



“I have just received your package! Wow!! What a wonderful Christmas miracle of surprise and delight! There are some wonderful worlds and stories for us all to disappear into over this period. Thank you again for all the work you do – both seen and unseen. I know how thankless it can sometimes seem but our joy and hope is always unsurpassed.”

21/12/23 HMP Dartmoor

“We are writing on behalf of the library and the people here at HMP Doncaster who have wrote to you and you have sent them books. We feel that your service is unvaluable, because as you know we don’t every book that our people want, you are like another arm to our library. We just want to let you know that our numbers are up, in the way that more and more people are reading within our prison and that’s because we can cater for everyone now. A lad said to me yesterday after receiving books from you that “these are the 1st books I’ve ever owned”, you could see that he felt happy. So thank you in all that you do and don’t stop doing it, cos it’s actually working.”

5/1/24 HMP Doncaster

“Thank u soo verry much i was over the moon with the book and now passed it on to be enjoyed by menny others”

“Thank you for the time you took to send me the books. I thought you had forgotten about me. I was very happy with books sent to me.”

“Thankyou for the support of sending material to my particular requirments BORDERLINE is a fantastic organization i have recommended other inmates contact this service as the benefits are enormous reading is part of my daily curriculum. Thankyou.”

“Thank you for your new ywar message and thanks for all your hard work providing us with books.much apprieciaded.”

“Thank you for the service you provide to us and also the kind message recieved over the festive period.”

09/02/24 HMP Thameside (collected by librarian)

“Thank you for my lovely card wishing joy and happy reading for the new year! It certainly brought a smile to my face... It is such a joy to see just how many books that people were reading – and because of you both – how many of those books were sent in by you. It brought home to me just how important books are to our survival in here. Through you, I now truly believe that books are a necessity to the journey of rehabilitation. For years there are no courses available until maybe the last 12 months of a sentence with many leaving prison having done nothing rehabilitative. So the power of books has allowed us all to develop greater empathy, increase our knowledge and understanding and reflect on stories and how they affect and impact us... I just wanted to write and thank you on behalf of the wing and all of us who have been touched by your hard work, kindness and thoughtfulness.”

20/02/24 HMP Dartmoor (wing librarian, before being relocated due to radon levels)

“Just to say a big thank you for all your hard work in sorting these books. They will keep me going for a long time now.”

13/01/24 HMP Bure

“Thank you sooooooooooooooooooooo... much for the book!!! I don't think you realise how happy you have made me :) I already know that nothing will be better than that this year. I am trying to read as slowly as possible to savour the moment ha ha ha.”

09/02/24 HMP Rye Hill

“All the books you've sent to me I've enjoyed over and over and I thank you.”

31/01/24 HMP Wakefield

“I had some books last April 2023 from you. These books were fantastic, I completed my lv2 maths with only in cell books because of these books. Also now education have asked me to be a wing mentor. To which I said yes.”

23/01/24 HMP Stafford

“Once again a big thank you for the books I received them today what a great selection and as always I am most greatfull for them all. You will never know how much it means to receive the books. The work that team BB do goes above and beyond. So I will wish you all at team BB a happy and healthy new year.”

08/02/24 HMP La Moye

“As a thank you for all the work you and Borderline Books do to encourage and enable prisoners to read we wanted to include you in our fundraising efforts... The vast majority of these funds were raised by prisoners who have little to give. The fact that they were so generous shows just how highly our prisoners regard those charities that support us and those less fortunate than us to enjoy the many benefits of books and reading.”

28/02/24 HMP Rye Hill (Staff member, accompanying donation)

“Just wanted to express my thanks for the books I have received from yourselves. The property dept here handed them to me on Christmas Eve too! Much appreciated and such a great charity.”

26/01/24 HMP Liverpool

“I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you very much for the books you sent me... I have already created some artwork using these books, and I am very grateful.”

18/01/24 HMP Drake Hall

“I would like to thank you for the generous donation you recently made to the library here at HMP Bure, I have read and greatly enjoyed several of the titles.”

11/01/24 HMP Bure

“Many thanks for the books that Borderline Books recently sent me. It really lifted my spirits to receive them particularly on a week when I was unable to visit the library here at the prison – sadly only 20 places each week for our wing that has 120+ inmates.”

07/02/24 HMP Nottingham

“I would like to thank you for the last package of books sent. Which were Christmas choral carols which I used to celebrate Christmas with the choir I lead.”

02/02/24 HMP The Verne

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank your wonderful team for sending me the dictionary and keeping me motivated... It has been a tremendous help with both my spelling and understanding the meaning of words which I come across and don't understand.”

23/02/24 HMP Wakefield

“I really do appreciate all the books that you send me. Thank you.”

14/3/24 HMP Whatton

“Can I thank you both personally for responding to my initial request in such a generous way, and on behalf of my whole wing.”

6/3/24 HMP Wormwood Scrubs

“I thought I would write to you to show my appreciation and thanks. The books you sent me were perfect and exactly what I wanted and asked for. I have finished one already and look forward to the other two. So thank you very much and keep up the hard work!”

26/02/24 HMP Humber

“I am so very thankful to you for the books you’ve sent, the letters included, and how positive it leaves me feeling about the fact that there are individuals, groups such as yourselves... that have love for the human race to make our world go round for the better.”

27/02/24 HMP Isle of Wight

“I would first like to thank you for the thoughtful New Year wishes card, and also write to thank you for the first set of books that you sent me last year... the charity that you have set up is fantastic, and I cannot help but admire what you do. I’ve spoken to a few people about Borderline in Swaleside, and I’ve recommended a couple of people reach out to yourselves as well. Thank you again for all your help, and I look forward to hearing from you again in the future!”

23/2/24 HMP Swaleside

“You guys are invaluable – our library here is rather lacking, so to be able to access your service is so important. What I like best is the randomness of it – I never know what’s coming, and often I receive books I would never have chosen myself only to have them be exceedingly good!”

24/2/24 HMP Usk

“Thank you ever so much for the Art books, they are gratefully received and already being used... you are very much appreciated.”

13/3/24 HMP Swaleside

“I would like to say thank you for the new books you sent me. They are all truly fantastic and will help me and others. I am now full time mentor in work shop hub, not just on the wing anymore I enjoy maths and all the past books you have sent have got me to where I am now :)”

7/3/24 HMP Stafford

“Let me start by thanking you for sending me the computer books, they have helped me a very great deal. The gratitude in my heart will ever be yours.”

13/3/24 HMP Stocken

“Thank you’s soo much for my Happy New Books card, that truly meant a lot and made my day. Once again thank you for the work you do, on behalf of all prisoners we are well and truly grateful.”

9/2/24 HMP Stocken

“Thank you for all the books you’ve sent. They’ve made a huge difference! Thank you!”

14/03/24 HMP Forest Bank

“Thank you so much for sending me the books I requested. It means a lot to me and is greatly appreciated.”

20/3/24 HMP The Verne

“Thank you for the books, they are amazing. I just want to say what you offer and what you do for people is very kind and thoughtful.”

20/3/24 HMP Send

“I just wanted to say thank you for the five poetry books that you sent me. They have brought me great joy and contentment. Your service is very much appreciated.”

14/3/24 HMP Wakefield

“A short letter to say a huge thank you for the books you forwarded to me. I love fiction set in your local area and it has been a delight to [read about] somewhere I really want to visit again. With appreciation for all you do,”

13/4/24 HMP Low Newton

“Thank you for your message wishing me peace and plenty of it in 2024. I wish you all the best in return and a thank you for all the books you have set me over the years.”

18/3/24 HMP Dovegate

“I would just like to thank you for the invaluable service you are providing. Please accept my deepest gratitude for all you guys do, it’s been a lifeline for me and many others.”

16/3/24 HMP Fosse Way

“I’m not going to lie as a prisoner in a mental health hospital when I sore the Borderline Books address in the hardman directory I never thought I was going to get a reply. I thought it was a long shot Seriously! I can’t say thank you loud enough! As a prisoner trying to change my life in a place like this is hard really hard therapy is challenging but

Sorry! The reason I’ve said sorry is because I started/ well did start crying because it proves that there is good people still out there trying to help. Thank–you!”

02/03/24 Rampton Secure Hospital

“Thank you for your wonderfull effort in finding the previous books for me.”

02/03/24 HMP Stafford

“Just to let you know the dictionary you sent me is very good and gets used”

20/03/24 HMP Full Sutton

“I received your email yesterday and was blown away to hear from you. I don’t have much contact with the outside world and this was the first time I have ever had one! Needless to say it brightened my day so thank you.”

24/02/24 HMP Rye Hill

“Thank you for the Happy New Books card you set me and the last lot of books you sent me. I donated some of them to the prison library and kept some for reference. Your kindness and generosity are a real life line to me as I have no other contact with the outside world and cannot afford to buy books myself.”

02/03/24 HMP Wakefield

“This is a short note to say thank you. It is much appreciated. It makes the day pass when my nose is buried in a book.”

14/03/24 HMP The Verne

“Just to say a very big thank you to you both, and to everyone involved in Borderline Books, for the wonderful selection... I shall tonight be tucking into the wonderful edition of [book]... what a treat!

14/03/24 HMP Onley

“Thank you for your New Year’s greeting... and thank you for all the inspiration you provide all you serve.”

31/01/24 HMP Haverigg

“what you do/what your doing is so amazing – kind hearted – loyal and respectfull – above and beyond and absolutely outstanding.”

14/03/24 HMP Wakefield

“I would like to thank you for the maths books you sent me they were a huge help to me and they have now been donated to the maths department in Education.”

14/03/24 HMP Foston Hall

“I really enjoy receiving books from you guys I find your service really helpful and very pleasing as some people who are in prison cannot afford to buy books so I think that your service is a great joy to have the pleasure of being to gain access of owning are own books.”

15/02/24 HMP Isle of Wight

“I love the little synchronisities of life. I have received [requested book] on my birthday... I never tell anyone when my birthday is because I don’t like getting presents, but this has filled my heart.”

16/03/24 HMP Thameside

“Just writing to say thank you for the comics you sent me... with having no one outside no friends or family I didn’t think I would see any war comics at all as they are the best reads to me. So thank you for finding them.”

20/03/24 HMP Gartree

“Wow, wow, wow and wow! Thank you so much! I didn’t expect a response after making such an obscure request let alone to receive a book. I wanted to thank you all for this amazing service you provide. Hopefully in this letter I can shed a little light on the impact a simple book and gesture can mean to someone in my position.

My father sadly passed away in 2020 and he was my only contact with the ‘outside’ world. Being unable to obtain information, literature or indeed contact with the outside world has been difficult and at time very lonely but receiving your reply and book not only lifted my spirits, improved my mental health and made me feel like I wasn’t forgotten about it also now serves as not only an excellent reference but also as a reminder of these upbeat and positive feelings that Borderline Books gave to me.

Thank you each and every one of you for both your time and kindness in providing this invaluable service.”

20/3/24 HMP Northumberland