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# Classics

<p><i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte</p>	<p>Jane is an orphan, who must contend with a cruel guardian, a harsh employer and a rigid social order. In the mysterious Thornfield Hall, she falls in love and uncovers a terrible secret.</p>	
<p><i>Great Expectations</i> by Charles Dickens</p>	<p>Pip, an orphan, comes into an unexpected and large fortune. But what does the strange Miss Havisham have to do with it, and who is the dangerous escaped convict he meets in a graveyard?</p>	
<p><i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen</p>	<p>'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.' Can Mrs Bennet manage to make good matches for all her daughters?</p>	
<p><i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett</p>	<p>Mary Lennox is spoiled. Her only friend, Colin, is confined to his bed. But when Mary finds the key to a Secret Garden, the magical powers of transformation fall within her reach.</p>	
<p><i>1984</i> by George Orwell</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> In this dystopian novel, Big Brother is always watching. Winston dares to commit thoughtcrimes against the Party: can he break free?</p>	
<p><i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> When a black man is falsely accused of attacking a white woman, Atticus Finch takes his case in a town full of prejudice. The novel is told through the eyes of Scout and Jem, Atticus's children.</p>	
<p><i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by CS Lewis</p>	<p>Susan, Lucy, Peter and Edmund step through the back of a wardrobe and find themselves in the magical land of Narnia—which needs their help to break the spell of the evil White Witch.</p>	
<p><i>The Wind in the Willows</i> by Kenneth Graham</p>	<p>Mole and Ratty's relationship blossoms into a heartwarming friendship, as they embark on adventures and meet other characters such as Badger and Toad, in this beloved children's story.</p>	
<p><i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by JD Salinger</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Holden Caulfield leaves his prep school in Pennsylvania and goes underground in New York City for three days, in this classic coming-of-age.</p>	
<p><i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley</p>	<p>Consumed by a passion for avant-garde science, Dr Frankenstein creates a living man: a man who pursues and torments him for the rest of his life.</p>	

# Teacher Recommendations

<p><i>The Knife of Never Letting Go</i> by Patrick Ness</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Holt!</b> In Prentisstown, everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. Nothing is secret. Then Todd unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence.</p>	
<p><i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Emily Bronte</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Lancaster!</b> Set in the wild moors of Yorkshire, this is the turbulent love story of Catherine and Heathcliff—which transcends even death.</p>	
<p><i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Ms Corley! Year 9+</b> Mariam is fifteen when she is sent to Kabul to marry. Nearly two decades later, when the Taliban take over, life becomes a desperate struggle, but Mariam's friendship with Laila is wonderful.</p>	
<p><i>The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar</i> by Roald Dahl</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Miss Pharoah!</b> Seven bizarre, sinister and completely unpredictable short stories by the master storyteller, Roald Dahl.</p>	
<p><i>Rooftoppers</i> by Katherine Rundell</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Miss Hartley!</b> Sophie races across the rooftops of Paris, trying to evade authorities, and searching for her mother.</p>	
<p><i>Pax</i> by Sara Pennypacker</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Ms Anderson!</b> Peter is separated from Pax, his fox. This is the story of their journeys back to each other, as war spreads throughout the country.</p>	
<p><i>My Sister's Keeper</i> by Jodi Picoult</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Forder!</b> Anna has always been a bone marrow donor for her sister, Kate. Now Kate needs a new kidney. How much should Anna do to save her sibling's life?</p>	
<p><i>Artemis Fowl</i> by Eoin Colfer</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mr O'Neill!</b> Artemis Fowl is a twelve-year-old criminal genius, who's captured a pretty annoyed fairy: he's about to find out that fairies fight back.</p>	
<p><i>Renegades</i> by Marissa Meyer</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Dr Ouvry!</b> The Renegades have extraordinary abilities. They emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace. They are symbols of hope—but not for the villains they overthrew.</p>	
<p><i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Philbin!</b> Stolen from his home and sold, Buck the domesticated dog must survive the brutal existence of an Alaskan sled dog.</p>	

# Mystery and Detection

<i>One of Us Is Lying</i> by Karen M. McManus	Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive.	
<i>The Ruby in the Smoke</i> by Philip Pullman	Sally Lockhart searches Victorian London to find the truth about her father's death. Armed with her gun and her head for figures, she races the evil Mrs Holland.	
<i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson	<b>Recommended by Mrs Chapman!</b> Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone knows he did it. But town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa isn't so sure.	
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> by Mark Haddon	<b>Year 9+</b> Christopher sees the world differently from other people. When a dog is killed in front of his house, he seeks to uncover the murderer.	
<i>Stormbreaker</i> by Anthony Horowitz	Alex Rider is recruited by MI6 at the age of 14. Can he help uncover an international criminal, and find out what happened to his uncle in the process?	
<i>Rebecca</i> by Daphne du Maurier	When Mrs de Winter marries, she must step into the shoes of her husband's first wife, Rebecca, under the watchful eye of the cruel housekeeper, Mrs Danvers.	
<i>Twelve Minutes to Midnight</i> by Christopher Edge	Penelope Tredwell, Victorian orphan and author, receives a letter from Bedlam madhouse that plunges her into a terrifying adventure.	
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> by Arthur Conan Doyle	A classic Sherlock Holmes mystery, in which the curse of the Baskerville family and the terrible beast that haunts their home must be investigated by the famous detective.	
<i>Bodyguard: Hostage</i> by Chris Bradford	Connor is no ordinary 14 year old. He's a professional bodyguard trained in surveillance, anti-ambush techniques, hostage survival and unarmed combat.	
<i>The Murder of Roger Ackroyd</i> by Agatha Christie	A classic crime mystery by the master of the genre, investigated by Hercule Poirot.	



# Out Of This World

<i>Dragon and Thief</i> by Timothy Zahn	<b>Recommended by Dr Ouvry!</b> In the first of the <i>Dragonback</i> series, Jack Morgan joins forces with the dragon-like K'da to clear his name.	
<i>The Hobbit</i> by JRR Tolkien	Hobbit Bilbo Baggins sets off on an adventure with a group of dwarves, who are seeking to retake their fortune from the terrifying dragon, Smaug.	
<i>The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring</i> by JRR Tolkien	<b>Recommended by Mrs Philbin!</b> Young hobbit Frodo Baggins must embark on a quest to save Middle Earth.	
<i>Coraline</i> by Neil Gaiman	Coraline's ordinary life is disrupted when she meets her Other Parents in this scary Gothic fairy tale. When her real parents are kidnapped, only Coraline can save them.	
<i>Floodland</i> by Marcus Sedgwick	Sea levels have risen and now Britain is mostly under water. Zoe is trying to survive—but who can she trust?	
<i>After Tomorrow</i> by Gillian Cross	For Matt and his little brother, Britain is no longer safe. Their only hope of survival is to escape through the Channel Tunnel. But danger waits on the other side.	
<i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy	<b>Year 10+</b> After the apocalypse, a man and his son walk the Road and attempt to survive.	
<i>Divergent</i> by Veronica Roth	Tris makes a terrible choice, turns her back on her family and must try to find out where she belongs. As she does so, she discovers the society she lives in is not all it seems.	
<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> By Lewis Carroll	Alice tumbles down a rabbit hole, into a mysterious and bizarre world of talking creatures and the volatile Queen of Hearts.	
<i>Northern Lights</i> by Philip Pullman	Lyra Belacqua lives carefree with her daemon, Pantalaimon, always by her side, until she is drawn into the heart of a mystery of stolen children, witch clans and armoured bears.	

# Light-Hearted

<p><i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> by Douglas Adams</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mr O'Neill!</b> Earth is destroyed to make way for a new hyperspace bypass, and only Ford Prefect and Arthur Dent survive. Luckily, they have the only book they'll ever need!</p>	
<p><i>Witches Abroad</i> by Terry Pratchett</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Miss Twyford!</b> Inheriting a fairy godmother role seemed an easy job... after all, how difficult could it be to make sure that a servant girl doesn't marry a prince?</p>	
<p><i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> by Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Charlie wins an elusive golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka's incredible chocolate factory.</p>	
<p><i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar</p>	<p>Stanley Yelnats is sent to Camp Green Lake, where they dig holes in the desert every day. What does the camp warden want them to find?</p>	
<p><i>My Family and Other Animals</i> by Gerald Durrell</p>	<p>Young Gerald Durrell's desire to learn all about the animal kingdom sometimes causes his family distress, as they start their new lives on a Greek island.</p>	
<p><i>An Abundance of Katherines</i> by John Green</p>	<p>Colin Singleton has been dumped 19 times, all by different girls named Katherine. He is determined to reinvent himself and avenge all dumpees.</p>	
<p><i>The Princess Diaries</i> by Meg Cabot</p>	<p>Mia Thermopolis is just like any girl, until she discovers that her father is a prince of a small country — which leaves Mia as his only heir.</p>	
<p><i>About A Boy</i> by Nick Hornby</p>	<p><b>Year 10+</b> 36-year-old Will Lightman is shallow and proud—until his life collides with 12-year-old Marcus's.</p>	
<p><i>I Capture the Castle</i> by Dodie Smith</p>	<p>17-year-old Cassandra writes in her journal about her eccentric family, her crumbling castle home and the arrival of some exuberant American visitors.</p>	
<p><i>Lark</i> by Anthony McGowan</p>	<p>Nicky and Kenny set off for a trek across the moors to take their minds off their mum coming to visit, and end up in serious danger.</p>	

# Historical Fiction

<p><i>I, Coriander</i> by Sally Gardner</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Chapman!</b> A combination of fantasy and history, told by Coriander, the daughter of a silk merchant in 1650s London who is shut up in a chest and left to die.</p>	
<p><i>The Book Thief</i> by Marcus Zusak</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Set amongst the dangers of World War II Germany, this is the story of Liesel, her foster parents and friendships and the importance of reading.</p>	
<p><i>Salt to the Sea</i> by Ruta Sepetys</p>	<p>Told from the points of view of many different characters, this novel depicts the end of World War II in East Prussia, where thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek towards freedom.</p>	
<p><i>Treason</i> by Berlie Doherty</p>	<p>Will is a page to Prince Edward, the son of King Henry VIII. When his father is arrested for a crime he did not commit, can Will and poor boy Nick set him free and clear his name?</p>	
<p><i>The Help</i> by Kathryn Stockett</p>	<p><b>Year 10+</b> In Mississippi, 1962, black maids raise white children, but aren't trusted not to steal the silver. This is the story of three women.</p>	
<p><i>Private Peaceful</i> by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during World War I, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life.</p>	
<p><i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck</p>	<p>This is the story of the Joad family's trek from Oklahoma to California in the hope of a new life during the Great Depression. It is a tale of injustice, family, struggle and hope.</p>	
<p><i>Hamnet</i> by Maggie O'Farrell</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Inspired by the son of a famous playwright, this novel begins on a summer's day in 1596, when the fever plague arrives in Stratford-Upon-Avon.</p>	
<p><i>Goodnight Mister Tom</i> by Michelle Magorian</p>	<p>Willie is evacuated to the country at the start of World War II, where he lives with old Tom Oakley. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish.</p>	
<p><i>Journey to the River Sea</i> by Eva Ibbotson</p>	<p>It is 1910: Maia has been sent to start a new life with relatives, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric governess who has secrets of her.</p>	

# School Days

<p><i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i> by JK Rowling</p>	<p>Join the young wizard Harry Potter in his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.</p>	
<p><i>Wonder</i> by RJ Palacio</p>	<p>Born with a facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled his whole life. Now he's being sent to a real school... and he's dreading it.</p>	
<p><i>Noughts and Crosses</i> by Malorie Blackman</p>	<p><b>Year 8+</b> Sephy is a Cross and Callum is a nought. Noughts and crosses don't mix. As hostility turns to violence, can they find a way to be together?</p>	
<p><i>Wolf Hollow</i> by Lauren Wolk</p>	<p><b>Year 8+</b> Life for Annabelle in a small town in Pennsylvania is predictable and safe, until new student Betty arrives. Betty is a cruel and manipulative bully.</p>	
<p><i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>Running is all Ghost (not his real name) has ever known. When he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist, he learns to run for purpose, not just to run away.</p>	
<p><i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> by Stephen Chbosky</p>	<p><b>Year 10+</b> Charlie writes letters about his high school experience; he learns some hard and serious life lessons.</p>	
<p><i>Matilda</i> by Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab. Matilda's mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And Matilda's headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Well, she's the worst of all.</p>	
<p><i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping young-adult novel about one girl's struggle for justice.</p>	
<p><i>Oliver Twist</i> by Charles Dickens</p>	<p>Strictly speaking, Oliver never makes it to school—his education in Victorian London is very different, when he meets the pickpocket the Artful Dodger and joins his gang.</p>	
<p><i>Never Let Me Go</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> 31-year-old Kathy looks back on her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School, which has trained her to become what she is today.</p>	



# Non-Fiction

<p><i>Diary of a Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Ms Anderson!</b> One of the most famous accounts of living under the Nazi regime, written by a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl, Anne Frank.</p>	
<p><i>Touching the Void</i> by Joe Simpson</p>	<p>An account of a terrifying climbing accident: after Joe Simpson falls and breaks his leg, it looks unlikely that he will survive the descent.</p>	
<p><i>Boy</i> by Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Roald Dahl's account of his childhood—often funny, often moving, and written in short and easy-to-digest snippets of key moments.</p>	
<p><i>Sapiens</i> by Yuval Noah Harari</p>	<p>Fire gave us power. Farming made us hungry for more. Money gave us purpose. Science made us deadly. This is the thrilling account of our extraordinary history – from apes to rulers.</p>	
<p><i>I Am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai</p>	<p>The 2013 memoir by 20-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner Yousafzai, who was attacked by the Taliban for her outspokenness on the importance of girls' education.</p>	
<p><i>No-one is Too Small to Make a Difference</i> by Greta Thunberg</p>	<p>Greta Thunberg's history-making speeches, from addresses at climate rallies around the world audiences at the UN, the World Economic Forum, and the British Parliament.</p>	
<p><i>Prisoners of Geography</i> by Tim Marshall</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mr Speke!</b> Ten maps that tell you everything you need to know about global politics. If you don't know about geography, you'll never have the full picture.</p>	
<p><i>The Body</i> by Bill Bryson</p>	<p>"We spend our whole lives in one body and yet most of us have practically no idea how it works and what goes on inside it." Learn about the wonderful contraption that is us!</p>	
<p><i>Do Polar Bears get Lonely?</i> by New Scientist</p>	<p>101 intriguing science questions answered by the experts at New Scientist. Why does garlic make your breath smell? Why do we get pins and needles? Do elephants sneeze?</p>	
<p><i>A History of Modern Britain</i> by Andrew Marr</p>	<p><b>Recommended by Mrs Forder!</b> Andrew Marr tells the story of Modern Britain in this detailed book of huge scope.</p>	

# Mythology

<p><i>The Iliad</i> by Gillian Cross</p>	<p>Gillian Cross retells the story of the battle for Troy, with its heroes, gods, goddesses, loves, losses and drama.</p>	
<p><i>Beowulf</i> by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>A beautifully illustrated retelling of the tale of Beowulf, an Anglo-Saxon warrior who seeks to free people from the hideous monster, Grendel.</p>	
<p><i>Arthur and the Seeing Stone</i> by Kevin Crossley-Holland</p>	<p>A complex and beautifully crafted re-telling of the King Arthur legends.</p>	
<p><i>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</i> by Rick Riordan</p>	<p>Percy Jackson was an ordinary kid, until he accidentally vaporised his maths teacher. Now he spends his time fighting with swords, battling monsters and trying to stay alive.</p>	
<p><i>Heroes</i> by Stephen Fry</p>	<p>Stephen Fry tells us the stories of the Greek heroes: Jason, Atalanta, Bellerophon, Hercules, Odysseus... Monsters, centaurs, gods and mortals all abound in this collection.</p>	
<p><i>Asha and the Spirit Bird</i> by Jasbinder Bilan</p>	<p>Searching for her father, Asha must cross the Himalayas and all its dangers. Yet she has the unshakeable sense that the spirit bird of her grandmother, her nanijee, will watch over her.</p>	
<p><i>Rumaysa: A Fairytale</i> by Radiya Hafiza</p>	<p>Rumaysa is locked away in her tower, forced to spin straw into gold for the evil witch. Until one day, after dropping a hijab out of her small tower-window, Rumaysa realises how she might be able to escape...</p>	
<p><i>The Odyssey</i> by Homer—translated by Emily Wilson</p>	<p>Odysseus sets off for home after ten years fighting the war in Troy—but his perilous journey takes another ten years.</p>	
<p><i>Home Fire</i> by Kamila Shamsie</p>	<p><b>Year 10+</b> Based on the play Antigone, this novel is set in modern London, where two sisters worry about their brother Parvaiz, who has disappeared in pursuit of his dream of his jihadist father's legacy.</p>	
<p><i>Arthur, High King of Britain</i> by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>A boy is rescued from drowning by an old man. Sitting by his fire, with his dog, the man tells the boy about his life in Camelot, with its chivalry, magic, evil and betrayal.</p>	

# The Best of the Book Awards

<p><i>Things a Bright Girl Can Do</i> by Sally Nicholls</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Three courageous women fight for the right to vote.</p>	
<p><i>The Poet X</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> Xiamara has always let her fists do the talking—until she pulls her secrets into the spotlight in a slam poetry club.</p>	
<p><i>The House with the Chicken Legs</i> by Sophie Anderson</p>	<p>Marinka will never have the normal life she dreams of: her grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits to the next world, and her house has chicken legs and moves without warning.</p>	
<p><i>Echo Mountain</i> by Lauren Wolk</p>	<p>Ellie’s family flee to Echo Mountain to build a new life. When her father has a terrible accident, Ellie discovers Cate and Larkin, two outcasts who teach her about healing and courage.</p>	
<p><i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman</p>	<p>When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard?</p>	
<p><i>The Bone Sparrow</i> by Zana Fallon</p>	<p>Born in a refugee camp, all Subhi knows of the world is that he's at least 19 fence diamonds high, the nice Jackets never stay long, and at night he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures.</p>	
<p><i>Satellite</i> by Nick Lake</p>	<p>A teenage boy, born in space, makes his first trip to Earth. Has anything prepared him for life back “home”?</p>	
<p><i>White Rabbit, Red Wolf</i> by Tom Pollock</p>	<p>A taut thriller about murder, maths and the mind. Peter Blankman is afraid of everything and must confront unimaginable terror when his mother is attacked.</p>	
<p><i>Orphan, Monster, Spy</i> by Matt Killeen</p>	<p><b>Year 9+</b> A Jewish girl turned spy must infiltrate an elite Nazi boarding school in this highly commercial, relentlessly tense World War II drama!.</p>	
<p><i>The Gifted, the Talented and Me</i> by William Sutcliffe</p>	<p>Sam is an ordinary boy—until his Dad got rich and he had to move. Everyone at his new school is gifted or talented or making amazing plans for their future. A comedy about being yourself.</p>	



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