

Scottish Book Trust Reading advent calendar

In the countdown to Christmas, why not set yourself a reading challenge to complete each day? Share your photos of your reading adventures with [@scottishbktrust](https://twitter.com/scottishbktrust) on Twitter, [@scottishbooktrust](https://www.instagram.com/scottishbooktrust) on Instagram or [on our Facebook page](#).

How to use

There are two versions of the advent calendar:

- one with assigned dates with challenges to complete each day (page 3)
- the other has random challenges you can cut out and either choose randomly from a hat or fold and place inside an existing advent calendar (page 4)

Next steps

For more tips on reading during the Christmas holidays, see our article on [Reading at home over Christmas](#). You can also see our [Home Activities Hub](#) for activities you can do at home together and our [Authors Live on Demand library](#) for broadcasts with children's authors and illustrators where you can watch, draw or write along!

Plain text version

- 1st: Try the first chapter of a new book
- 2nd: Listen to an audiobook or episode of a podcast
- 3rd: Sign up for (or use!) your library card
- 4th: Read together before bed
- 5th: Make a festive bookmark!
- 6th: Act out a story or write your own short play!
- 7th: Write a book review to recommend a book to someone in your class
- 8th: Take an [extreme reading](#) photograph!
- 9th: Follow a recipe to cook or bake something together
- 10th: Watch a Christmas movie based on a book
- 11th: Take a story for a walk – take turns adding the next part of the plot...
- 12th: Make a bookish decoration for your tree!
- 13th: Revisit your favourite book from when you were younger
- 14th: Write a letter to someone you haven't seen in a while about the book you're reading
- 15th: Write your own Christmas cracker joke
- 16th: Read together over lunch – make a snack and grab something to read!
- 17th: Donate any books you don't want to read again to your local charity shop or food bank!
- 18th: Write an acrostic poem using a festive word
- 19th: Take turns reading a book aloud together
- 20th: Rewrite the lyrics to a Christmas carol or traditional song!
- 21st: Ask someone for a book recommendation
- 22nd: Talk about your favourite books or stories together
- 23rd: Watch an Authors Live broadcast together!
- 24th: Create a cosy reading den with blankets, pillows and books – hot chocolate optional!

My reading advent calendar



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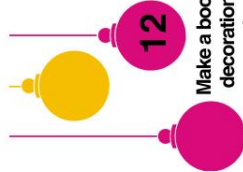
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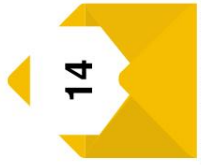
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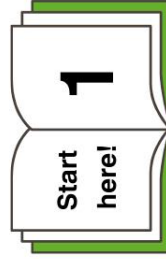


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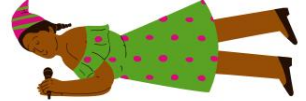
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Random advent challenge!

Cut along the dotted lines - either put the challenges into different days of your advent calendar, or, from the 1st to the 24th December choose a random one every day!



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