

Classics

Louisa May Alcott- Little Women

Jane Austen- Pride and Prejudice

Charlotte Bronte- Jane Eyre

Emily Bronte- Wuthering Heights

Charles Dickens- A Tale of Two Cities

Graham Greene- The Quiet American and The Third Man and Our Man in Havana

Laurie Lee- Cider with Rosie

Daphne Du Maurier- Rebecca

F Scott Fitzgerald- The Great Gatsby

Harper Lee- To Kill A Mockingbird

George Orwell- Nineteen Eighty-Four (This is where 'Big Brother' society originates. Be warned, parts of this aren't for the faint-hearted.)

George Orwell- Down and Out in Paris and London

Arthur Ransome- Swallows and Amazons

J D Salinger- The Catcher in the Rye

Autobiography

Maya Angelou- I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

Vera Brittain- Testament of Youth

Frank McCourt- Angela's Ashes

Lorna Sage- Bad Blood

James D Watson- The Double Helix

Modern Fiction

Douglas Adams- Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Cecilia Aherne- If You Could See Me Now

Kate Atkinson- Behind the Scenes at the Museum

Pat Barker- Regeneration (A trilogy dealing with the psychological effects of the First World War)

Bernard Beckett – Genesis (This has lots of ideas about life and what it is to be human)

Malorie Blackman- The Stuff of Nightmares

Ann Brashares- I Am Memory

Melvin Burgess- Junk

Albert Camus- The Outsider

Raymond Chandler- The Big Sleep

Stephen Chbosky- The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Tom Clancy- Command Authority

Joseph Conrad- Heart of Darkness

Robert Cormier- After the First (This book is banned in America!)

Emma Donoghue- Stirfry (a 'coming out' novel set in Dublin in the 1990s)

Fyodor Dostoevsky- Notes from Underground

Roddy Doyle- Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha!

Sebastian Faulks- Birdsong (First World War and a love story)

Ian Fleming- From Russia With Love (if you like James Bond)

Alan Garner- Owl Service

Philippa Gregory- The Other Boleyn Girl

Paula Hawkins- The Girl on the Train

Ernest Hemmingway- The Old Man and the Sea

Robin Horsfall- Fighting Scared

Nick Hornby- About A Boy and Fever Pitch

Khalid Hosseini- A Thousand Splendid Suns

Richard Hughes- A High Wind in Jamaica

Kazuo Ishiguro- Never Let Me Go (A dystopian novel dealing with what it is to be human)

M.R James- Collected Ghost Stories

Robert Ludlum- The Bourne Identity

Yann Martel- The Life of Pi

Andy McNab- Recoil (Action-packed military novel)

David Nicholls- One Day

Jean Rhys- Wide Sargasso Sea

Chris Ryan- Bravo Two Zero (Special forces operative and soldier)

Bernhard Schlink- The Reader An inventive and harrowing novel about the Holocaust)

John Steinbeck- The Moon is Down

Katherine Stockett- The Help

Sue Townsend- The Queen and I

Sarah Waters- The Little Stranger

Evelyn Waugh- Decline and Fall

Tim Winton- Cloud Street

Marcus Zusack- The Book Thief and I am Messenger

Graphic novels

Neil Gaiman- The Sandman

Alan Moore- From Hell and V is for Vendetta

Art Spiegelman- Maus

Poetry

Carol Ann Duffy- The Bees and Meantime

T.S. Eliot: Selected Poems.

Frank O'Hara: Selected Poems

Sylvia Plath: Selected Poems

Rosemary Tonks: Selected Poems