

# Book Review

Fia and the Last Snow Deer by Eilish Fisher

All of our schools have received copies of the Carnegie Long List of children's books. Here, Sophia Jackson, one of our Teaching Assistants at Mundella School shares her review of the Fia and the Last Snow Deer.

It is a beautifully illustrated story set in the midst of the winter. The story is written in an interesting form; short-line verse without punctuation. This use of form helps create the feeling of adventure and urgency of the story plot.

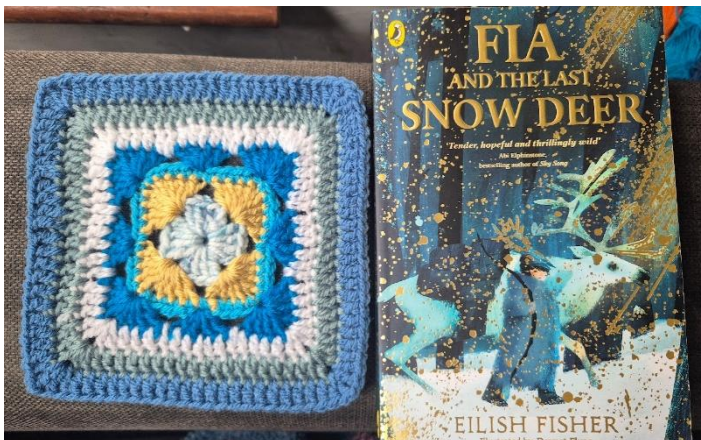
The village have been suffering an endless winter for 3 years, where there has been no sun and the villagers are running low on food. The sun can only return if the last snow deer is sacrificed.

An epic journey ensues, where Fia, Mish, Solas (the last snow deer) and a wolf who they meet on route.

The four companions make it through heavy snow and bitter cold, dark mysterious shadows and almost starving, to a great oak tree inside which, the Deer Mother awaits. Fia must make a brave decision regarding Solas in order for the sun to return thus saving the village.

Sophia enjoyed the book, despite some initial misgivings. Clearly a prolific reader (for pleasure), this is book twenty read this year! And each book is supported by a "Granny Square", which will all be sown together to capture her year of reading.

Sophia Jackson March 2026



This is a picture of a Granny square I made to match the book cover of Fia and the Last Snow Deer. I have been making a square for each book I read this year. So far, I have read 20 books!