

QEGS English department reading list

This year, try to read a variety of books by some of the authors on this list. These particular titles are a good starting point, and are all in stock in the school library. We have full class sets of the titles in bold, so why not read something with a friend or in a small group? Speak to Mrs Samra or Mrs Simons to find what else is available in multiple copies.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
A Face Like Glass by Frances Hardinge
A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross
***Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko**
***All Fall Down* by Sally Nicholls**
***Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea* by Michael Morpurgo**
An Island of our Own by Sally Nicholls
Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit
Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan
Bone Gap by Laura Ruby
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
***Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl**
Candor by Pam Bachorz
Casino Royale by Ian Fleming
The *Cherub* series by Robert Muchamore
***Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah**
Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge
Dangerous Reality by Malorie Blackman
Demon Road by Derek Landy
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Every Day by David Levithan
***Face* by Benjamin Zephaniah**
Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders
Flour Babies by Anne Fine
***Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**
Hate by Alan Gibbons
His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan
***Holes* by Louis Sachar**
If I Stay by Gayle Forman
If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo
It's the End of the World as We Know It by Saci Lloyd
Jessica's Ghost by Andrew Norriss
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
***Kiss Kiss* by Roald Dahl**
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
***Love That Dog* by Sharon Creich**
Millions by a Frank Cottrell Boyce
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
***My Name is Mina* by David Almond**
My Name's Not Friday by Jon Walters

Fancy something that will make you laugh? Try these for a start:

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear by Walter Moers
Flour Babies by Anne Fine
It's the End of the World as We Know It by Saci Lloyd
Pig City by Louis Sachar

Want a book to transport you back in time? Sample some of our historical fiction...

All Fall Down by Sally Nicholls
Powder Monkey by Paul Dowswell
Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
My Name's Not Friday by John Walter
The Prince Who Walked with Lions by Elizabeth Laird

Natasha's Will by Joan Lingard
Noah Barleywater Runs Away by John Boyne
***Once* by Morris Gleitzman**
One by Sarah Crossan
Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt
Our Own Private Universe by Robin Talley
***Ostrich Boys* by Keith Gray**
Pig City by Louis Sachar
***Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo**
Powder Monkey by Paul Dowswell
***Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah**
***River Boy* by Tim Bowler**
Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman
Salt to the Sea by Rita Sepetys
Set in Stone by Linda Newberry
***Skellig* by David Almond**
The 13 ½ Lives of Captain Bluebear by Walter Moers
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson
The Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
***The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne**
***The Dark Beneath* by Alan Gibbons**
The Door that Led to Where by Sally Gardner
The Ghosts of Heaven by Marcus Sedgwick
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
The Harry Potter series by JK Rowling
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The House of Silk by Antony Horowitz
The *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins
The Killables by Gemma Malley
The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge
The Lord of the Rings trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright by Christopher Edge
The Middle of Nowhere by Geraldine McCaughrean
The *Noughts and Crosses* trilogy by Malorie Blackman
The Prince Who Walked With Lions by Elizabeth Laird
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend
The Sherlock Holmes series by Arthur Conan Doyle
***The Wind Singer* by William Nicholson**
Tinder by Sally Gardner
***Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson**
***Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman**
Under My Hat: Tales from the Cauldron by Jonathan Strahan (ed.)
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett
Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Wonder by RJ Palacio
***Zlata's Diary* by Zlata Filipovic**

Science fiction fan? Try these for size ...

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright by Christopher Edge
After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Dangerous Reality by Malorie Blackman
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Overwhelmed by the choice of fantasy books? Here are a few to get you started...

Every Day by David Levithan
Tinder by Sally Gardner
Noah Barleywater Runs Away by John Boyne
Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

If you're interested in dramatic books that explore the challenges of modern life, these ones come highly recommended...

Wonder by RJ Palacio
If I Was Your Girl by Meredith Russo
Candor by Pam Bachorz
A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan
The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson

Adventurous readers might enjoy some of these challenging titles too...

A Song for Ella Grey by David Almond
A Song of Ice and Fire series by George RR Martin
Alex as Well by Alyssa Brugman
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
American Gods by Neil Gaiman
Anita and Me by Meera Syal
***Before I Die* by Jenny Downham**
***Bog Child* by Siobhan Dowd**
Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman
Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
Counting Stars by David Almond
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K Dick
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
***For Esme with Love and Squalor and other stories* by J.D. Salinger**
I, Robot by Isaac Asimov
***Martyn Pig* by Kevin Brooks**
More Than This by Patrick Ness
***Talking in Whispers* by James Watson**
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
***The Collector* by John Fowles**
***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon**
The Fault in our Stars by John Green
The Kingdom of the Golden Dragon by Isabelle Allende
The Martian by Andy Weir
The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness
***The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James**
There Will Be Lies by Nick Lane
***Toast: the Story of a Boy's Hunger* Nigel Slater**
***Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson**
When Mr Dog Bites by Brian Conaghan

If you're *really* trying to stretch yourself, why not try some of these classics and modern greats?

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
A Passage to India by E.M. Forster
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce
A Room with a View by E.M. Forster
All Quiet on the Western Front by E.M. Remarque
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
Black Swan Green by David Mitchell
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Dracula by Bram Stoker
Emma by Jane Austen
Empire of the Sun by JG Ballard
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
***Maus* by Art Spiegelman**
***Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro**
On the Road by Jack Kerouac
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally
Slaughterhouse V by Kurt Vonnegut
Tess of the d'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler
The Complete Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
V for Vendetta by Alan Moore and David Lloyd
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Finally, we have a huge selection of some of the best-loved and most influential books of all time. Here are just a few - you probably *should* read them at some point in your life, so why not start now?

1984 by George Orwell
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
***Animal Farm* by George Orwell**
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
***Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
***The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger**
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
The Outsider by Albert Camus
***The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells**
***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**