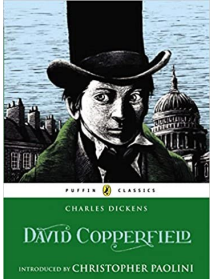

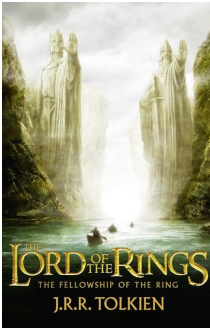
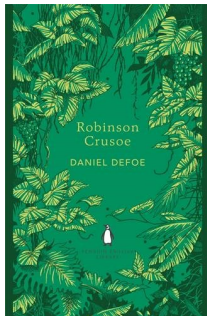
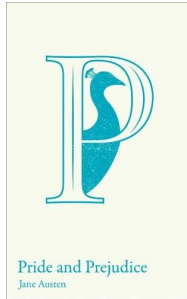


Recommended Reading

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<h2>Classics</h2>   	<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>	

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Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe The original and ultimate castaway shipwreck survival story set on a West indian tropical island with cannibals.

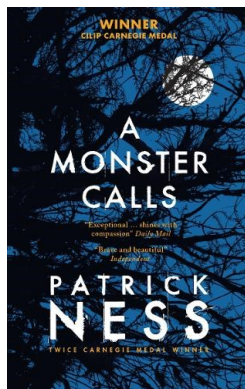
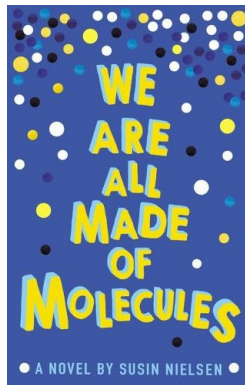
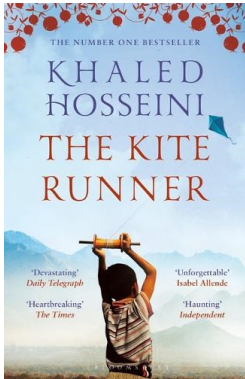
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen A classic story of family instability, with well-meaning but unsubtle Mrs Bennett looking to marry off all her daughters.

East of Eden by John Steinbeck The descendants of Adam and Eve are recast as the warring Trask and Hamilton families in this tale of rivalry, lust and murder.

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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.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness A young adult novel about Conor, a teenager who has the same dream—or nightmare—every night. But this time, when he wakes up, there's an otherworldly creature from his dream right outside his window. The creature demands one thing—the truth about everything.

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.

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....

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

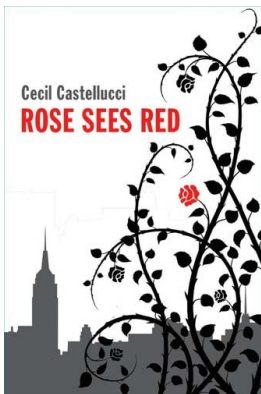
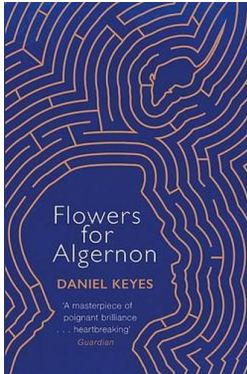
When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari This novel explores the lives of Kai, Orla and Zak, and all the complicated connections, ties, dreams and difficulties that bind them. When Kai's life is turned upside down, will his friends be enough to get him back on track?

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.

On the Road by Jack Kerouac Sal Paradise sets off on an American dream road trip with Dean Moriarty without either truly knowing what they are looking for. Risk-taking, limit-pushing and thrill-seeking at every turn, the pair's story is told in a gripping autobiographical style.

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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?

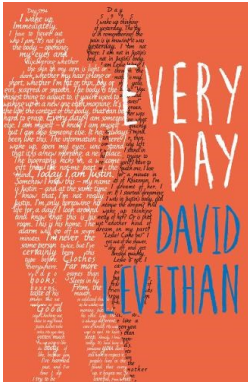
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson When Melinda tries to do the right thing, she finds herself shunned by friends and on the street. Nothing she does seems to make things better and her parents are no help at all. Cleverly written so the reader only finds out exactly what Melinda did at the end.

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?

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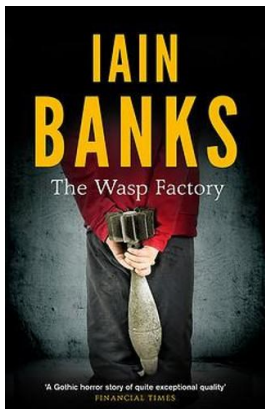
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Horror



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.

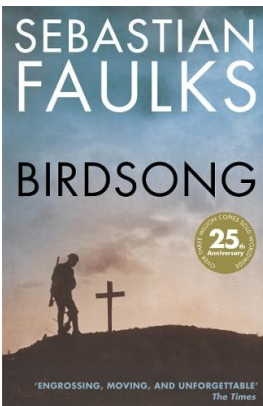
The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks 16 year old Frank thinks killing various family members was just a stage he was going through. A brilliantly written horror story with strong themes and an unforgettable twist.



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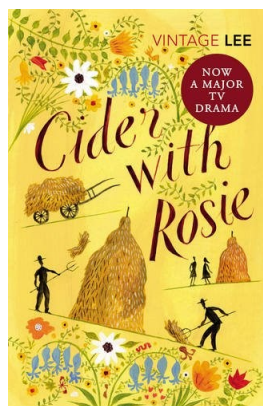
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Historical



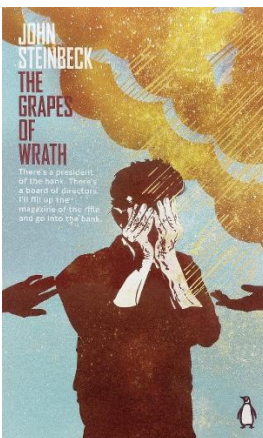
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck The Joad family follow their dreams and head to the West Coast of America. Things don't go well for them. A classic in American fiction, exploring characters, raw emotions; with many parallels to broken society today.

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.



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.

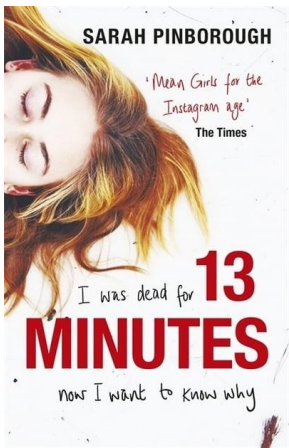
Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee Idyllic childhood memories in the Cotswolds are painted in timeless prose in this evocative reminiscence of growing up in an almost forgotten world.



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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.

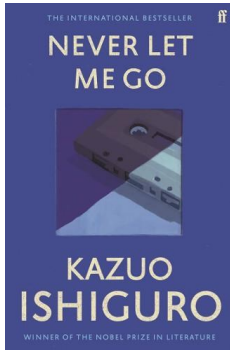
#MurderTrending by Gretchen McNeil #crime #app #revenge #game # false accusation #gangs #murder #must-read

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.

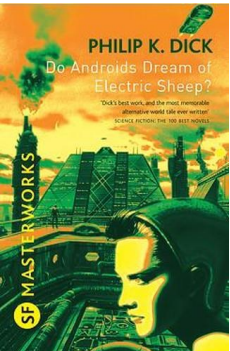
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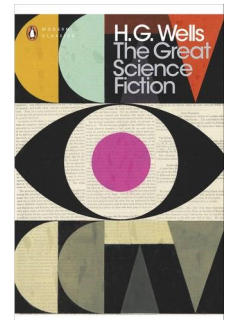
Sci-fi



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.

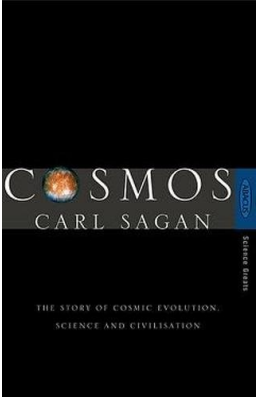
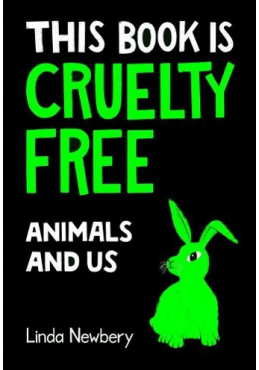


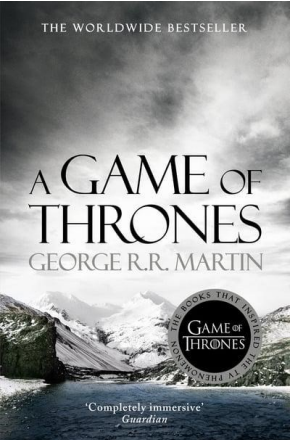
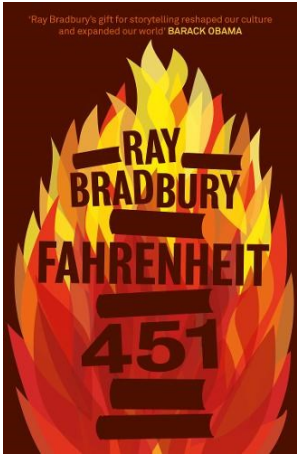
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? By Philip K Dick A must read classic sci-fi novel. After a devastating world war, Rick Deckard, a ruthless bounty hunter, takes an assignment to beat all others. Promised a huge reward, he soon finds himself in a bad dream of lies, plots, and treachery.

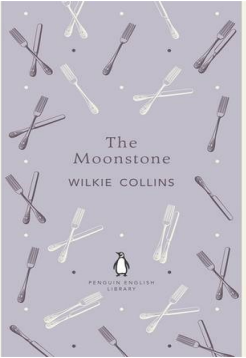
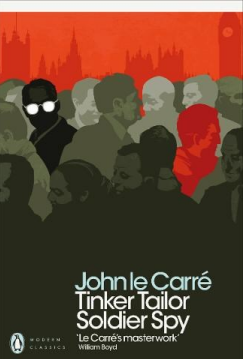


The Time Machine by H.G Wells A timeless classic of science fiction and adventure. A short novel that explores man's impact on the world and the pointlessness of war.

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.

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<p data-bbox="107 183 365 486">Science and Lifestyle</p>  	<p data-bbox="398 172 1209 453">This Book is Cruelty Free by Linda Newbery This comprehensive lifestyle guide shows teens in KS3 and KS4 how they can adjust their lives in ways that avoid contributing, directly or indirectly, to animal cruelty. Issues including food waste, zoos, wild spaces and meat-eating are discussed with diagrams, poignant quotes, infographics, statistics and lucid text. An ideal primer to familiarise children with key themes in the animal rights debate, this book will both inspire and help pupils form their own opinions.</p>	<p data-bbox="1254 172 2161 416">The Silver Chain by Jion Sheibani 16 year old Azadeh seeks solace in her violin playing as she navigates a transition dealing with a new school, friendship difficulties and trouble at home. Compelling and intimate—The Silver Chain is a peek into random corners of her private world, with joyful humour, and bursts of raw candour. The variety of poetry and radiant graphic presentation makes this a wonderful book to become disorientated by.</p>
	<p data-bbox="398 483 1209 655">The Road by Cormac McCarthy This multi award winning saga follows father and son on a road trip across a post-apocalyptic American landscape heading for the hope of salvation on the coast. Emotional and easy to read, the characters and their emotional scenes are poignant.</p>	<p data-bbox="1254 483 2139 584">Cosmos by Carl Sagan A sharp and inspiring book that places human life into a wider context of history, science, philosophy and religion. A literary reality check which is bound to provoke further reading.</p>
	<p data-bbox="398 778 1209 911">I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith Cassandra lives a carefree life in a dilapidated castle in the countryside. But her life changes forever when Americans arrive unexpectedly to claim the castle as their inheritance.</p>	<p data-bbox="1254 778 2139 951">The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch Suffering from terminal cancer, Professor Randy Pausch gave one final lecture. In it, he described how to dream, how to overcome obstacles and how to live those dreams. “Really achieving your childhood dreams” is something everyone should read at least once in their lifetime.</p>
		<p data-bbox="1254 1034 2139 1206">The Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson A masterful and accessible synthesis of mankind written with zip and flair. Funny and yet thought provoking, Bill Bryson’s book is great for sparking interest in areas such as physics, history and Geography which school teaching might have dampened.</p>

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<p data-bbox="123 204 360 268">Fantasy</p>  		<p>Farenheight 451 by Ray Bradbury In a fantasy dystopia where books are forbidden and subject to enforced bureaucratic burning, a small group try to keep knowledge, reading and freedom alive. Shocking and realistic.</p>
		<p>One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriela Garcia Marquez A fantasy historical pic spanning seven generations of one family and their lives in rural Columbia.</p>
		<p>Game of Thrones by George R.R Martin A fantasy epic spanning generations of warring families, factions and political intrigue. Turned into a highly rated TV franchise, the plots, escapes and some very nasty character endings made this a bestselling series.</p>

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<p>Crime, thrillers, mysteries</p>  	<p>Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John le Carre A gripping page turner following George Smiley, a calculating and clever cold war spy tracking an elusive Russian agent.</p>	<p>The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins The Moonstone is a hugely valuable, and cursed diamond smuggled out of a war zone. When it vanishes from an English country house all hell breaks loose, and it's up to Sergeant Cuff to solve the puzzle. A classic detective novel.</p>