec/ITV2/4.40pm  
30 Dec/ITV1/3.05pm  
1 Jan/ITV2/3.55pm



**Hamlet** by William  
Shakespeare

26 Dec  
BBC1  
5.05pm



**The Sheep-  
Pig** by Dick  
King-Smith

1 Jan  
ITV1/10.30am



**The Jungle Book**  
by Rudyard Kipling

31 Dec  
BBC1  
4.20pm



## Saturday 16th December

9.15am	Channel 4	<b>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</b> Based on the book by Michael Rosen	U
9.50am	Channel 4	<b>The Abominable Snow Baby</b> Based on a short story by Terry Pratchett	U
10.20am	Channel 4	<b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U
1.00pm	BBC2	<b>The Ipccress File</b> Based on the book by Len Deighton	PG
1.25pm	Film 4	<b>Oliver!</b> Based on <i>Oliver Twist</i> by Charles Dickens	U
2.00pm	BBC1	<b>Swallows and Amazons</b> Based on the book by Arthur Ransome	PG
5.10pm	ITV2	<b>Stuart Little</b> Based on the book by E.B. White	PG
5.30pm	ITV1	<b>Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them</b> Based on <i>Fantastic Beasts</i> by J. K. Rowling	12

## Sunday 17th December

8.20am	E4	<b>A Dog's Purpose</b> Based on the book by W. Bruce Cameron	PG
12.30pm	Channel 4	<b>The Snowman</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U
2.45pm	Channel 5	<b>Scrooge</b> Based on <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens	U

## Monday 18th December

6.45pm	Film 4	<b>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</b> Based on the Marvel Comics	PG
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## Tuesday 19th December

2.40pm	BBC2	<b>The Railway Children</b> Based on the book by Edith Nesbit	U
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## Wednesday 20th December

5.15pm	Channel 5	<b>A Christmas Carol</b> Based on the short story by Charles Dickens	PG
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## Thursday 21st December

11.00am	Film 4	<b>Oliver</b> Based on <i>Oliver Twist</i> by Charles Dickens	U
1.55pm	Film 4	<b>The Mask of Zorro</b> Based on <i>Zorro</i> by Johnston McCulley	PG
5.05pm	Channel 5	<b>The Secret Garden</b> Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett	U

## Friday 22nd December

6.30pm	GREAT! Movies	<b>Big Fish</b> Based on the book by Daniel Wallace	PG
7.00pm	BBC3	<b>Dolittle</b> Based on <i>Doctor Dolittle</i> by Hugh Lofting	PG

## Saturday 23rd December

1.15pm	BBC1	<b>How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World</b> Based on the series by Cressida Cowell	PG
2.35pm	Channel 4	<b>Scrooged</b> Based on <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens	PG
3.20pm	ITV1	<b>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</b> Based on the book by Dr Seuss	PG
4.30pm	Channel 4	<b>It's a Wonderful Life</b> Based on <i>The Greatest Gift</i> by Philip van Doren Stern	U
4.40pm	ITV2	<b>Peter Pan</b> Based on the book by J. M. Barrie	PG
5.15pm	BBC1	<b>Stick Man</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
6.45pm	BBC1	<b>Paddington</b> Based on characters from the series by Michael Bond	PG

## Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

7.25am	Channel 4	<b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U
7.50am (4.40pm)	Channel 4	<b>The Snowman</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U
8.25am	Channel 4	<b>Father Christmas</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U
10.45am	5Star	<b>Nim's Island</b> Based on the book by Wendy Orr	U
11.30am	Channel 5	<b>Scrooge</b> Based on <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens	U



# Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

12.30pm	Channel 4	<b>Charlotte's Web</b> Based on the book by E. B. White	U
1.00pm	Film 4	<b>The Cat in the Hat</b> Based on the book by Dr Seuss	PG
1.30pm	GREAT! movies	<b>Big Fish</b> Based on the book by Daniel Wallace	PG
2.40pm	ITV1	<b>The Grinch</b> Based on <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> by Dr Seuss	U
2.40pm	Channel 4	<b>A Christmas Carol</b> Based on the book by Charles Dickens	U
2.50pm	BBC1	<b>The Sound of Music</b> Based on <i>The Story of the Von Trapp Family Singers</i> by Maria von Trapp	U
3.50pm	ITV3	<b>Goodnight Mister Tom</b> Based on the book by Michelle Magorian	TV
4.50pm	5 Star	<b>The Time Machine</b> Based on the book by H. G. Wells	PG
4.00pm	GREAT! movies	<b>Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves</b> Based on the legend of Robin Hood	12
6.30pm	Legend	<b>The Count of Monte Cristo</b> Based on the book by Alexandre Dumas	U
7.45pm	Channel 4	<b>Mog's Christmas</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U

# Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

7.30am	Channel 4	<b>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U
8.05am	Channel 4	<b>Father Christmas</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U
8.40am	Channel 4	<b>Puss in Boots</b> Based on the Italian fairy tale	U
8.50am	BBC1	<b>The Gruffalo</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
9.00am	E4	<b>The Spiderwick Chronicles</b> Based on the series by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black	PG
9.40am	BBC1	<b>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse</b> Based on the book by Charlie Mackesy	U
10.15am	BBC2	<b>The Highway Rat</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
10.55am	ITV2	<b>Peter Pan</b> Based on the book by J. M Barrie	PG
11.15am	BBC1	<b>Cinderella</b> Based on the traditional fairy tale by Charles Perrault	U
12.15pm	Channel 4	<b>The Snowman</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U
12.50pm	Channel 4	<b>Mog's Christmas</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U
1.15pm	BBC2	<b>Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty</b> Based on the traditional fairy tale by Charles Perrault	TV
2.35pm	BBC1	<b>Tabby McTat</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U

## Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

3.00pm	Film 4	<b>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</b> Based on the book by Rick Riordan	PG
3.10pm	BBC2	<b>Death on the Nile</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	PG
3.10pm	Channel 5	<b>The Wizard of Oz</b> Based on the book by L. Frank Baum	PG
4.40pm	ITV2	<b>Jumanji</b> Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg	PG
7.10pm	E4	<b>Peter Rabbit</b> Based on the books by Beatrix Potter	PG
12.45pm	Film 4	<b>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</b> Based on characters from Marvel Comics	PG
8.15pm	BBC1	<b>Call the Midwife</b> Based on the series by Jennifer Worth	TV
10.00pm	Channel 4	<b>Forrest Gump</b> Based on the book by Winston Groom	12
11.25pm	BBC4	<b>West Side Story</b> Based on <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare	PG

## Tuesday 26th December – Boxing Day

8.55am	BBC1	<b>Tabby McTat</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
9.20am	BBC1	<b>The Gruffalo's Child</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
9.35am	Channel 4	<b>The Bear</b> Based on the book by Raymond Briggs	U



## Tuesday 26th December – Boxing Day

10.05am	Channel 4	<b>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</b> Based on the book by Michael Rosen	U
10.40am	Channel 4	<b>The Abominable Snow Baby</b> Based on the short story by Terry Pratchett	U
11.05am	Channel 4	<b>Mog's Christmas</b> Based on the book by Judith Kerr	U
11.25am	More 4	<b>Little Women</b> Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott	U
1.15pm	BBC1	<b>Beauty and the Beast</b> Based on the traditional fairy tale by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont	PG
2.35pm	5 Star	<b>The Witches</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
3.00pm	ITV1	<b>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</b> Based on the book by Ian Fleming	U
3.15pm	ITV3	<b>Goodnight Mister Tom</b> Based on the book by Michelle Magorian	PG
3.30pm	Channel 4	<b>The Great Escape</b> Based on the book by Paul Brickhill	PG
4.30pm	5 Star	<b>Splash</b> Based on <i>The Little Mermaid</i> by Hans Christian Andersen	PG
4.55pm	ITV2	<b>Matilda</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
5.05pm	BBC1	<b>The Lion King</b> Based on <i>Hamlet</i> by William Shakespeare	PG

# Wednesday 27th December

6.20am	W	<b>Gangsta Granny</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
7.40am	W	<b>Billionaire Boy</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
8.45am	Channel 5	<b>Gone With the Wind</b> Based on the book by Margaret Mitchell	PG
11.00am	Film 4	<b>The Bridge over the River Kwai</b> Based on the book by Pierre Boulle	PG
1.00pm	Channel 4	<b>A Series of Unfortunate Events</b> Based on the series by Lemony Snicket	PG
1.10pm	Channel 5	<b>The Dam Busters</b> Based on <i>The Dam Busters</i> by Paul Brickhill and <i>Enemy Coast Ahead</i> by Guy Gibson	U
1.25pm	BBC1	<b>Zog</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
1.55pm	BBC1	<b>The Snail and the Whale</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
2.50pm	BBC2	<b>The Mirror Crack'd</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	PG
3.30pm	ITV4	<b>The Longest Day</b> Based on the book by Cornelius Ryan	PG
3.50pm	Channel 5	<b>Where Eagles Dare</b> Based on the book by Alistair MacLean	PG
4.20pm	Film 4	<b>The Mask of Zorro</b> Based on <i>Zorro</i> by Johnston McCulley	PG

## Wednesday 27th December

4.35pm	BBC2	<b>Evil Under the Sun</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	PG
5.40pm	Channel 4	<b>Stardust</b> Based on the book by Neil Gaiman	PG
6.15pm	ITV2	<b>Aquaman</b> Based on characters from DC Comics	12
7.30pm	E4	<b>We Bought a Zoo</b> Based on the book by Benjamin Mee	PG

## Thursday 28th December

9.35am	BBC2	<b>Great Expectations</b> Based on the book by Charles Dickens	PG
9.40am	Channel 5	<b>The Secret Garden</b> Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett	U
11.00am	Film 4	<b>Sense and Sensibility</b> Based on the book by Jane Austen	U
1.55pm	BBC1	<b>The BFG</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
1.55pm	Channel 5	<b>Sherlock Holmes</b> Based on the characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	12
2.30pm	BBC2	<b>Witness for the Prosecution</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	U
4.25pm	BBC2	<b>Murder on the Orient Express</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	PG



## Thursday 28th December

4.40pm	Channel 5	<b>Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows</b> Based on the characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	12
9.00pm	Channel 4	<b>Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle</b> Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg	12

## Friday 29th December

7.30pm	W	<b>The Boy in the Dress</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	PG
8.50am	W	<b>Mr Stink</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
11.00am	Film 4	<b>The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</b> Based on the book by C. S. Lewis	PG
1.15pm	Film 4	<b>Bridge to Terabithia</b> Based on the book by Katherine Paterson	PG
3.20pm	Film 4	<b>Little Women</b> Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott	U
3.45pm	BBC1	<b>Alice Through the Looking Glass</b> Based on the book by Lewis Carroll	PG
5.00pm	Legend Xtra	<b>Sherlock Holmes</b> Based on characters created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	12
5.40pm	Channel 4	<b>Hidden Figures</b> Based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly	PG

## Friday 29th December

8.00pm	ITVBe	<b>Father of the Bride</b> Based on the book by Edward Streeter	PG
8.00pm	More 4	<b>Murder on the Orient Express</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	12

## Saturday 30th December

7.10am	W	<b>Mr Stink</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
8.30am	W	<b>Gangsta Granny</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
11.35am	5 Star	<b>The Witches</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
3.05pm	ITV1	<b>Jumanji</b> Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg	PG
4.40pm	E4	<b>Peter Rabbit</b> Based on the book by Beatrix Potter	PG
6.00pm	BBC1	<b>Paddington 2</b> Based on the series by Michael Bond	PG

## Sunday 31st December – New Year's Eve

7.00am	W	<b>Gangsta Granny</b> Based on the book by David Walliams	U
9.55am	E4	<b>The Spiderwick Chronicles</b> Based on the series by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black	PG
11.00am	Film 4	<b>The Cat in the Hat</b> Based on the book by Dr Seuss	PG

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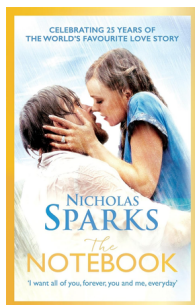
11.50am	E4	<b>The Adventures of Tintin</b> Based on the comic series by Hergé	12
11.55am	Channel 5	<b>Seven Brides for Seven Brothers</b> Based on <i>The Sobbing Women</i> by Stephen Vincent Benét	U
12.15pm	5 Star	<b>The Time Machine</b> Based on the book by H.G. Wells	PG
1.15pm	BBC2	<b>The Heroes of Telemark</b> Based on <i>Skis Against the Atom</i> by Knut Haukelid and <i>But for These Men</i> by John D. Drummond	U
1.50pm	BBC1	<b>Zog and the Flying Doctors</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
2.05pm	Channel 5	<b>Hook</b> Based on <i>Peter Pan</i> by J. M. Barrie	U
2.20pm	BBC 1	<b>Saving Mr Banks</b> Based on the <i>Mary Poppins</i> books by P. L. Travers	PG
2.35pm	Film 4	<b>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</b> Based on the book by Rick Riordan	PG
2.55pm	ITV1	<b>Matilda</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
4.20pm	BBC1	<b>The Jungle Book</b> Based on the book by Rudyard Kipling	PG
8.00pm	More 4	<b>Murder on the Orient Express</b> Based on the book by Agatha Christie	12
8.30pm	ITV1	<b>No Time to Die</b> Based on the <i>James Bond</i> books by Ian Fleming	12



# Monday 1st January – New Year's Day

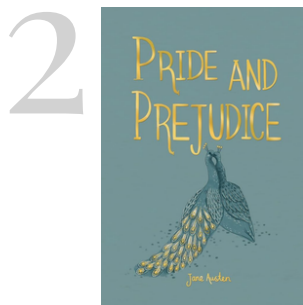
10.30am	ITV1	<b>Babe</b> Based on <i>The Sheep-Pig</i> by Dick King-Smith	U
12.00pm	Channel 5	<b>The Wizard of Oz</b> Based on the book by L. Frank Baum	U
1.25pm	BBC1	<b>The Smeds and the Smoos</b> Based on the book by Julia Donaldson	U
1.55pm	BBC1	<b>Box of Treasure</b> Based on stories by Quentin Blake	U
1.55pm	ITV2	<b>Matilda</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
2.55pm	Channel 4	<b>Mrs Doubtfire</b> Based on <i>Madame Doubtfire</i> by Anne Fine	PG
3.55pm	ITV2	<b>Jumanji</b> Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg	PG
4.35pm	E4	<b>We Bought a Zoo</b> Based on the book by Benjamin Mee	PG
5.55pm	BBC1	<b>The Witches</b> Based on the book by Roald Dahl	PG
6.05pm	ITV1	<b>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</b> Based on the book by J. K. Rowling	PG
6.55pm	Film 4	<b>The Day the Earth Stood Still</b> Based on the short story <i>Farewell to the Master</i> by Harry Bates	12

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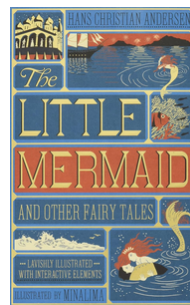
**The Notebook**  
by Nicholas Sparks

12 Dec  
BBC3/9pm



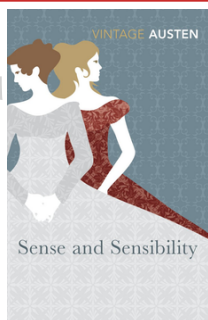
**Pride & Prejudice**  
by Jane Austen

14 Dec  
BBC4/11.00pm



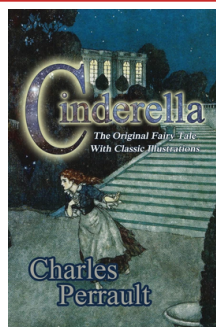
**The Little Mermaid**  
by Hans Christian Andersen

Splash  
26 Dec  
5Star/4.30pm



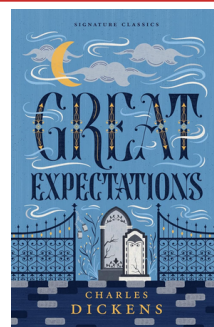
**Sense & Sensibility**  
by Jane Austen

28 Dec  
Film  
4/11.00am



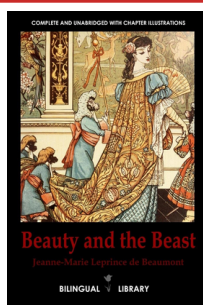
**Cinderella**  
by Charles Perrault

25 Dec  
BBC1/11.15am



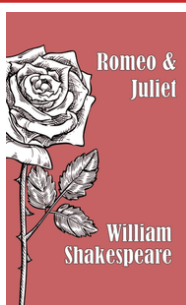
**Great Expectations**  
by Charles Dickens

28 Dec  
BBC2/9.35am



**Beauty & the Beast**  
by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont

26 Dec  
BBC1/1.15pm



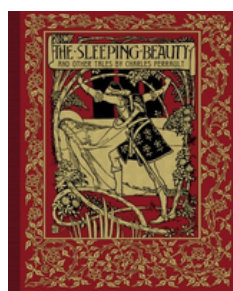
**Romeo & Juliet**  
by William Shakespeare

West Side Story  
22 Dec/BBC2/3.25pm  
25 Dec/BBC4/11.25pm



**Little Women**  
by Louisa May Alcott

26 Dec  
More 4/11.25am  
29 Dec  
Film 4/3.20pm



**Sleeping Beauty**  
by Charles Perrault

25 Dec  
BBC2/1.15pm



# READ or WATCH?

## MAGIC AND FANTASY



**Big Fish**  
by Daniel Wallace

22 Dec  
GREAT! movies  
6.30pm

2



**The Time Machine**  
by H.G. Wells

24 Dec/5 Star/4.50pm  
31 Dec/5 Star/12.15pm



**Peter Pan**  
by J.M. Barrie

23 Dec/ITV2/4.40pm  
25 Dec/ITV2/10.55am



**The Spiderwick  
Chronicles** by Tony  
DiTerlizzi and Holly  
Black

25 Dec  
E4  
9.00am



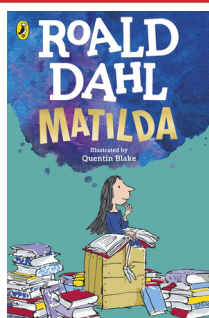
**The Witches**  
by Roald Dahl

1 Jan  
BBC1/5.55pm



**Percy Jackson &  
the Lightning Thief**  
by Rick Riordan

25 Dec  
Film 4/3.00pm  
31 Dec  
Film 4/2.35pm



**Matilda** by  
Roald Dahl

31 Dec  
ITV1/2.55pm



**Harry Potter & the  
Philosopher's Stone**  
by J.K. Rowling

1 Jan  
ITV1/6.05pm



**Stardust** by  
Neil Gaiman

27 Dec  
Ch 4/5.40pm



**Bridge to  
Terabithia**  
by Katherine  
Paterson

29 Dec  
Film 4  
1.15pm



**The Wizard  
of Oz** by L.  
Frank Baum

25 Dec  
Ch 5/3.10pm  
1 Jan  
Ch 5/12.00pm



29 Dec  
BBC1  
3.45pm

**Alice Through the  
Looking-Glass**  
by Lewis Carroll

WHICH BOOKS WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO SEE MADE INTO FILMS?

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12