

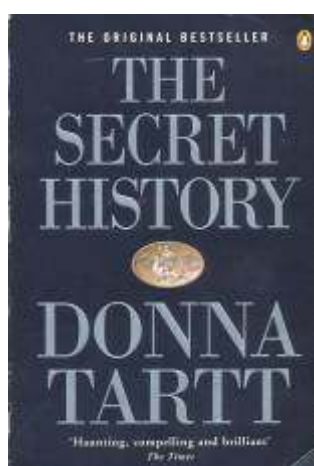
## CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY



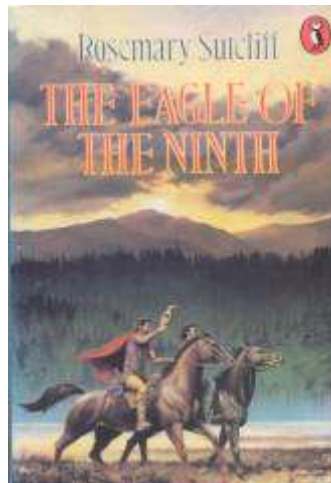
On 6<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day, St Mary's undertook a number of activities. There was a 'book swap' where pupils were given a voucher for each book they brought in to swap for another book.

Teachers were encouraged to write about their favourite books and why they would recommend them. These reviews were put on display and students were invited to match the novels to the teachers, with a prize for the pupils who had matched the most!

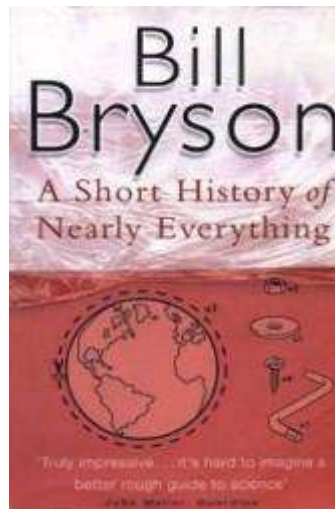
Below are some of the teachers' book recommendations, alongside extracts from their reasons for choosing the book as a particular favourite.



*'Despite its dark tragedy, as a novel it was touching and surprisingly humorous, full of the hopes and thrills of student life.'*



*'We were given an early passage from this book in an English comprehension lesson when I was about twelve and I found the book in the school library and read it avidly. I've lost count of the times I have re-read it but my original copy fell apart years ago.'*



*'A friend lent this book to me and I decided to give it a try as I'm interested in the subject matter. It is a stunning achievement. Unlike some of Bill Bryson's other books, like "The Lost Continent", he does not have to force the humour and in fact the humour takes a back seat as the subject is all-absorbing. He takes you through a journey that starts with the creation of the universe and ends with the ascent of man. There are just so many interesting anecdotes and incredible facts in this book.'*