
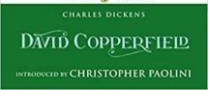




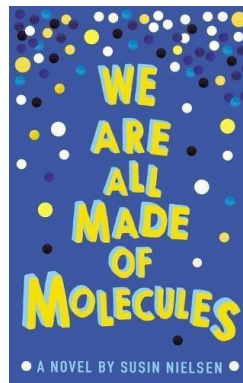
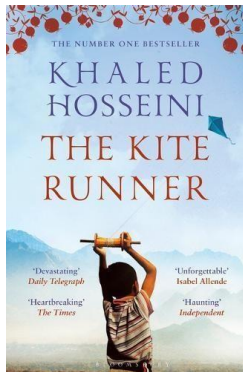
KS4 Recommended Reading

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<p>Classics</p>    	<p>Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte A classic love story following the intertwining lives of Catherine and Heathcliff. Spanning many years and life-changing events, this story of passion, revenge, and betrayal is a classic which has stood the test of time.</p>	<p>The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas A classic tale of intrigue and subterfuge. Aramis, Porthos and Athos; led by the hero D'Artagnan, try to save the queen and the state from the designs of the evil Cardinal Richelieu.</p>
	<p>Great Expectations by Charles Dickens The life of Pip is explored in this timeless saga filled with unique and memorable characters about one boy's self-discovery and drive to become a man, despite unremitting adversity.</p>	<p>The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco Serial murders in the historical backdrop of a fourteenth-century Franciscan monastery in rural Italy captivate William, who is hired to solve the crimes. A page-turning plot and rich atmospheric description fuel this historical bestseller.</p>
	<p>Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell The dystopian novel without which the world would not have Big Brother, the Ministry of Truth and the Party. Still highly relevant in the modern world of spin, media and the rise of right wing populism.</p>	<p>The Trial by Franz Kafka The book that perhaps coined the term "Kafkaesque". This unfinished story details the experiences of a man arrested for seemingly no reason and his futile fight against faceless power and bureaucracy.</p>
	<p>The Fellowship of the Ring by JRR Tolkien Sauron seeks complete power over Middle Earth by controlling magical rings. But the all-important ring to rule them all is now in the hands of a Hobbit called Frodo.</p>	<p>David Copperfield by Charles Dickens Perhaps Dickens' greatest novel featuring unforgettable characters as seen through the eyes of the ever suffering David Copperfield.</p>
	<p>Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift A fantasy classic which satirizes the eighteenth-century world in which it was written. Gulliver visits the strange and mysterious lands of Lilliput, the Yahoos, and the giants in Brobdingnag.</p>	<p>Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen A classic story of family instability, with well-meaning but unsubtle Mrs Bennett looking to marry off all her daughters.</p>

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Fiction



The Fault in our Stars by John Green A stunning story of love in the face of desperate adversity. When terminally ill Hazel meets Augustus the short time, she has left to live changes course in ways she could never have imagined.

We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen Stewart has a slightly different perspective on life to those around him. He finds life difficult enough before he is thrown together with his new stepsister, the extrovert and social magnet Ashley. Life gets even more interesting at school....

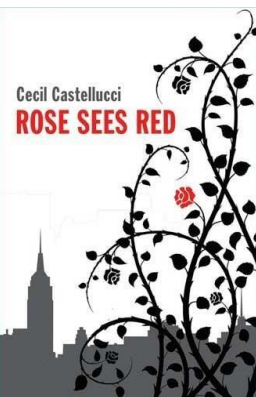
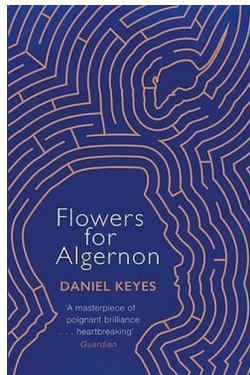
Grow by Luke Palmer When Josh's father is murdered in a terrorist atrocity, he finds himself both picked out and fascinated by extreme racists who milk his grief and misfortune. He finds himself in a situation where righting wrongs challenges the status quo and not even he is sure which path he will take.

Looking for Alaska by John Green Teenager Miles' life is turned on its head when he meets Alaska and her world of risk and demanding friendship.

When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari This novel explores the lives of Kai, Orla and Zak, and all the complicated connections, ties, dreams and difficulties that bind them. When Kai's life is turned upside down, will his friends be enough to get him back on track?

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini A highly anticipated and competitive kite championship attracts Amir and Hassan, who are keen to win. Set in Afghanistan in 1975, the novel hinges on one event afterwards which will change Hassan's life forever, and one which years later he seeks to put right.

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Rose Sees Red by Cecil Castellucci A stunning short novel set in Manhattan in the 1980's. A Russian and an American ballet dancer embark on a blossoming friendship despite political and cultural differences.

Don Quixote by Miguel Cervantes Don Quixote is a Spanish man sent slightly mad in his quest to live the life of a noble knight. Can his more level-headed aide, Sancho Panza, help save him from himself?

A Separate Peace by John Knowles A modern classic exploring the world of introverted teenager Gene who lives out WW2 at boarding school and his polar opposite Phineas who is carefree and dangerous.

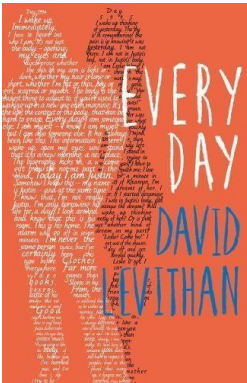

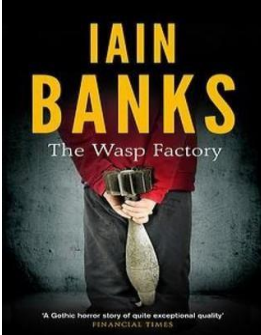
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes Charlie Gordon is a nice bloke with a very low IQ. He's the target of banter— not all of it pleasant— but he doesn't really notice and gets on with his life. That's until he volunteers for a radical treatment which causes his intelligence to grow day by day. Soon he sees a very different world.

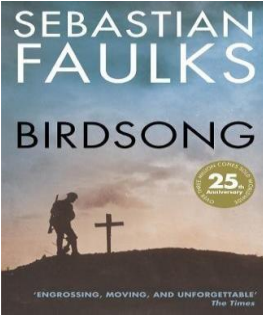
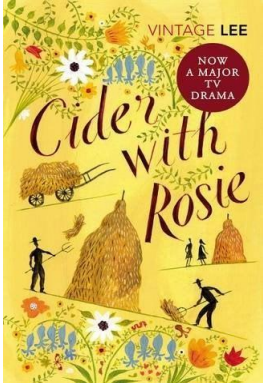
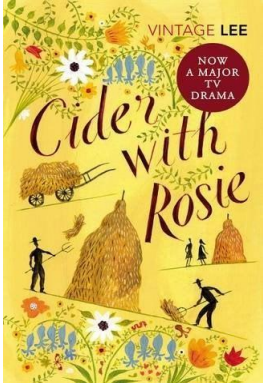
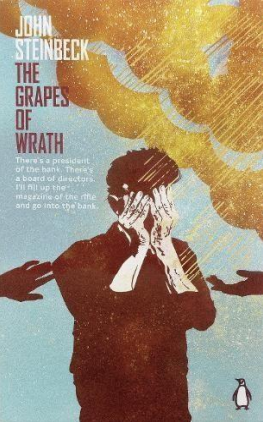
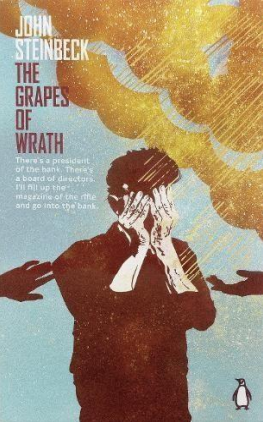
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier A downtrodden orphan thinks her life has changed for the better after meeting Maxim de Winter in the South of France in a whirlwind romance. But moving to Cornwall reveals an unexpected ghost from the past and a nemesis in the mysterious housekeeper, Mrs Danvers. What happened to the previous Mrs de Winter?

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson When Melinda tries to do the right thing, she finds herself shunned by friends and on the street. Nothing she does seems to make things better and her parents are no help at all. Cleverly written so the reader only finds out exactly what Melinda did at the end.

Atonement by Ian McEwan 13-year-old Briony Tallis stumbles upon something shocking which sets into events a downward spiral and life-changing crime. Can Briony ever put the pieces back together?

I Loved You In Another Life by David Arnold is both heart-warming and heart-breaking. David Arnold's lyrical prose gets to the very heart of what it means to be a teenager in love with the impossible while simultaneously at war with themselves. This is a soaring tale of soul mates, destiny and discovering what's really worth fighting for in life.

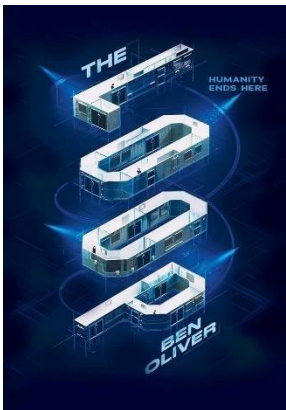
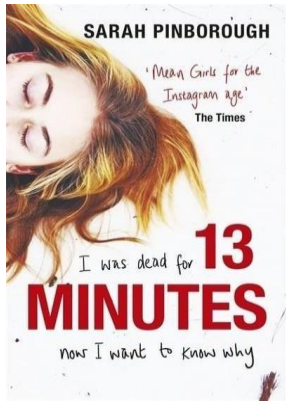
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<p>Horror</p>   	<p>Every Day by David Levithan This thought-provoking story follows 'A', who wakes up each day in a different body. 'A' knows not to change things or get too involved, until one day 'A' meets Rhiannon, who changes everything.</p> <p>The Wasp Factory by Ian Banks 16-year-old Frank thinks killing various family members was just a stage he was going through. A brilliantly written horror story with strong themes and an unforgettable twist.</p> <p>Let's Split Up by Bill Wood Set in Sanera, a small community in California where rumour spreads as fast as the fire on the day of the killings, the theory is the old ghoul who haunts the house after his own murder has finally taken revenge. As Cam, Jonesy, Amber and new-girl Buffy investigate, the rumour feels closer to the truth than they ever dared think possible, and as they enter the mansion themselves, the idea of splitting up to find evidence will prove to be either the best ... or worst decision of all...</p>	<p>Last One to Die by Cynthia Murphy 16-year-old, Irish-born Niamh has just arrived in London for the summer, and quickly discovers that girls who look frighteningly like her are being attacked. Determined to make it through her Drama Course, Niamh is placed at the Victorian Museum to put her drama skills to the test, and there she meets he's kind, fun, attentive, and really hot! Nonetheless, there's something eerie about the museum...</p> <p>IT by Steven King 27 years later, the Losers Club have grown up and moved away, until a devastating phone call brings them back...Derry Maine was just an ordinary town: familiar, well-ordered for the most part, a good place to live. It was a group of children who saw- and felt- what made Derry so horribly different. In the storm drains, in the sewers, IT lurked, taking on the shape of every nightmare, each one's deepest dread. Sometimes IT appeared as an evil clown named Pennywise and sometimes IT reached up, seizing, tearing, killing... .</p> <p>Dracula by Bram Stoker A masterpiece of the horror genre, Dracula also probes identity, sanity and the dark corners of Victorian sexuality and desire. It begins when Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula purchase a London house, and makes horrifying discoveries in his client's castle. Soon afterwards, disturbing incidents unfold in England - an unmanned ship is wrecked; strange puncture marks appear on a young woman's neck; a lunatic asylum inmate raves about the imminent arrival of his 'Master' - and a determined group of adversaries prepare to battle the Count.</p>

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<p>Historical</p> 	<p>The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck The Joad family follow their dreams and head to the West Coast of America. Things don't go well for them. A classic in American fiction, exploring characters, raw emotions; with many parallels to broken society today.</p>	<p>Birdsong by Sebastian Faulkes Stephen moves to live with a family in northern France and soon falls in love. But as tensions rise in the build-up to the first world war, so do tensions in his relationship. Although he escapes fighting for his country, he does not realise what awaits him.</p>
	<p>All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque A dark first-person account, this is a simply told, yet chilling, story of the realities of war. Pressed into action by a fervent and patriotic teacher, Paul soon witnesses conditions in the trenches. A moving story that beautifully illustrates the pointlessness of conflict.</p>	<p>Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen is a classic novel that many recommend reading. It's Austen's most well-known work and has been adapted into many movies, TV shows, and young adult novels. It is a love story about Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy. Elizabeth initially dislikes Mr. Darcy, but their feelings for each other gradually change.</p>
	<p>Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee Idyllic childhood memories in the Cotswolds are painted in timeless prose in this evocative reminiscence of growing up in an almost forgotten world.</p>	<p>Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte is one of those classic ones that feels intimate and mesmerizing. Jane talks to the reader confiding her innermost thoughts and passions. It's also one of the few books of it's era that yields significant power to a female narrator. Jane is no fragile flower to be placed on a pedestal to be admired.</p>
	<p>Little Women by Louisa May Alcott is written in 1868. It centers on the 4 young March sisters: Meg, Jo, Amy, and Beth. Each of the sisters has a distinct personality. Meg is the oldest, Jo is the writer and tomboy, Amy is the vain one, and Beth is a saint.</p>	<p>A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini spans a period of over 40 years, from the 1960s to 2003, focuses on the tumultuous lives and relationship of Mariam and Laila, two Afghan women. Mariam, an illegitimate child, suffers from the stigma surrounding her birth and the abuse she faces throughout her marriage.</p>
	<p>The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini 1970s Afghanistan: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what would happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives...</p>	<p>Catch 22 by Joseph Heller - a satirical war novel Catch-22 is set during World War II, from 1942 to 1944. It mainly follows the life of Captain John Yossarian, a U.S. Army Air Forces B-25 bombardier. Most of the events in the book occur while the fictional 256th Squadron is based on the island of Pianosa, in the Mediterranean Sea, west of Italy.</p>

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Action and Adventure



13 minutes: A Novel by Sarah Pinborough Dead for 13 minutes, Natasha doesn't know how it happened or how she got there. But she is determined to find out. A gripping mystery page turner set in a nasty and manipulative teenage world.

Paper butterflies by Lisa Heathfield A heartbreaking story about June, who feels trapped in her life full of secrets and lies. She longs to escape, and when she meets blister, she thinks she might have—but her new hope has unimaginable consequences. Very sad and moving.

Running Girl by Simon Mason Meet Garvie Smith. Highest IQ ever recorded at Marsh Academy. Lowest ever grades. What's the point? Life sucks. Nothing surprising ever happens. Until Chloe Dow's body is pulled from a pond. His ex-girlfriend. DI Singh is already on the case. Ambitious, uptight, methodical - he's determined to solve the mystery - and get promoted. He doesn't need any 'assistance' from notorious slacker, Smith. Or does he?

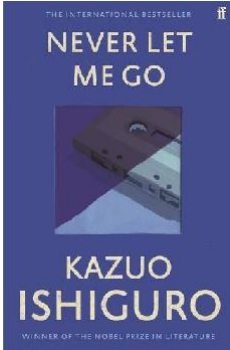
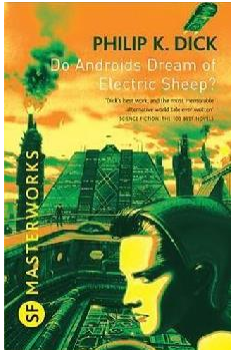
The Loop by Ben Oliver Superbly dark and utterly gripping, *The Loop* is the first book in a new series by Ben Oliver. Inside a hi-tech prison, Luka awaits his death sentence. One day, a considerate warden who brings him books, also brings him a warning: the world is headed for a catastrophe, which might still be averted – but only if Luka manages to escape the Loop. This chilling, twisty and haunting conspiracy story will leave readers hungry for more.

Re-Made by Alex Scarrow Leon and his younger sister, Grace, have recently moved to London from New York and are struggling to settle into their new school when rumours of an unidentified virus in Africa begin to fill the news. Within a week the virus hits London. The siblings witness people turning to liquid before their eyes, and they run for their lives. A month after touching Earth's atmosphere the virus has assimilated the world's biomass. But the virus isn't their only enemy, and survival is just the first step .

Five Survive by Holly Jackson A group of six young adults are in a motor home heading for a spring break trip. When their RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere with no cell service, they soon realize this is no accident.

Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence Not cool enough, not clever enough, not street enough for anyone to notice me. I was the kid people looked straight through. NOT ANY MORE. NOT SINCE MR ORANGE. 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. They're after the mysterious Mr Orange, and they're going to use Marlon to get to him. Marlon's out of choices - can he become the person he never wanted to be, to protect everyone he loves?

Hacked by Tracy Alexander Dan had been diagnosed as ADHD as a child. He quite liked the ritalin, but then he got into computers, and for his parents a geek was better than something feral. It was hard to remember when the genuine hacking started; free phone credit was the first illicit, tangible real-life result of a hack, though not the last. By the time Dan is contacted online by Angel, he is eager for the challenge laid before him creating tricky bits of code...

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<p>Sci-fi</p>  	<p>Never Let me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro Told as a series of flashbacks, Kathy tried to make sense of her childhood at the seemingly perfect Hailsham School. The story slowly reveals a shocking dystopia that forces the reader to confront the horrors of modern society.</p>	<p>The Time Machine by H.G Wells A timeless classic of science fiction and adventure. A short novel that explores man’s impact on the world and the pointlessness of war.</p>
	<p>Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? By Philip K Dick A must read classic sci-fi novel. After a devastating world war, Rick Deckard, a ruthless bounty hunter, takes an assignment to beat all others. Promised a huge reward, he soon finds himself in a bad dream of lies, plots, and treachery.</p>	<p>Dune by Frank Herbert A very readable and gripping science fiction trilogy with memorable characters. It’s like Lord of the Rings meets Game of thrones set on a remote desert planet system.</p>
	<p>The Great Science Fiction is a collection of works by H. G. Wells, including The Time Machine, The Island of Doctor Moreau, The Invisible Man, and The War of the Worlds. Wells was a science fiction pioneer who explored the darker side of humanity's technological progress.</p>	<p>Green Rising by Lauren Jones is set in a near-future world on the brink of ecological catastrophe. Gabrielle is a climate-change activist who shoots to fame when she becomes the first teenager to display a supernatural ability to grow plants from her skin. Hester is the millionaire daughter of an oil tycoon and the face of the family business. Theo comes from a long line of fishermen, but his parents are struggling to make ends meet.</p>