

Key Stage 4

Reading list

**A writer only
begins a book.
A reader
finishes it.**

—SAMUEL JOHNSON



IMPORTANT!

The books asterisked (*) contain explicit or upsetting scenes – check the book summary and discuss it with your parents before reading

Fantasy/Sci-Fi



Title	Author	What's it about?
Ready Player One	Ernest Cline	Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by virtual world creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others to claim a prize of massive fortune.
Dune	Frank Herbert	Melange, or 'spice', is the most valuable - and rarest - element in the universe; And it can only be found on a single planet: the inhospitable desert world Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice. And whoever controls the spice controls the universe.
Beautiful Creatures Series	K. Garcia and M. Stohl	In a town where little has changed since the Civil War, Ethan is drawn to Lena, with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a secret.
I am Number Four (1 st in series)	Pittacus Lore	The series follows the story of nine human-looking aliens brought to Earth when they were six years old. Their purpose is to grow into their powers and return to their planet, Lorien, and get it back from the evil Mogadorians. Three are dead. Number Four is next...
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs	A horrific family tragedy sets 16yr old Jacob to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children who once lived here - one of whom was his own grandfather - were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous.
Children of Blood and Bone	Tomi Adeyemi	A gripping, epic story of magic and fantasy set in Africa. A teenage girl struggles to bring magic back to her people and overthrow a King who had her people and her mother killed.
Twilight (1 st in Series)	Stephanie Meyer	Isabella Swann moves to a new town and school and falls in love with Edward who happens to be a vampire.
Killer T	Robert Muchamore	Harry and Charlie are drawn together at a time when gene editing technology is starting to explode. Killer T is a synthetic virus with a ninety per-cent mortality rate, and the terrorists who created it want a billion dollars before they'll release a vaccine.
Northern Lights (His Dark Materials Trilogy)	Philip Pullman	Lyra is determined to find her friend Roger, but her quest leads her to the bleak splendour of the North, where there are perilous things waiting for her...
Vampire Diaries	L.J. Smith	Elena Gilbert is a young high school girl who finds her heart eventually torn between two vampire brothers, Stefan and Damon Salvatore.
Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring	JRR Tolkien	Hobbits, wizards, orks, elves, dwarves, good versus evil, a quest...the perfect epic adventure.
The Martian	Andy Weir	After being stranded on Mars during a dust storm, astronaut Mark Watney relies on his ingenuity and engineering skills to stay alive and to try to contact NASA.



Dystopian

Title	Author	What's it about?
The Handmaid's Tale*	Margaret Atwood	In the futuristic Republic of Gilead, which is being ruled and policed by men, women are divided into classes based on their household functions.
The Hunger Games (1 st in trilogy)	Suzanne Collins	Katniss Everdeen volunteers to participate in the Hunger Games to protect her sister – and is faced with a bloody, vicious, life-changing challenge.
Gone (1 st in series)	Michael Grant	Popular and exciting: All the adults disappear in a small town in southern California and no one knows why. Cut off from the outside world, those that are left are trapped, and there's no help on the way. They must do all they can to survive. Chaos rules the streets. Gangs form. Sides are chosen - strong or weak.
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	This novel is a shocking look at a frightening tomorrow. Genetic engineering and use of drugs has created a society of happy consumers.
The Giver	Lois Lowry	A boy is enrolled for the task of becoming the new Giver, the person in his community who collects all the feelings and memories that they are brought up not to have...
The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking Trilogy)	Patrick Ness	Todd Hewitt is the last boy in Prentisstown. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts. But Todd discovers a secret. Astonishingly powerful and exciting.
Only Ever Yours*	Louise O'Neill	The tale of school girls coming of age in a misogynistic society, where beauty and blind obedience are all that are expected of a woman. Controversial topics disturbingly presented.
More Than This	Patrick Ness	Reels you in from the very first page: A teenage boy wakes up confused and alone in an apparently desolated earth.
Nineteen Eighty-Four	George Orwell	Eternal warfare is the price of bleak prosperity in this satire of totalitarian barbarism.
How I Live Now	Meg Rossoff	Daisy is sent to England for the summer, and falls in love with someone she shouldn't.... and her world is turned upside down.
Divergent (1 st in series)	Veronica Roth	In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose among a faction, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is a does not fit into any one group.
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	After recovering from eye injuries, Bill Masen faces a deathly silence. He finds civilisation has come to an end. His greatest threat comes from plants genetically engineered who feed on human flesh. They quietly escape and seize their day.



Thriller

Title	Author	What's it about?
Looking for JJ*	Anne Cassidy	A teenage girl tries to re-build her life after being released from prison for the murder of her best friend when she was ten years old.
Code Name Verity	Elizabeth Wein	Two young women from different backgrounds become close friends through their roles in WW2 – one as a pilot and the other as a Special Operations Executive SOE (secret agent behind enemy lines) Then one is captured by the Gestapo.
Room*	Emma Donoghue	Jack has spent his life in a small space his mother calls Room, and while Jack uses his imagination to create fantasies to entertain himself, his mother finds a way for them to escape.
Gone Girl *	Gillian Flynn	Amy is miserable when her husband Nick brings her back to his hometown. When Amy disappears on their fifth wedding anniversary, Nick finds himself fighting to claim his innocence.
The Girl on the Train	Paula Hawkins	Obsessively watching a couple every day to escape the pain of her losses, Rachel witnesses a shocking event that inextricably entangles her in the lives of strangers.
Orangeboy	Patrice Lawrence	Sixteen-year-old Marlon has made his mum a promise - he'll never follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path. So far, it's been easy, but when a date ends in tragedy, Marlon finds himself hunted.
We were Liars	E.Lockhart	A 17 Yr old girl suffering from selective amnesia, returns to the family island where an awful tragedy took place. A great ending with a twist.
Brighton Rock	Graham Greene	A gang war is raging through the seedy underworld of 1930's Brighton. Brutal and cruel 17 year old Pinkie is fighting for leadership. He has already killed Hale, a Journalist, and believes he will escape retribution...
Long Way Down	Jason Reynolds	As fifteen-year-old Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the lift and reveal truths that Will needs to know. Will's story is told in free verse.
The Set-Up 1 st in series	Sophie McKenzie	A group of teenagers discover they were injected with the Medusa gene as babies which gives them psychic powers.
Stone Cold	Robert Swindells	When he runs away from his stepfather, Link has to sleep rough. But children are disappearing from London streets. Will Link be next?
Slated	Teri Terry	A girl whose memory has been wiped blank searches for the truth about her past which is being kept hidden from her.
Terror Kid*	Benjamin Zephaniah	Rico is good with computers and takes on a hacking job he believes is part of a peaceful protest but then finds himself implicated in a terrorist plot.

Horror



Title	Author	What's it about?
Frozen Charlotte*	Alex Bell	When Sophie goes to spend the summer with her cousins at the old school, terrifying events unfold.
Bunker Diary *	Kevin Brooks	Follows the life of Linus, a teenage runaway, after he is kidnapped and held captive in a bunker with five strangers.
Someone Like You*	Roald Dahl	Eighteen tales of the macabre. Wicked, shocking and blackly humorous.
The Enemy Series	Charlie Higson	A group of teens barricade themselves inside buildings all over London to escape zombie-like creatures that have taken over the city. The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and violence.
Department 19 *	Will Hill	When Jamie Carpenter's mother is kidnapped by strange creatures, he finds himself dragged into Department 19, the government's most secret agency. Fortunately for Jamie, Department 19 can provide the tools he needs to kill the vampires who want him dead.
Jekyll's Mirror	William Hussey	Sam is invited to take part in 'Project Hyde' - a social networking site where users can enjoy total anonymity. After a while, Sam notices that the other users are turning into something unrecognisable.
Thirteen Chairs	Dave Shelton	When Jack enters the deserted house in his neighbourhood, he finds a group of people who invite him to take the thirteenth chair in the room and share a story in the house where the ghosts meet.
Zom-B (1 st in series)	Darren Shan	Zom-B is a radical new series about a zombie apocalypse, told in the first person by one of its victims. The series combines classic Shan action with a fiendishly twisting plot and hard-hitting and thought-provoking moral questions dealing with racism, abuse of power and more. Expect a high body count!
We Need to Talk about Kevin*	Lionel Shriver	Eva never really wanted to be a mother; certainly not the mother of the unlovable boy who murdered seven students, a cafeteria worker and a teacher who tried to befriend him.
Mister Creecher	Chris Priestley	A London street urchin briefly teams up with Frankenstein's monster as they track the scientist's progress in his promise to make the monster a female companion.

Gothic Horror



Title	Author	What's it about?
The Magic Toyshop*	Angela Carter	Melanie is sent to live with relatives she has never met, including Uncle Philip who loves only the life sized clockwork toys and puppets he makes in his workshop.
Rebecca	Daphne Du Maurier	Is Rebecca really dead? Her insidious influence seems to extend beyond the grave. A modern masterpiece of romantic suspense.
The Woman in Black	Susan Hill	When a young solicitor is sent to attend to the paperwork of the late Alice Drablow, he finds himself in a spooky old house at the end of a causeway. Who is the mysterious woman in black he keeps seeing and what is her terrible secret?
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	A gifted scientist attempts to break new frontiers and create human life from nothing, but has his quest driven him mad? Can he control the monster he has unleashed on the world?
Dracula	Bram Stoker	Vampires, werewolves, creatures dead and yet still living abound amidst people determined to eliminate them.
The Picture of Dorian Grey	Oscar Wilde	Dorian's outward innocence conceals corruption deep enough to charm those about him into a life of wanton sensuality.
White Crow	Marcus Sedgewick	City girl Rebecca, spending Summer in a remote East Anglian seaside village, encounters Ferelith – a Goth who lives in a commune. The 3 rd key character is an 18th Century parson who is drawn into disturbing scientific experimentation with the moment of Death. An eerie and unsettling story
Gallant	V.E.Schwab	When Olivia is sent to Gallant (her Uncle's estate) she searches for answers about her family and her past. A really tense horror – great for Year 10 and 11



Mystery

Title	Author	What's it about?
All the Truth that's in Me	Julie Berry	Judith lives with the secret of who killed her best friend and cut out her tongue so that she could not reveal to people who he was.
The Da Vinci Code *	Dan Brown	Investigating the murder of a Louvre curator, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon and French cryptologist Sophie Neveu find clues painted into a Da Vinci, uncovering a plot involving the Holy Grail and the secret society known as the Priory of Sion.
And Then There Were None.	Agatha Christie	The book that topped the international online poll held in Agatha Christie's 125 th birthday year to discover which of her 80 crime novels was the world's favourite.
A Gathering Light	Jennifer Donnelly	A murder mystery novel set in the USA in 1906. Mattie is given some letters by a guest in the hotel where she has a summer job. When the woman is found drowned in the lake the mystery begins.
Bog Child	Siobhan Dowd	Follows the aftermath of the discovery of a child's body found in a peat bog..
The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The world's most remarkable detective solves mysterious cases with his assistant Dr Watson.
One of Us is Lying	Robert Galbraith	This is a terrific, twisty thriller that keeps the reader guessing. There's a reason why it is so popular! High school murder mystery that everyone's reading.
The Confession	John Grisham	An innocent man is days from execution. Only a guilty man can save him. Tried, convicted and sentenced, Drumm was sent to death row: his fate had been decided.
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*	Mark Haddon	15 year old Christopher sets out to solve the mystery of a dead dog. What else will he uncover?
The Lie Tree	Frances Hardinge	Sixteen-year-old Faith uses the powers of a mysterious tree that thrives on lies to uncover the suspicious circumstances of her archaeologist father's death.
Death Comes to Pemberley	P.D. James	P.D. James masterfully recreates the world of 'Pride and Prejudice', and combines it with the excitement and suspense of a brilliantly crafted detective story.
Girl, Missing Series	Sophie McKenzie	When Lauren starts to research her adoption, she learns some dark truths about her past and her adoptive parent's involvement.
Tales of Mystery and Imagination	Edgar Allen Poe	Twenty-two terrifying stories of horror, suspense and the supernatural including The Black Cat.
Murder Most Unladylike Series	Robin Stevens	Set in the 1930s, two girls investigate the murder of a teacher at their boarding school...
Teacher's Dead	Benjamin Zephaniah	A teacher is murdered in front of a school and a school boy starts his own investigation in to the reason behind the murder.

Action/Adventure



Title	Author	What's it about?
Hacked Series	Tracy Alexander	Hacker Dan befriends an online hacker named Angel who challenges him to hack a US drone. However, things start to unravel when a drone goes missing and a terrorist threatens to bomb London. Is Angel the terrorist?
Hostage (Bodyguard Series)	Chris Bradford	Connor Reeves is no ordinary fourteen-year-old. He's a bodyguard, a martial arts expert trained in surveillance, hostage survival and unarmed combat. When he's summoned to protect the President's daughter, his skills face the ultimate test.
iBoy	Kevin Brooks	When Tom is hit by a flying iPhone, its fragments become embedded in his brain and he develops unusual abilities. He uses his new powers to take revenge on the gangs that terrorise his estate.
When I was Joe Series	Keren David	Fourteen-year-old Ty witnesses a brutal murder involving neighbourhood thugs, and he and his mum are put into a witness-protection program.
Brainjack	Brian Falkner	In a near-future New York City, seventeen-year-old computer genius Sam Wilson manages to hack into the Telecomerica network and sets off events that have a profound effect on human activity throughout the world.
Black Ice	Becca Fitzpatrick	When Britt is caught in a blizzard while hiking, she is taken hostage by fugitives, finds evidence of murders and learns whom to trust and whom to love.
After the Fire	Will Hill	Father John controls everything inside The Fence and he likes rules. Especially about never talking to Outsiders. Because Father John knows the truth. But Moonbeam is starting to see the lies behind his words.
Legend Series	Marie Lu	In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, 15-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover they have a common enemy.
A Court of Thorns and Roses *	Sarah J. Maas	Dragged to a treacherous land, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him change, the threats against the lands grow.
Blood Ties Series	Sophie McKenzie	Rachel and Theo are thrown together when they discover they are both genetic clones, created by a sinister scientist, and on the run from extremist groups trying to destroy them.
Split Second Series	Sophie McKenzie	After a terrorist bomb kills Charlie's mother and leaves Nat's brother in hospital, the two of them try to discover who the true culprits are.
Revolver	Marcus Sedgewick	When Sig Andersson is held hostage by a menacing stranger in a cabin in the Alaskan wilderness – along with his father's frozen corpse – he realises his dead father had an untold story. It's a story about gold. And there's a gun pointed at his head. Tense and exciting.



Life, Romance and Relationships

Title	Author	What's it about?
The Perks of Being a Wallflower *	Stephen Chbosky	Written in the form of letters this is the story of Charlie, a wallflower and his journey through the teenage years. Funny and emotional.
When Mr Dog Bites *	Brian Conaghan	All 16-year-old Dylan wants is to keep his Tourette's in check and live as a normal teen. When he overhears that he is going to die, he makes a list of "Cool Things To Do Before I Cack It."
Moonrise*	Sarah Crossan	Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. But now Ed's execution date has been set, and this might be the last summer they have together.
If I Stay	Gayle Forman	17 year old Mia is surrounded by a wonderful family and has a bright future. In an instant this all changes and Mia must make a difficult choice.
Paper Towns	John Green	Quentin has always loved Margo. She is funny and full of adventures. But when one day she disappears Quentin needs to work out why. A funny coming of age story.
A Thousand Splendid Suns *	Khaled Hosseini	This novel set in Afghanistan tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite the horrors they must endure.
Atonement *	Ian McEwan	The lives of three children are changed forever. Robbie and Cecelia cross a boundary. Briony witnesses mysteries, and commits a crime for which she will spend the rest of her life trying to atone.
Me Before You *	Jo Jo Moyes	Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast, wheelchair- bound Will, Louisa tries to demonstrate that life is worth living when she learns of his shocking plans.
The Summer I Turned Pretty (1 st in trilogy)	Jenny Han	Follows the story of 15 year old Belly as she attempts to have the perfect summer. Expect complicated romance and relationships to blossom.
One Day	David Nicholls	Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on the night of their graduation. Tomorrow they must go their separate ways. So where will they be on this one day next year? And the year after that?
The Time Traveller's Wife	Audrey Niffenegger	Henry De Tamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian, travels involuntarily through time, while Clare Abshire, an artist, takes a natural sequential course. Henry and Clare's passionate affair captures them in a romantic trap.
My Sister's Keeper	Jodie Picoult	Thirteen-year-old Anna, conceived to provide blood and bone marrow for her sister Kate who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia at the age of two, decides to sue her parents for control of her body when her mother wants her to donate a kidney.

Humour



Title	Author	What's it about?
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy Series	Douglas Adams	The insanely funny, satiric bestseller about the end of the world and the days that follow it. Arthur Dent must find a new home after the world is destroyed, to make way for the new hyperspatial express route.
Private Blog of Joe Cowley	Ben Davis	Joe decides to start writing a private blog so that he can sort his life out. But will the ups and downs of Joe's life really allow him to do that? Brilliantly funny and cringe-worthy.
Freshers	Tom Ellen	Phoebe and Luke meet in the madness of Fresher Week and their lives become messy, intense and hilarious!
Noah Can't Even	Simon James Green	A 15-year-old boy struggles with his feelings for his male best friend while his parents' marriage might be over.
Girl 15, Flirting for England	Sue Limb	Jess Jordan convinces her best guy friend, Fred, to pose as her boyfriend in order to discourage the crush of a French exchange student.
It's the End of the World as we know it	Saci Lloyd	Mikey arrives on the planet Deva after a rip in the fabric of space and time appears. Soon he teams up with a clone and several robots and tries to work out how to get back home.
My So-Called Life	Joanna Nadin	Rachel Riley is tragically normal, and so decides to inject a little excitement into her life!
Who Framed Klaris Cliff?	Nikki Sheehan	Klaris is being blamed for a series of unexplained events. Joe and Flea work together to prove the innocence of Flea's imaginary friend and save themselves from the Cosh.
The Colour of Magic (Discworld Series)	Terry Pratchett	This book is the maiden voyage through the legendary land of Discworld. This is where it all begins, with the tourist Twoflower and his wizard guide, Rincewind.
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4	Sue Townsend	At thirteen years old, Adrian Mole has more than his fair share of problems - spots, ill-health, parents threatening to divorce, rejection of his poetry and much more - all recorded with brilliant humour in his diary.

Diversity: Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority authors / issues



Title	Author	What's it about?
I know why the caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	This sensitive autobiography tells of a black woman's childhood journey to retain her personal "human dignity".
Noughts and crosses Series	Malorie Blackman	In Callum's world the white noughts are second-class citizens and the black Crosses are highly revered and perceived as the superior race. Callum is a nought and his best friend, Sephy, is a Cross and the daughter of a powerful politician.
Small Island	Andrea Levy	Gilbert Joseph was one of the several thousand Jamaican men who joined the RAF to fight against Hitler. Returning to England as a civilian he finds himself treated very differently.
Long Walk to Freedom	Nelson Mandela	The riveting memoir of the outstanding leader Nelson Mandela, the first elected black President of South Africa.
Beloved: A Novel*	Toni Morrison	In post-Civil War Ohio, the past continues to haunt the ex-slave Sethe and the surviving members of her family.
The Help*	Kathryn Stockett	Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend, and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project.
Lies we Tell Ourselves*	Robin Talley	In 1959 Virginia, two girls on the opposite sides of the battle for civil rights are forced to work together on a school project and find their lives forever changed.
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter, an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances, addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty.
The Color Purple *	Alice Walker	Life wasn't easy for Celie. But she knew how to survive, needing little to get by. Finally, she gains the courage to ask for more out of her life.
When Our Worlds Collided	Danielle Jawander	A stabbing in Manchester City centre brings 3 teenagers from different backgrounds together. Their world is flipped upside down and they start to question the prejudice and racism which exists around them.
Cane Warrior	Alex Wheatle	A inspiring fictional account of a slave rebellion in Jamaica in 1760.
Needle	Patrice Lawrence	A young black girl finds herself fostered and then unfortunately having to make difficult choices as she finds herself in trouble with the police.
Look How Far We've Come	Joyce Efia Harmer	A thought provoking time travel story that explores the legacy of slavery.



Diversity : LGBTQ+ authors / issues

The Art of Being Normal	Lisa Williamson	Two teenagers, one from a troubled home life, and the other a transgender girl, make friends while in detention together.
Loveless	Alice Oseman	Teenager Georgia discovers that everyone has different experiences of personal relationships as she finds out about and accepts her own identity.
Love, Simon	Becky Albertalli	A sixteen-year-old boy has to come to terms with his sexuality when a mis-directed email to his secret boyfriend and a blackmail attempt threaten to 'out' him before he is ready.
Felix Ever After	Kacen Callender	A transgender teen grapples with problems created when someone posts his deadname and pre-transition pictures of him on the internet.
Heartstopper	Alice Oseman	Follows the growing relationship of two boys in Year 10 and Year 11 who meet at school and fall in love.
The Black Flamingo	Dean Atta	A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen. Then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, The Black Flamingo.
Release	Patrick Ness	One eventful Summer's day builds to uncertain conclusion for Adam coping with loss, love and the constant pressure of his religious bigoted family.
My Brother's Name is Jessica	John Boyne	A 13 yr old boy tries to make sense of what is going on with his family when his older brother comes out as being transgender and identifies himself as being female.
Things A Bright Girl Can Do	Sally Nicholls	Three young women from different backgrounds join the Suffrage movement in the early 20th century just before World War I. A story to educate and inspire .

Classics



Title	Author	What's it about?
Persuasion	Jane Austen	A tale of love and marriage. Anne Elliott and Captain Wentworth met and separated years before. They met again and love is rekindled.
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	In this stormy, intense, novel of the mid-nineteenth century, Jane Eyre is a plain, yet spirited, governess whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect, and perseverance break through class barriers to reach the man she loves.
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	A wild and passionate story of the love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff a boy adopted by her father.
The Woman in White	Wilkie Collins	'In one moment, every drop of blood in my body was brought to a stop...There, as if it had that moment sprung out of the earth....stood the figure of a Woman, dressed from head to foot in white'.
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	This is the story of David's life from birth to becoming an author. Along the way he meets many unforgettable characters and events.
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	A tiny orphan boy named Pip acquires a mysterious benefactor who sponsors him to become a gentleman. Years later, Pip confronts his past heartaches and illusions that his "great expectations" have brought upon him.
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Tess Durbeyfield is driven by family poverty to seek refuge with a wealthy family. She meets 'cousin' Alec who proves to be her downfall.
Modern Classics		
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Set in the 1920s, this is the tragic love story of Jay Gatsby, a dashing, enigmatic millionaire, obsessed with an elusive, spoiled young woman, Daisy Buchanan.
Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	A cynical teenager explains the events following his expulsion from prep school and subsequent nervous breakdown.
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Two men , travelling farm labourers, (one a gentle giant with a childlike intellect) form an unlikely and moving friendship during the difficult years of the Great Depression. 1930s USA.
To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Two children witness the effects of racial prejudice, as their father courageously defends an innocent black man who has been accused of raping a white woman.