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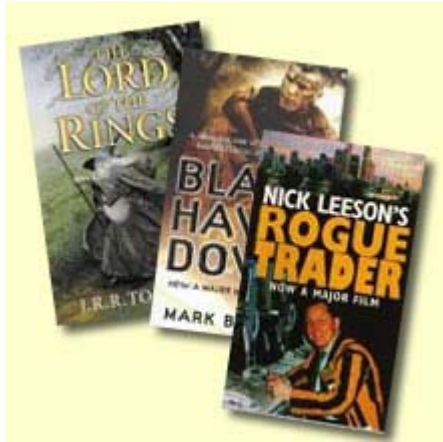
Lads & Dads

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Tadley Book:Mates

Tadley's book:mates club just keeps growing and growing! We had two new sets along at our last meeting on 19 March - a lad and a dad and two new lads and a mum.

Everyone had been trying new things since last we met and eagerly reported back their findings! Anthony Horowitz was again very successful with people having read his books both before and after seeing him at the Teenage Book Festival on the 8th March. Kit's Wilderness by David Almond is a prize winning book but our lad and dad reviewers were unsure about the style. They felt that both the sentences and chapters were short and to the point to the extent that they didn't feel the writing was quite descriptive enough for their personal tastes. Have you read it? What do you think? A lad and dad pair looking for adventure in their books had tried Willard Price since the last session but weren't quite sure and so went off determined to try Gary Paulsen next.



Quite a few of our pairs had tried Georgie or Who is Jesse Flood? by Malachy Doyle, who was the session leader for their group at the Teenage Book Festival. They enjoyed the writing and noted that it was definitely for older teenagers with it's issues around growing up, coping with problems and turning them around.

A mum told us that Carol Smith's books are a good read if you want an easy page-turning murder mystery - not out of the ordinary but very readable.

Then we were treated to a special guest in the form of Michael O'Leary, storyteller. Michael played the Northumberland pipes for us and regaled us with stories from all around the country and even further afield as well as from right next to Tadley (Mulford's Hill). Michael had everyone laughing and gasping at appropriate points in his story and also enlisted a few of our lads to help him in actions in the story. We had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about how stories are passed down the generations and around the globe.

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