



# BECAUSE READING MATTERS

*“There is something wonderfully humanising about being given a book.”*

Maggie’s Centre

*“Reading is the key that unlocks another world.”*

Eden, 12 years old

*“1 in 3 homes in the UK have no books at all.”*

National Literacy Trust

**Give a Book** is a UK-based charity that started in May 2011 with the sole aim of giving books where they will be of particular benefit. Our core belief is that to pass on a good read – to give someone a book – is a transaction of worth.

New books are distributed to these partner charities and groups:

- **Magic Breakfast**, who provide breakfast for hungry children. Give a Book gives books for breakfast book clubs.
- **First Story**, who put writers into challenging schools.
- **Prison Reading Groups** and **Six Book Challengers**.
- **Various schools and other literacy projects**, where pupils frequently have never had a book in their life.
- **Maggie’s Centres**, who help people affected by cancer.
- **Age UK**, who read to isolated, elderly people.
- **Beanstalk**, who help children struggling with literacy.

**Every £5 donation gives a book to someone who really needs one.**

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Every month, just to show how much reading matters, we invite a special guest to recommend a favourite book to go on our website. This can be the children's book that first inspired them to read or a special book that they like to share, fiction or non-fiction, with a line or two to explain their choice.

Here are some of the people who have shared a special book with us:

Antonia Fraser, Julia Donaldson, Dominic West, Howard Jacobson, Michael Morpurgo, Martin Rees, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, Julian Barnes, Eden Rickson, Matt Smith, Colin Firth, Ronald Harwood, David Attenborough, Alex Wheatle, Joanna Lumley, Ahdaf Soueif, Philip Pullman, Anne Robinson, The Mayor of London, William Fiennes, Tony Gould, Jung Chang, Blake Morrison, Zoe Wanamaker, Felicity Kendal, Peter Stothard, Richard Eyre, Rowan Atkinson, Quentin Blake, Joelle Taylor, Jude Law, Frederick Forsyth...

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