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Welcome to our monthly reading newsletter. Each month, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups, which can be found on your child's English Google Classroom page.

The English Department

### The Eagle of the Ninth

Historical Fiction

Young Adult

Adventure

## Book of the Month

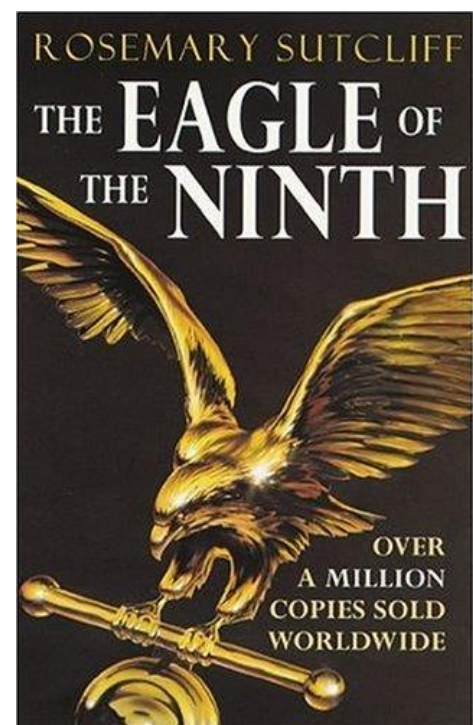
### **The Eagle of the Ninth**

Rosemary Sutcliff

One of Rosemary Sutcliff's acclaimed books set in Roman Britain. *The Eagle of the Ninth* tells the story of a young Roman officer who sets out to discover the truth behind the mysterious disappearance of the Ninth Legion, who marched into the mists of northern Britain and never came back.

Rosemary Sutcliff spent most of her life in a wheelchair, suffering from the wasting Still's disease. She wrote her first book for children, *The Queen's Story*, in 1950 and went on to become a highly respected name in the field of children's literature. She received an OBE in 1975 and died at the age of 72 in 1992.

**Recommended for KS3 by Mr Jukic**



All students should have a reading book in school every day.

We recommend reading each weekday evening (and for longer at weekends)

#### **Library Opening Times Year 7:**

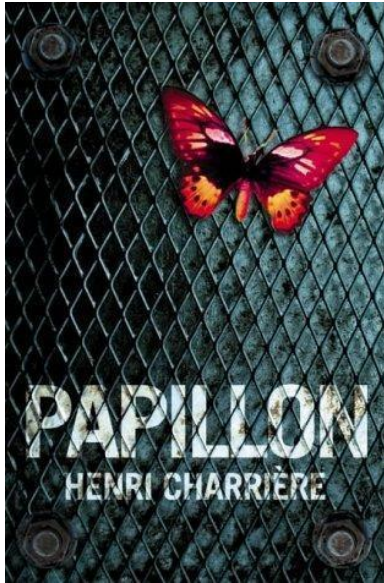
Lunchtimes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

#### **Library Opening Times Year 8/9/10**

After School: 3:15-4:15pm



# Our Recommendations



## **Papillon**

Henri Charrière

Henri Charrière, called "Papillon," for the butterfly tattoo on his chest, was convicted in Paris in 1931 of a murder he did not commit. Sentenced to life imprisonment in the penal colony of French Guiana, he became obsessed with one goal: escape. After planning and executing a series of treacherous yet failed attempts over many years, he was eventually sent to the notorious prison, Devil's Island, a place from which no one had ever escaped . . . until Papillon. His flight to freedom remains one of the most incredible feats of human cunning, will, and endurance ever undertaken.

Charrière's astonishing autobiography, *Papillon*, was published in France to instant acclaim in 1968, more than twenty years after his final escape. Since then, it has become a treasured classic -- the gripping, shocking, ultimately uplifting odyssey of an innocent man who simply would not be defeated.

**Recommended for KS4 by Anthony Klos, 11B**

### Papillon

Memoir

Adventure

France

***We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!***



**A student who reads is a student who succeeds!**