

# 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](https://www.facebook.com/scottishbktrust).

## 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](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/articles/reading-at-home-over-christmas). You can also see our [Home Activities Hub](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/home-activities) for activities you can do at home together and our [Authors Live on Demand library](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-on-demand/) 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](https://planbee.com/pages/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!

