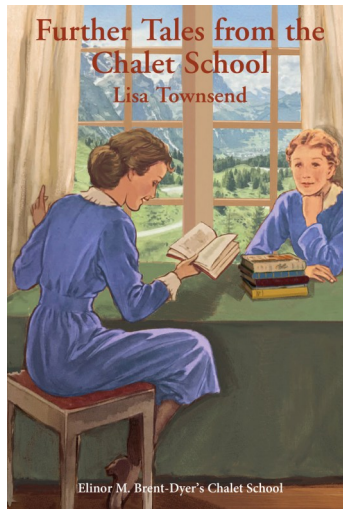




Ripping Reads

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Recovery Reading by Sue Croall

At the end of May I had my own unfortunate Chalet girl incident when I tripped or slipped during my regular exercise class and sprained my right ankle. There was no handsome doctor to come to my aid but the class instructor did the necessary by helping me to a chair, finding another for me to rest my foot on and popping to the shop next door to fetch some ice for the injury. He came back declaring that there were “no ice and no frozen peas” so he had done the next best thing and bought some frozen kiwi chunks (so South Bucks!).

This was right at the end of the half term holiday so I informed the school where I work that I would be taking a couple of days off to rest, ice and elevate my ankle, as per my first aid training. As luck would have it, I had a new Chalet fill in that I wanted to read and, having done so, then a couple of other CS books that I wanted to reread. (See below for details.) Not likely to get bored then.

After a few days my still not getting better sprained ankle was diagnosed to actually be broken. Suddenly I became the proud and slightly stunned owner of a fracture boot, a pair of crutches and some injections to be self-administered once daily. I was also signed off work for the next six weeks. This now required some serious reading material.

Fortunately, a very good friend who lives just up the road from me volunteers at a second hand book exchange and was able to keep me supplied with a wide range of fiction for adults ranging from Agatha Christie to Jenny Colgan. However I also read my way through a good number of “our type of books”, as you can see below.

First up was *The Chalet School in Peril* by Katherine Bruce. I won’t elaborate on this too

