

Content, Themes and Key Stages

There are many themes and devices within the Dawn of the Unread series that can be drawn from for work in the classroom; from justice and iambic pentameter to black history and teen relationships.

The spirit of Dawn of the Unread is in-keeping with Nottingham's literary heritage and ethos; **vibrant**, **rebellious** and **inclusive**. As such, some of the content is more suited to older students.

We have created this guide to contents, themes and recommended key stages to help you navigate the comics and select the most appropriate stories for the students you are working with.

Issue Number	Story	Writers	Artists	Characters	Key Stage	Themes & Content	Advisories
1	Calm down it's only an Abookalypse!	James Walker	Mike White (artist) Rhianna Murphy (colourist)	William Booth Edith Sitwell	3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries Reading Humanitarian Aid Style: American 50s horror comic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild Language
2	My Long Walk with Slav	Brick (script, art, lettering)	Jessica Parry (colouring)	Slawomir Rawicz	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Adventure Coming of age Triumph over adversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial nudity Sexual references Drug references
3	Inside the mind of a master criminal	Michael Eaton	Eddie Campbell	Charlie Peace	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime Justice Law Human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild language References to violence and crime
4	Little Boxes	Adrian Reynolds	Francis Lowe (pictures) Brian Daniel (letters)	The Gotham Fool	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health Science Fiction Reality verses fiction Taxation Class system 	
5	Booked	Andy Croft	Kate Ashwin	Byron Clough	3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iambic Pentameter Poetry Music Closing of bookshops Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference to 'sex and drugs' Alcohol
6	Psychos	Nicola Monaghan	Judit Ferencz	Alma Reville – Lady Hitchcock	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horror films Drug culture Rave culture Relationships Domestic abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Language Alcohol Drugs Reference to domestic abuse
7	Zombie Hunter	Kevin Jackson	Hunt Emerson	DH Lawrence	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biography Travel Censorship Politics Industrial revolution History Anthropology Feminism Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong language Sexual references Nudity Political references (fascism, Nazi symbol) Alcoholism Domestic violence

8	Duke and Disorderly	Andrew Mulletproof Graves	Toni Radev	5 th Duke of Portland	3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War I • Aristocracy • Money and happiness • Pop culture • 'Youtube generation' • Bookshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol • Violence
9	Bendigo versus Nottingham	Al Needham	Rikki Marr	Bendigo	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biography • Time travel • Health, hygiene & plague • Bareknuckle fighting • Homelessness • Religion • Self-confidence • Rivalry • Social media • Police report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong language • Alcohol • Violence
10	Ms. Hood	Aly Stoneman	Amanda Elenor Tribble	Hood	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment • Poverty • War • Activism • Power of education • Corruption • Social justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs • Violence
11	Books and Bowstrings	Alan Gibbons	Steve Larder	Geoffrey Trease	3+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving libraries • Class system • Equal rights • Youth empowerment 	
12	For it was Saturday Night	James Walker	Carol Swain	Alan Sillitoe	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving libraries • Education system • Operative libraries • Self-education • Equal opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate language • Alcohol • Smoking • Zombie horror
13	Will you walk into my parlour?	Alison Moore	Corrina Rothwell	Mary Howitt	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biography • Spiritualism • Nottingham • Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritualism (Ouija board)
14	Shelves	David Belbin	Ella Joyce	Stanley Middleton	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biography • Literary history • Writing & literary culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to 'sex and drugs'
15	Mad Madge	Mhairi Stewart	Gary Erskine	Margaret Cavendish	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biography • Roller derby • Value of creativity • Individualism • Identity • Determination • Self-belief • Feminism • Enduring literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body art • Alcohol
16	Powe meets Africanus	Panya Banjoko	Conor Boyle	George Africanus George Powe	4+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black history • Equality & diversity • Justice • Freedom • War • Activism • Power of words 	