



THE READY READERS BOOK CLUB
AN UNFORTUNATE READATHON

#anunfortunatereadathon
1 OCTOBER 2020 - 31 OCTOBER 2020

Dear reader,

We are sorry to say that the readathon you're reading about is extremely unpleasant. It is based on the unhappy tale of three very unlucky children. One might say the Baudelaire children are magnets for misfortune. There is nothing to be found in these pages but misery, despair, and discomfort, and you still have time to choose something else to do.

In this short readathon, you'll encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, deadly serpents, secret societies, murderous plots, and some friends in a dire situation.

It is our sad duty to go forth and relive these unpleasant tales, but there is nothing stopping you from closing this page at once and doing something happy, if you prefer that sort of thing.

With all due respect,

Pearl and Shreeya

([The Ready Readers Book Club](#))

If you still choose to be here after our sincere warning: Suit yourself. An Unfortunate Readathon will run from 1st October to 31 October 2020. You can sign-up by filling this form (<https://forms.gle/8MFUB7WzNXkDZ5cq6>)

If you choose to join this Unfortunate Readathon, and wish to share your grief with fellow readers, join our [Facebook group](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Remember to use the hashtag #anunfortunatereadathon when sharing your dark and dreary journey through The City. Join us for some gloomy reading sprints, live sessions, zoom meetings and games throughout the month of October.

The readathon has 12 unpleasant reading prompts and you can read about them below:

			
VIOLET BAUDELAIRE A BOOK WITH A BADASS FEMALE CHARACTER	KLAUS BAUDELAIRE A DARK ACADEMIA BOOK	QUAGMIRE TRIPLETS A BOOK THAT'S PART OF A TRILOGY	THE V.F.D. A BOOK WITH FIRE ON THE COVER/TITLE
SUNNY BAUDELAIRE A CHILDREN'S FICTION OR A MIDDLE GRADE BOOK	COUNT OLAF A MURDER MYSTERY/THRILLER	THE REPTILE ROOM A BOOK WITH NON- HUMAN CHARACTERS (ANIMALS, WIZARDS, VAMPIRES ETC)	PRUFROCK PREPARATORY SCHOOL A BOOK WITH A BOARDING SCHOOL SETTING
THEATRE TROUPE A BOOK WITH AN ENSEMBLE CAST	AUNT JOSEPHINE A BOOK/GENRE THAT IS OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE	THE ERSATZ ELEVATOR A BOOK WITH A RESUE MISSION	THE BEATRICE LETTERS A HEARTBREAKING BOOK

1. **Violet Baudelaire** - a book with a badass female character
Although her life is riddled with misery, Violet is an intelligent inventor whose wits and skills have saved her and her siblings countless times from death. So read a book with a badass female character Violet would approve of.
2. **Klaus Baudelaire** - a dark academia book
Klaus is the reader and researcher of the Baudelaires. He loves nothing more than to read a good book. To honour his thirst for knowledge and his unfortunate luck to attract death, read a dark academia book.
3. **Sunny Baudelaire** - a children's/middle grade book
Sunny is the youngest of the Baudelaire siblings. Read a children's or middle grade book that would make her say one of her favorite words, "Aha!"
4. **Count Olaf** - a murder mystery/thriller
Olaf is a greedy stalker and is obsessed with the Baudelaires' inheritance. He may have been responsible for the terrible fire that killed the Baidelaires' parents. But he is definitely responsible for countless murders of all the many guardians the children had. Read a murder mystery or a thriller, but be sure not to give Olaf any more terrible ideas.
5. **Theatre Troop** - a book with an ensemble cast
Olaf is an *impresario* and an *actour* and is always accompanied by his theatre troupe when he is carrying out his evil plans. Read a book with an ensemble cast.
6. **Aunt Josephine** - a book/genre that is out of your comfort zone
After her husband's death, Aunt Josephine's mental health deteriorated and she began to be fearful of the entire world. To honour this phobia ridden guardian of the Baudelaires, read a book that you're scared of. It might be daunting because of the size or the genre or anything else.
7. **Quagmire triplets** - a book that's part of a trilogy
The Quagmire triplets become friends of the Baudelaires at the Prufrock Preparatory School. Their parents were also mysteriously killed in a fire, along with one of the

triplets. Read a book that's a part of a trilogy to honour the Baudelaires' best, and quite possibly only, friends.

8. **The V.F.D - a book with fire on the cover/title**

The V.F.D., or Volunteer Fire Department, is a secret organization that was split into two parts - the Fire-Starters and the Fire - Fighters. The Baudelaire and Quagmire parents were Fire Fighters while Olaf is a Fire Started. To honour this fire loving organisation, read a book that has fire on its cover or in the name. You can interpret fire in any way you want - a book with flames, ash, embers etc in the title also count.

9. **The Reptile Room - a book with non-human characters**

Uncle Monty's Reptile Room was filled with all sorts of deadly and friendly reptiles. To honour the best guardian the children ever had, and his love for reptiles, read a book with non-human characters. From vampires to witches, gods, animals, zombies, you can pick anything.

10. **Prufrock Preparatory School - a book with a prep school/boarding school setting**

Prufrock Prep is a gloomy and awful boarding school with the motto "Memento Mori" (Remember you will die). Read a book set in a boarding school or prep school to erase the memories of this godforsaken place.

11. **The Ersatz Elevator - a book about a rescue mission**

The Quagmire siblings find themselves in a dire situation and it is upon the Baudelaires to rescue them. Help the Baudelaires by reading a book where a character has gone missing

12. **The Beatrice Letters - a heartbreaking book**

Beatrice Baudelaire was the mother of Violet, Klaus and Sunny, and perished in a fire along with her husband. She was also notably Lemony Snicket's ex-fiance. In the memory of Lemony Snicket's "darling, dead, dearest", read a sad, heartbreaking book

