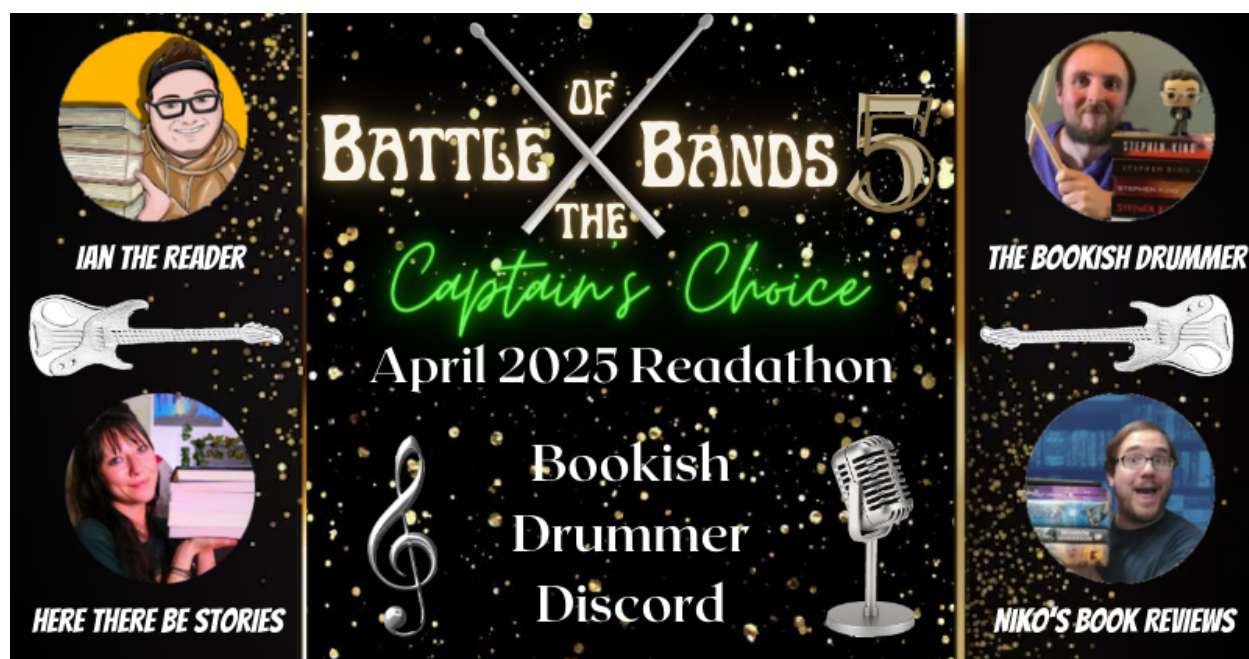




Thanks for your interest in the Battle of the Bands 5 Readathon!

Everything you need to know about the readathon should be included in this document. (Rules, Scoring, Prompts etc.) In case we missed anything though, there is an **#faq-and-ask-us** channel in the discord (linked below).

The readathon will be taking place from **April 1st, 2025 at midnight to April 30th, 2025 at 11:59pm (in your own time zone)**.

In order to participate and choose a team you'll need to fill out the sign up form: <https://forms.gle/D7FBm5vHiAF8LKIX9> and join The Bookish Drummer discord server (invite link: <https://discord.gg/FJs6ty8j5R>) so that you can be assigned your team role & gain access to your team chat as well as the submission form and group read chats. There is a **Battle of the Bands Readathon** Heading, where you will find the readathon related channels & content.

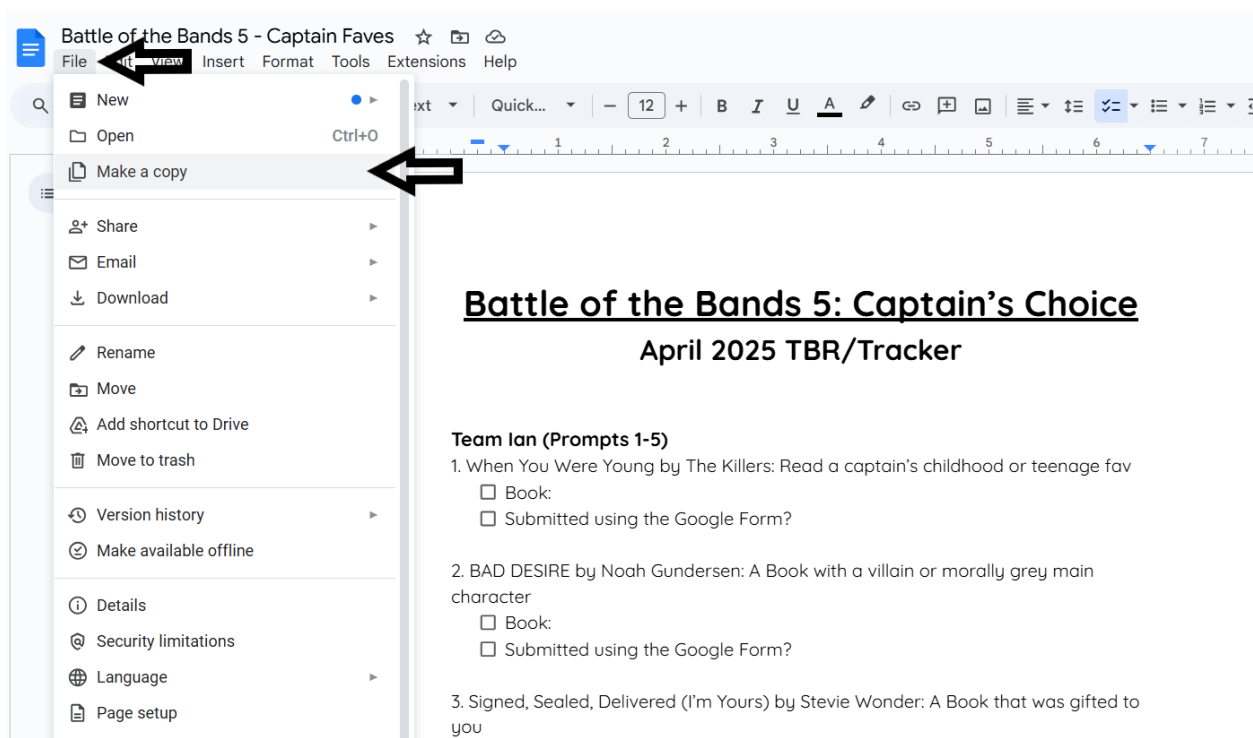
The discord server has one main rule; **be respectful and kind to everyone**. This rule will extend to the readathon as well. It is competitive (banter is great) but it's all in good fun and we hope everyone has a great experience! While you can if you want to, you definitely don't have to read 20 books to be a great asset to your team! Any team would be lucky to have you regardless of how many books you read!

The Google Form to submit books for points can be found on the discord server. It's pinned in every team chat and the **#all-participants-chat**, plus linked on the **#graphics-info-and-resources** channel. Submissions will open up on April 1st. (Books started before that will **not** count towards the readathon!) Please submit your books as you finish them so that we can provide accurate scoreboard updates every week!

There is a Storygraph Challenge set up if anyone would like to track and or plan for themselves there (it is live but not public so you'll need this link/it's not searchable): https://app.thestorygraph.com/reading_challenges/e013969c-a4d3-4446-8d63-2909f201f7bf

There is also a Google Doc available for individual planning/tracking if you would like. **Be sure to click "File" and "Make a Copy"** if you intend to use a digital version so that you get a copy on your own Google drive that you'll be able to edit and use! The original will be uneditable and stay blank to ensure that anyone can access a clean copy. You should also be able to print a copy if you'd like.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tZ-ZfZTRvmcS8TXHDAgEB29i2uno0ywbeQLDLYsQROY/edit?usp=sharing>



Battle of the Bands 5: Captain's Choice
April 2025 TBR/Tracker

Team Ian (Prompts 1-5)

1. When You Were Young by The Killers: Read a captain's childhood or teenage fav
☐ Book:
☐ Submitted using the Google Form?
2. BAD DESIRE by Noah Gundersen: A Book with a villain or morally grey main character
☐ Book:
☐ Submitted using the Google Form?
3. Signed, Sealed, Delivered (I'm Yours) by Stevie Wonder: A Book that was gifted to you

The team captains & creators can be found on booktube at the following links, please check them out and show their channels some love (they're all fantastic!):

The Chapter Conundrum: <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChapterConundrum>

Ian The Reader: <https://www.youtube.com/@ianthereader>

Here There Be Stories: <https://www.youtube.com/@HereThereBeStories>

Niko's Book Reviews: <https://www.youtube.com/@nikosbookreviews>

The Bookish Drummer: <https://www.youtube.com/@BookishDrummer>

Readathon Rules Pt 1

- ONLY ONE BOOK/PROMPT (NO DOUBLING UP) & YOU CAN ONLY USE EACH PROMPT ONCE.**
- A BOOK (NOVEL, NOVELLA OR COLLECTION) MUST BE AT LEAST 150 PAGES TO COUNT TOWARDS A PROMPT.
*UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE IN THE PROMPT**
- NO GRAPHIC NOVELS, MANGA, COMICS OR OTHER PICTURE BOOKS WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE READATHON.**
- PROMPTS CAN BE READ IN ANY ORDER (MOOD READERS, WE SEE YOU)!**
- ALL PROMPTS ARE OPEN TO YOUR OWN INTERPRETATION (BUT USE COMMON SENSE).**

Readathon Rules Pt 2

- YOU CAN READ A PROMPT FOR ANY TEAM REGARDLESS OF WHICH TEAM YOU ARE ON BUT READING A PROMPT FOR YOUR OWN TEAM *ADDS* THIRTY POINTS TO YOUR OWN TEAM'S SCORE WHILE READING PROMPTS FROM ANOTHER TEAM *SUBTRACTS* TEN POINTS FROM THAT TEAM'S SCORE.**
- IF YOU ARE READING ANOTHER TEAM'S PROMPT IN ORDER TO SUBTRACT POINTS, THE POINTS WILL BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE TEAM WHO THE PROMPT BELONGS TO.**
- FOR EVERY BONUS CHALLENGE ON THE DISCORD THAT YOU COMPLETE, YOUR TEAM WILL GAIN TEN POINTS.**

Encore Reader Rules

- FOR EACH INACTIVE TEAM MEMBER, A CAPTAIN CAN DESIGNATE & TAG IN ONE ENCORE READER (WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED) TO READ UP TO 5 ADDITIONAL BOOKS TO GAIN EVEN MORE POINTS FOR THEIR TEAM.
- ENCORE READERS MUST COMPLETE THE ORIGINAL 20 PROMPTS BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY EXTRA BOOKS.
- ENCORE READERS CAN CHOOSE ANY 5 DIFFERENT PROMPTS TO REPEAT TO GAIN POINTS FOR THEIR TEAM.
- EACH ENCORE BOOK WILL GAIN YOUR TEAM 30 POINTS! ENCORE BOOKS CANNOT BE USED FOR ATTACKS.
- BOOKS FOR ENCORE PROMPTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS. (150+ PAGES ETC)
- ENCORE READERS CAN STILL ONLY COMPLETE BONUS CHALLENGES ONCE FOR CREDIT.

TEAM IAN

IAN *The* READER
@ianthereader

1. WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG BY THE KILLERS

Read a captain's childhood or teenage fav (100+ pages)

2. BAD DESIRE BY NOAH GUNDERSEN

A Book with a villain or morally grey main character

3. SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED (I'M YOURS) BY STEVIE WONDER

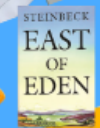
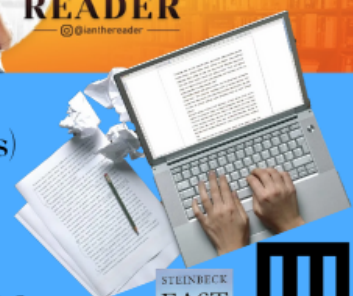
A Book that was gifted to you

4. HIDE AND SEEK BY IMOGEN HEAP

A Book chosen for you based on the scavenger hunt

5. NEW YORK STATE OF MIND BY BILLY JOEL

A Book set in a big city



Captain's Childhood/Teenage Faves are all listed in this spreadsheet. Any book within a listed series will count towards the prompt, it doesn't have to be the specific book listed. Reminder that books only need to be 100+ pages to count towards THIS prompt instead of 150+.*

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xCzwul4BR0K9VAIoKhqDoRHkg2h7Xpko9qZrPIU4I5o/edit?usp=sharing>

SCAVENGER HUNT - HIDE AND SEEK

*If for any reason you get stuck, just pick a different book for the prompt you just did.

1. Grab a book on your TBR or Want to Read
2. Find another book with a higher page count
3. Take the most prominent color on the cover & find another book that features the same color
4. Take the 5th (or last) letter in that title & find a book whose title ends with that letter
5. Take one of the author's initials and find another book by an author who shares one of those initials
6. Find another book in the same series
7. Pick something on the cover & find a book with that thing in the title
8. Read that book for this prompt

TEAM JAKE

BOOKISH DRUMMER

6. ONE OF THESE DAYS BY PINK FLOYD

A Book you've been putting off

7. ROTTEN PEACHES BY ELTON JOHN

A Book that takes place in a prison, jail or dungeon

8. LATE IN THE EVENING BY PAUL SIMON

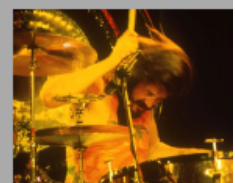
A Book with a word relating to evening in the title

9. BUZZCUT SEASON BY LORDE

A Book featuring a character in military training or in a war

10. MY LIFE BY BILLY JOEL

A Memoir or a Book written in first person



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11. ALL IN BY SAMUEL J

A Book you've committed to read

12. OBSIDIAN BY TREVOR HALL

A Book with mystical elements or Indigenous rep

13. ST. ELMO'S FIRE (MAN IN MOTION) BY JOHN PARR

A Book featuring a character pursuing their dream or fulfilling their destiny

14. DESERT ROSE BY STING

A Book with beautiful prose or lush detailed descriptions

15. UPTOWN GIRL BY BILLY JOEL

A Book featuring characters from different walks of life coming together



TEAM NIKO

16. WIDOWER BY MAKE THEM SUFFER

A Book with a character who has been widowed or who has lost a loved one

17. WALK LIKE A MAN BY FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

A Book featuring a father figure

18. BROKEN SURVIVORS BY BEAST IN BLACK

A Book that explores a character's past trauma (hardship or healing)

19. SNOW BRIGADE BY MEW

A Book featuring a character doing whatever they can to help someone they care about

20. SCENES FROM AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT BY BILLY JOEL

A Book that includes time jumps



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