



GLADSTONE'S
LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

For ages 5+



Name:

Age:



Gwnaed yn bosibl gan

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Treftadaeth**

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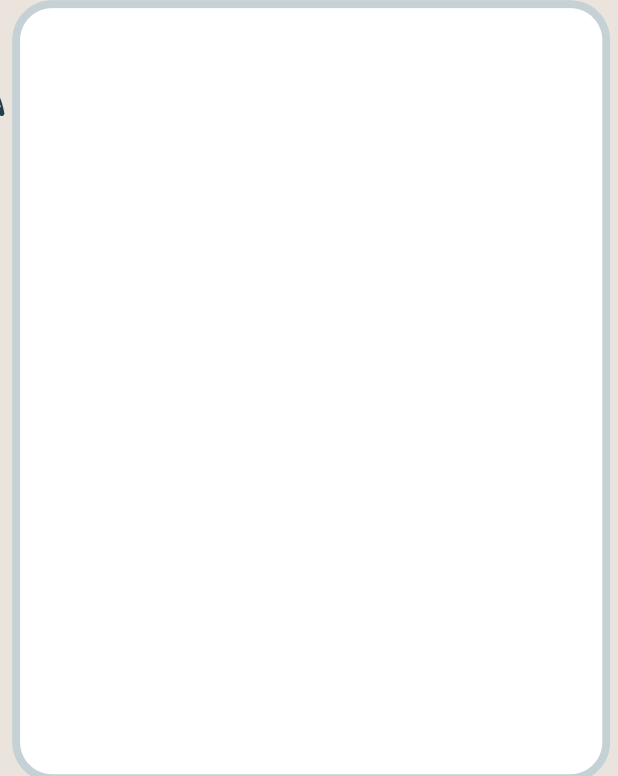
Gladstone's Library Fact File



- Gladstone's Library was founded in 1894 by William Ewart Gladstone
- W. E Gladstone was Prime Minister four times and Chancellor of the Exchequer four times. Nobody else has ever done this!
- Gladstone kept a diary and used it to track what he read. That means that we know on average he read around 300 books a year.
- We are the UK's only residential library, meaning we have 26 bedrooms and people come to stay overnight in the Library.
- We now around 150,000 books in our collections, if you stacked them on top of each other, they would be as tall as 12 Eiffel Towers!

Design Your Own Bookplate

The three bookplates below are from the collections at the Library. Bookplates often use pictures which have meaning to the person who owns the book.
Have a go at designing your own bookplate.





Book review 1

Title

Author



Draw a picture or write about a scene in the book.

How many stars would you give the book?





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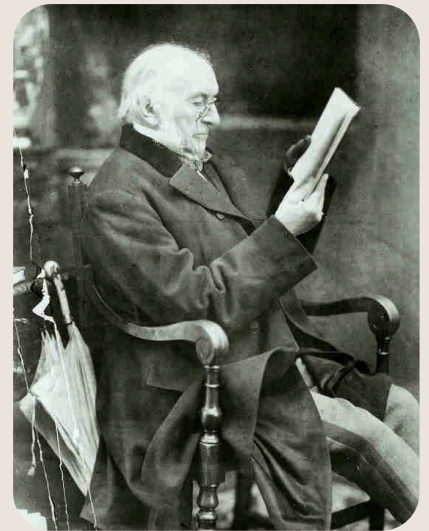
- William Gladstone enjoyed reading all of his life.
- He read about 20,000 books!
- He read his favourite books over and over again and was always collecting new books.

What is your favourite book?

How many times have you read it?

Here at Gladstone's Library, we have many different spaces for reading.

Some people like reading at desks, some like comfy armchairs or sofas, or even taking a book with them when they go to their room!



Draw a picture of your favourite reading spot!



Book review 2

Title

Author



Draw a picture or write about a scene in the book.

How many stars would you give the book?



Colour our Collections



Decorative initials like these were often used by printers to mark new sections of text. Initials sometimes featured flowers, animals, or Biblical scenes.

These initials all come from early printed books in our collections.



Book review 3

Title

Author



Draw a picture or write about a scene in the book.

How many stars would you give the book?





- William Gladstone gave around 32,000 of his own books to start Gladstone's Library!
- He even designed special bookshelves to store his books, so that he would always be surrounded by books.



Design your own book storage.

- In the past, books used to be sold without covers.
- The person who bought the book chose the cover, and they paid to have this work done.
- Putting a cover on a book is called binding and this was done by a skilled individual.
- Gladstone's Library itself used to have its own book binder.

**Would you read a book without a cover?
Why?**



Book review 4

Title

Author



Draw a picture or write about a scene in the book.

How many stars would you give the book?





Overview

The best best book I
read was

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Draw a picture of a book cover
from a book that you read.

