

SATURDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2008

SAT 19:00 Picture Book (b00fd164)
When We Were Very Young

Series which reveals the enchanting story of our childhood reading.

This opening part looks at our very first books and the picture-book heaven they create for under-fives, exploring the magical interplay of words and pictures and how they begin to shape our childhood imagination.

Featuring favourites from The Tale of Peter Rabbit to Charlie and Lola, from Noddy to Thomas the Tank Engine, plus modern classics such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt and Each Peach Pear Plum.

There are also interviews, readings and demonstrations of their art from leading writers and illustrators including Michael Rosen, Shirley Hughes, Alan Ahlberg and Lauren Child.

SAT 20:05 Merlin the Legend (b00dpspb)

A look at the mythical roots in art and literature of Merlin - magician, hero and historical mystery. Merlin is the archetypal wizard, Welsh and Celtic in origin but with connections across the water in Cornwall and middle Europe, and, of course, the Arthurian legends. Clearly, Merlin is the distant relative of Dumbledore and all those weird and wonderful wizards in literature.

SAT 21:05 Reader, I Married Him (b0074sxl)

Heroines

Daisy Goodwin presents a series about the romantic novel. This edition looks at romantic heroines, who have frequently reflected the times and often created ground-breaking role models for women. Daisy visits the set of the BBC's new Jane Eyre and also spends a day with a Yorkshire book group who give a contemporary opinion of some well-known twentieth century heroines. Other interviewees include Barbara Taylor Bradford, Sophie Kinsella and Marina Warner.

SAT 22:05 Mad Men (b009hfdl)

Series 1

Marriage of Figaro

Drama series which takes an unflinching look at the world of advertising in 1960s New York. When Pete returns from honeymoon how will Peggy react? Don gets closer to Rachel and is troubled by a chance encounter on a train. There's a party for Don's daughter, and the wives are feeling threatened by the new, divorced, girl on the block.

SAT 22:45 Damages (b00936y6)

Series 1

Do You Regret What We Did?

Acclaimed American legal drama following a ruthless lawyer's class action suit against an allegedly corrupt former company CEO. Gregory's disappearance continues to mystify Patty, while Frobisher prepares a secret weapon as the time for his deposition draws nearer. Ellen stumbles upon some new information that could prove critical to the case.

SAT 23:30 Damages (b009hqfs)

Series 1

Sort of like Family

Patty and the team focus their energies on Frobisher's upcoming deposition. After Malina's death, Patty removes Ellen from the case, causing an irate Ellen to approach George Moore on her own. Meanwhile, Frobisher gets word that his wife has filed for divorce – a fact that Patty plans on using to her advantage.

SAT 00:15 Selling the Sixties (b009364s)

Documentary about Madison Avenue, home of the American advertising business, a semi-mythical place where the dreams of a new, affluent society were spun in the early 1960s. These were the 'days of heaven', when the country felt to many like a land of plenty and a land of hope - politics was reinvigorated thanks to a product known as new, improved JFK, consumerism was on the up and the challenges of Vietnam, feminism and the counter-culture still lay in the future.

Includes contributions from advertising legend George Lois and writer Gay Talese.

SAT 01:15 The Hard Sell (b00936cc)

Cigarettes and Alcohol

Phill Jupitus examines the controversy around and quality of the adverts that encouraged people to smoke and drink, how some came to be banned and how they best demonstrated the craft of British advertising. Contributors include Lord Tim Bell, Sir Alan Parker, Jilly Goolden and Melanie Sykes.

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SAT 02:45 Reader, I Married Him (b0074sxl)

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SUNDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2008

SUN 19:00 Wilfred Owen: A Remembrance Tale (b0088x0j)

Jeremy Paxman tells the tragic story of World War One poet Wilfred Owen. At a time of jingoism and wartime propaganda, one Shropshire lad was compelled to tell the truth. Jeremy Paxman travels to the battlefields of France to discover how the ugliest and most terrible arena imaginable gave birth to some of the most poignant and powerful poetry in the English language. Wilfred Owen is played by Samuel Barnett.

SUN 20:00 Edwardians in Colour: The Wonderful World of Albert Kahn (b00dj1xn)

Original Series

The Soldiers' Story

Documentary series about Albert Kahn's photographic Archive of the Planet.

For a quarter of a century, Kahn supplied a team of photographers with the world's first colour camera system and dispatched them across the globe. Their films and 72,000 photographs offer a unique insight into the formative years of the 20th Century.

During the First World War, Kahn dispatched his photographers to the battlefields, where they recorded in remarkably intimate detail the everyday lives of French troops fighting on the Western Front. The Soldiers' Story shows the poignant images they captured as they journeyed through shattered landscapes of Eastern France. Their remarkable pictures also document the horrifyingly crude medical procedures at field hospitals; the first aeroplanes and the heavy armaments that were appearing in the war zone; the heroism of the nurses; and the endurance of an army which sustained more casualties than any other during The Great War.

SUN 21:00 Walter's War (b00fh1w1)

Drama inspired by the life of Walter Tull who, after years in an orphanage, went on to become a professional footballer and then the first black commissioned officer to lead British troops during the First World War.

The action concerns Tull's turbulent passage from ordinary soldier to extraordinary officer at officer training camp, where he had to face his own demons as well as fight the prejudice that surrounded him.

SUN 22:00 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b00fh1w3)

Michael Parkinson

The interviewer turns interviewee as Michael Parkinson sits in the guest's chair, talking to Mark Lawson about turning to journalism to avoid life in the Yorkshire coalmines, his schoolboy cricket record, flirting with his female guests, meeting Muhammad Ali and how the run-ins with Emu and Meg Ryan will follow him to the grave.

SUN 23:00 Parkinson (b0074q5h)

Peter Ustinov

In a selection of highlights from Sir Peter Ustinov's appearances on his show, Michael Parkinson looks back at a multitalented and multilingual writer, director, actor, raconteur, Oscar winner and tireless ambassador for Unicef. The interviews offer a poignant reminder of Ustinov's intelligence and ability to entertain.

SUN 00:00 Walter's War (b00fh1w1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

SUN 00:55 BBC Four Sessions (b00fd1q1)

Randy Newman

The great American master of irony, singer-songwriter Randy Newman graces the stage at LSO St Luke's in London for an intimate concert. Balancing songs of scathing wit with affecting romantic ballads, he is joined by the strings of the BBC Concert Orchestra under the baton of Robert Ziegler.

There is a selection from his critically-acclaimed album Harps and Angels, including the critique of the Bush administration A Few Words in Defence of Our Country, and Newman also cherrypicks songs such as Short People, I Think It's Going to Rain Today, Political Science and Marie from his impressive back catalogue.

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MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2008

MON 19:00 World News Today (b00fh2b9)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

MON 19:30 Edwardians in Colour: The Wonderful World of Albert Kahn (b007hg9t)

Original Series

The Civilians' Story

Documentary series about Albert Kahn's photographic Archive of the Planet.

For a quarter of a century, Kahn supplied a team of photographers with the world's first colour camera system and dispatched them across the globe. Their films and 72,000 photographs offer a unique insight into the formative years of the 20th Century.

Throughout the Great War, Kahn's photographers travelled throughout France, documenting the impact of the conflict on non-combatants in the towns and villages.

MON 20:30 Only Connect (b00fh2bf)

Series 1

Episode 9

Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital. It is all about making connections between things which may appear, at first glance, not to be connected at all.

MON 21:00 Timeshift (b00fh2bh)

Series 8

How to Solve a Cryptic Crossword

A look at the world of cryptic crosswords, offering up the secrets of these seemingly impenetrable puzzles.

Crossword setter Don Manley, AKA Quixote, reveals the tricks that compilers use to bamboozle and entertain solvers using a crossword he created especially for the programme.

We also find out why Britain became home to the cryptic crossword, how a crossword nearly put paid to the D-Day invasion and why London Underground is elevating the crossword to an art form.

Author Colin Dexter explains why Inspector Morse loved his crossword, Martin Bell reveals how his father became the first crossword setter of the Times without ever having solved one and the crossword editor of the Daily Telegraph opens up her postbag.

Also sharing their enthusiasm for cryptic crosswords are actors Prunella Scales and Simon Russell Beale, Val Gilbert of the Daily Telegraph and Jonathan Crowther, AKA Azed of the Times.

MON 22:00 Storyville (b00fh2bk)

Prodigal Sons

Filmmaker Kimberly Reed hasn't seen her older brother for years and as they reunite for their 20th anniversary school reunion, a lot has changed.

Marc was a school underachiever, poor at sports and pretty

hopeless academically, and deeply insecure about being an adopted son. He has subsequently had a major brain injury which has left him prone to violent mood swings.

Back at school, Kimberly was called Paul and was the ultimate sports jock, straight-A student and school hero, and this is the first time Marc has seen his brother since she became his sister.

Their new relationship starts off well and takes a surreal turn when Marc discovers his birth grandparents were Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth. But soon the old resentments begin to show and the reunion takes a turn for the worse.

MON 23:30 In Search of Spanish Flu (b00dwf49)

Documentary in which a team of top UK virologists exhume the body of statesman, military officer and diplomat Sir Mark Sykes from a country churchyard in an attempt to detect the genetic footprint of one of the most dangerous viruses the world has ever seen, the Spanish Flu. It may be that an aristocrat who died nearly 90 years ago holds the key to preventing a modern bird flu pandemic.

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TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00fh3tx)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

TUE 19:30 My Family at War (b00ffkm9)

Episode 3

Eamonn Holmes discovers how his Irish grandad was treated when he came home, wounded, to an Ireland on the brink of civil war, where the British army was considered the enemy of nationalism. Kate Silverton, meanwhile, discovers the bitter reality of trench warfare for George, her great grandfather.

TUE 20:10 1914-1918 (b00fk9pd)

Legacy

Documentary series telling the history of the Great War concludes with the post-war peace negotiations and the unfair treatment of the defeated Germans and Austrians that gave rise to their anger, poverty and unrest.

TUE 21:00 The Book Quiz (b00h3zk8)

Series 2

Episode 6

Kirsty Wark presents the second semi-final of the literary panel game as Daisy Goodwin and David Aaronovitch fight it out against India Knight and James Delingpole for a place in the final.

TUE 21:30 Flight of the Conchords (b008d37m)

Series 1

New Fans

Comedy series about Kiwi folk musicians Bret and Jemaine as they try to make it big New York.

When the boys do a gig at a world music club they end up getting two more fans. Mel is jealous, especially when it seems the girls are interested in more than their music.

Features the songs Ladies of the World and Pretty Prince of Parties.

TUE 22:00 Timewatch (b00fg9hw)

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The Last Day of World War One

Michael Palin tells the story of how the First World War ended on 11th November 1918 and reveals the shocking truth that soldiers continued to be killed in battle for many hours after the armistice had been signed. Recounting the events of the days and hours leading up to that last morning, Palin tells the personal stories of the last soldiers to die as the minutes and seconds ticked away to the 11 o'clock ceasefire.

TUE 23:00 What Did You Do in the Great War, Daddy? (b008cxzt)

Documentary telling the tragic story of the greatest loss of fathers in British history. When the nation was called to arms in the patriotic fervour of 1914 it was difficult to imagine that, four years later, half a million children would have lost their fathers in battle. The impact of their deaths was devastating and never forgotten by their sons and daughters. Now in their 90s, they go on an emotional journey to remember their lost fathers, culminating in a visit to their graves in France.

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WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00fh49l)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

WED 19:30 Railway Walks with Julia Bradbury (b00fd1dd)

Gateway to the Highlands

Julia Bradbury faces an epic walk in more ways than one. Not only is this the longest and arguably most dramatic walk yet, but it passes through the unruly territory of Scottish clans and Rob Roy. The Highlands were a place to be wary of, until the railway arrived.

WED 20:00 Snowdrift at Bleath Gill (b00f2ksz)

Produced in 1955 and part of the British Transport Films' collection, this short film follows the heroic actions of railway workers who rescue a snowbound train in the north Pennines.

WED 20:10 An Awfully Big Adventure (b0074tpq)

E Nesbit

Series about the lives and work of six great figures in children's literature looks at Edith Nesbit, the first modern children's author and creator of The Phoenix and the Carpet and The Railway Children.

In a genre previously dominated by adult voices, Nesbit's stories broke the mould of Victorian sentimentality and were written from the perspective of a child, changing the path of children's literature for ever.

WED 21:00 Picture Book (b00fh49n)

Now We Are Six

Series telling the enchanting story of children's books continues by looking at the time we first begin to read, and how the magical interplay of words and images continues to shape our childhood imagination.

From the age of six we want books to make sense of the middle years of our childhood as we go to school and make new friendships, a time when we love books full of fantastical worlds, a comforting place of talking animals, but also a frightening one of wild woods and giants.

The programme explores over 150 years of classic books, from Alice in Wonderland to The Wind in the Willows, from Winnie the Pooh to The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, and features interviews, readings and demonstrations of their art from leading writers and illustrators such as Philip Pullman, Jacqueline Wilson, Anthony Horowitz, Quentin Blake and Raymond Briggs.

WED 22:00 A Year in Tibet (b009hp6b)

Faith, Hope and Charity

Documentary series following a year in the life of the society living in and around the Tibetan town of Gyantse.

The monks begin preparations for New Year, one of Tibet's biggest festivals. Lhakpa, a local rickshaw driver, struggles to earn money as winter approaches. He embarks on a scheme to buy and sell puppies, with disastrous consequences.

Hotel owner Jianzang gets involved in a court case which has a surprising outcome. In Tangmai, the doctor cannot cure Lhamo's crippling stomach pains.

WED 23:00 Natural World (b0077xh7)

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Himalaya

A look at the variety of wildlife in the Himalayas, from the valleys of Bhutan to the glaciers of Karakoram to the lush forests of Nepal to frozen wastes of Tibet.

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THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2008

THU 19:00 World News Today (b00fh4tt)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

THU 19:40 The New Avengers (b00f11v)

Series 1

The Eagle's Nest

Classic British secret agent fantasy adventure series.

Investigating the murder of agent Stannard, the team uncover a plot by Nazis to form a new Third Reich, complete with a resurrected Adolf Hitler.

THU 20:30 Beeching's Tracks (b00f13tq)

East

Nicholas Crane explores what happened to Norfolk's railways 45 years ago when many of the county's branch lines were closed after the Beeching Report, and he learns of an ambitious plan to build an orbital railway by reinstating some of those axed lines.

THU 21:00 Walter Tull: Forgotten Hero (b00fh1vz)

Walter Tull was a pioneering black British footballer and the first black officer in the British army, who died heroically fighting in the First World War and yet is virtually unheard of today.

Former Eastenders star Nick Bailey relates the story of this forgotten hero, investigating war records to establish whether there was a colour bar in the British Army and asking how Tull managed to become an officer despite army regulations requiring only men of 'pure European descent'. Bailey also tries to discover why Lieutenant Tull was denied a Military Cross for heroism even though his commanding officer recommended him for one.

Tull's parents died before he was seven years old and he was sent to an orphanage in London's East End, but despite that he won a place in the first team of one of Britain's most famous clubs, Tottenham Hotspur. However, after just seven games and great match reports, he received such racial abuse he never played for the first team again. Far from giving up, Tull rebuilt his football career and then signed up for military service at the first opportunity.

THU 22:00 Walter's War (b00fh1w1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Sunday]

THU 23:00 Armistice (b00fcy1p)
Professor David Reynolds takes a fresh look at the extraordinary events and personalities that brought about the armistice of 1918, venturing beyond the familiar British account of Remembrance Day to unravel how the other side, the Germans, plunged to total defeat in just a few months at the end of the war.

In a journey that takes him through command centres and battlefields, he uncovers a story of wounded egos, mental illness and political brinkmanship as statesmen and generals haggled over the terms of peace, while, at the front, the soldiers fought on with sustained brutality.

For many Germans, the armistice was a betrayal of all they had fought for and it caused lasting resentments that would eventually fuel Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Reynolds argues that the bitter endgame of the 'war to end all wars' tragically sowed the seeds of even more appalling conflict to come.

THU 00:30 BBC Four Sessions (b0074nv9)
Youssou N'Dour

The crown prince of African music, Youssou N'Dour, in fiery form on the last night of his 2003 European tour at the Union Chapel in London.

Mixing material from his highly acclaimed album Nothing's In Vain (Coono Du Reer) with classic songs like Immigres and Seven Seconds from his back catalogue, Dakar's favourite son mixes acoustic intimacy with all-singing, all-dancing showstoppers in a joyous celebration of his music.

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FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2008

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00fh55d)
The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

FRI 19:30 Karim's Journey (b008ptkc)
Celebrated documentary filmmaker Christopher Nupen's award-winning film follows the development of Amman-born pianist, conductor and composer Karim Said. Filmed over a seven-year period, it tracks Said's progress from the age of 11 to 17.

A protégé of renowned conductor Daniel Barenboim, Said is recognised as a major musical talent and has already received eight international prizes, while the documentary itself was the winner of the Special Jury Prize at the Palermo Festival.

FRI 20:30 Only Connect (b00fh2bf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 on Monday]

FRI 21:00 BBC Four Sessions (b00fh55j)
Paul Weller

In an exclusive BBC4 session filmed at BBC Television Centre, Paul Weller performs numbers from his album 22 Dreams, solo hits including From the Floorboards Up and Peacock Suit, and a couple of classics from The Jam's back catalogue.

Weller performs with his regular five-piece band and is joined on some numbers by the Wired Strings and a brass section. He also has special guests, including Oasis guitarist Gem Archer on Echoes Round the Sun, fiddle player Eliza Carthy on Wild Wood and Where'er You Go and Blur guitarist Graham Coxon on Black River.

FRI 22:00 Paul Weller: Into Tomorrow (b00fjdr9)
Documentary looking at the 30-year career of Paul Weller, who

tells his own story with the input of those who know him.

Using unseen photos and archive footage, it covers his upbringing in Woking, his years with The Jam and The Style Council, his insecurity after being dropped by a record company, his unexpected return to popularity in the 1990s, and his view on where he finds himself now.

Contributors include his parents, Bruce Foxton, Boy George and Noel Gallagher.

FRI 23:30 The New Avengers (b00f111v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:40 on Thursday]

FRI 00:20 The Avengers (b0074t6l)
Series 4

What the Butler Saw

60s drama series. Steed becomes a gentleman's gentleman, while Mrs Peel faces a fate worse than death.

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