

## St Aidan's Church of England High School Library

### Recommended reads for Year 10 & 11

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|--|---------------------|---|
| The Alchemist                                | Paulo Coelho        | Follow your dreams                        |
| Angela's Ashes                               | Frank McCourt       | Irish coming of age story                 |
| Anita and Me                                 | Meera Syal          | A Punjabi family in the Black Country     |
| The Black Magician Trilogy                   | Trudi Canavan       | Filled with magic and conspiracy          |
| The Book Thief                               | Markus Zusak        | Thought provoking unusual read            |
| Boys Don't Cry                               | Malorie Blackman    | Hard hitting teenage novel                |
| Catcher in the Rye                           | J D Salinger        | Coming of age novel                       |
| Cold Comfort Farm                            | Stella Gibbons      | Witty novel about a chaotic family        |
| Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime | Mark Haddon         | An unusual murder Mystery                 |
| The Declaration                              | Gemma Malley        | The year 2014 and people can live forever |
| Divergent                                    | Veronica Roth       | First novel in dystopian trilogy          |
| Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?         | Philip K Dick       | Science fiction                           |
| Echo Boy                                     | Matt Haig           | Science fiction                           |
| Empire of the Sun                            | J G Ballard         | Japan in World War 2                      |
| Eragon                                       | Christopher Paolini | Fantasy                                   |
| Fahrenheit 451                               | Ray Bradbury        | Thought provoking vision of the future    |
| The Fault in our Stars                       | John Green          | Emotional read                            |
| Fever Pitch                                  | Nick Hornby         | A fanatical football supporter            |
| The 5 <sup>th</sup> Wave                     | Rick Yancey         | Alien invasion                            |
| Girl With the Dragon Tattoo                  | Stieg Larsson       | Gripping crime series                     |
| Gone   | Michael Grant       | A world without adults                    |
| Great Expectations                           | Charles Dickens     | The fortunes of Pip                       |
| The Help                                     | Kathryn Stockett    | Prejudice in 1960s America                |
| How I Live Now                               | Meg Rosoff          | Romance, war, politics                    |
| I Capture the Castle                         | Dodie Smith         | Love, sibling rivalry, bohemian life      |
| Jane Eyre                                    | Charlotte Bronte    | A masterpiece                             |
| Junk   | Melvin Burgess      | Junk = despair                            |
| Ketchup Clouds                               | Annabel Pitcher     | Romance, death row and secrets            |

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Kite Runner                           | Khaled Hosseini        | Boyhood friendship in Afghanistan             |
| Leaving Poppy                         | Kate Cann              | Haunting psychological thriller               |
| Life of Pi                            | Yann Martel            | Read the book before you see the film         |
| Lord of the Ring                      | JRR Tolkien            | Middle Earth adventure                        |
| Matched                               | Allie Condie           | Living in a controlled society                |
| The Moonstone                         | Wilkie Collins         | Classic detective novel                       |
| My Sister's Keeper                    | Jodi Picoult           | Gripping emotional story line                 |
| Nineteen Eighty Four                  | George Orwell          | Totalitarian Government of the future         |
| Notes From a Small Island             | Bill Bryson            | Travel book which may make you laugh out loud |
| The Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency | Alexander McCall Smith | Humorous novel set in Botswana                |
| Ode to Kirihito                       | Osamu Tezuka           | Comic book mastery                            |
| Rebecca                               | Daphne Du Maurier      | Classic romantic mystery                      |
| Pride and Prejudice                   | Jane Austen            | The much loved novel                          |
| Sherlock Holmes                       | Arthur Conan Doyle     | Victorian crime                               |
| Shiver                                | Maggie Stiefvater      | A chilling love story                         |
| The Time Machine                      | H G Wells              | Classic time travel                           |
| Uglies                                | Scott Westerfeld       | A 'beautiful' society                         |
| Vanishing of Katharina Linden         | Helen Grant            | Gripping plot and characters                  |
| The White Darkness                    | G McCaughrean          | Destination Antarctica                        |
| When Mr Dog Bites                     | Brian Conaghan         | Dylan Mint has Tourette's                     |
| Wuthering Heights                     | Emily Bronte           | "one of the greatest books ever written"      |

**See also the Classic book list. Please ask if you need help finding a good book to read.**

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Need something good to read? Try these classic recommended books

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Adams, D            | The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy              |
| Alcott, L           | Little Women                                      |
| Andersen, H C       | Fairy Tales                                       |
| Austen, J           | Sense and Sensibility                             |
| BB                  | Brendon Chase                                     |
| Ballard, JG         | Empire of the Sun                                 |
| Ballantyne, RM      | The Coral Island                                  |
| Bawden, N           | Carrie's War                                      |
| Blackmore, L        | Lorna Doone                                       |
| Bowler, T           | Starseeker  |
| Bradbury, R         | Fahrenheit 451                                    |
| Bronte, C           | Jane Eyre   |
| Burgess, A          | A Clockwork Orange                                |
| Burnett, FH         | The Secret Garden                                 |
| Carr, JL            | A Month in the Country                            |
| Carroll, L          | Alice's Adventures in Wonderland                  |
| Christie, A         | Death on the Nile                                 |
| Collins, W          | The Moonstone                                     |
| Coolidge, S         | What Katy Did                                     |
| Cooper, JF          | The Last of the Mohicans                          |
| Cooper, S           | The Dark is Rising series                         |
| Crossley-Holland, K | The Norse Myths                                   |
| Defoe, D            | Robinson Crusoe                                   |
| Dickens, C          | Great Expectations                                |
| Dickens, C          | Oliver Twist                                      |
| Doherty, B          | Street Child                                      |
| Doyle, A Conan      | The Hound of the Baskervilles                     |
| Dunmore, H          | Ingo  |
| Eliot, G            | The Mill on the Floss                             |
| Eliot, T S          | Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats               |
| Forster, EM         | A Room With a View                                |
| Frank, A            | Diary of Anne Frank                               |
| Galsworthy, J       | The Forsyte Saga                                  |
| Gardner, S          | The Red Necklace                                  |
| Gaskell, E          | Cranford  |
| Gibbons, S          | Cold Comfort Farm                                 |
| Golding, W          | The Lord of the Flies                             |
| Grahame, K          | The Wind in the Willows                           |
| Green, R Lancelyn   | The Adventures of Robin Hood                      |
| Greene, G           | Our Man in Havana                                 |
| Grimm Brothers      | Tales   |
| Grossmith, G and W  | The Diary of a Nobody                             |
| Haddon, M           | The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time |
| Hardy, T            | Tess of the D'Urbervilles                         |
| Hartley, LP         | The Go-Between                                    |
| Heaney, S           | The Rattle Bag (poetry)                           |
| Hemingway, E        | A Farewell to Arms                                |
| Hines, B            | A Kestrel for a Knave                             |
| Hughes, T           | Collected Poems for Children                      |
| Hughes, T           | Tom Brown's Schooldays                            |
| Huxley, A           | Brave New World                                   |
| Ibbotson, E         | The Star of Kazan                                 |
| Jerome, KJ          | Three Men in a boat                               |
| Kingsley, C         | The Water-Babies                                  |

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| Kipling, R     | The Jungle Book                      |
| Laird, E       | The Garbage King                     |
| Lee, H         | To Kill a Mockingbird                |
| Lee, L         | Cider with Rosie                     |
| Lewis, C S     | The Magician's Nephew                |
| Lively, P      | The House in Norham Gardens          |
| London, J      | White Fang                           |
| Marquez, GC    | One Hundred Years of Solitude        |
| Marryat, Cpt   | The Children of the New Forest       |
| Marshall, JV   | Walkabout                            |
| Martel, Y      | Life of Pi                           |
| Melville, H    | Moby-Dick                            |
| Montgomery, LM | Anne of Green Gables                 |
| More, T        | Utopia                               |
| Morrison, T    | Beloved                              |
| Naidoo, B      | The Other Side of Truth              |
| Nesbit, E      | The Railway Children                 |
| Norton, M      | The Borrowers                        |
| Orwell, G      | Animal Farm                          |
| Pearce, P      | Tom's Midnight Garden                |
| Peet, M        | Tamar                                |
| Plath, S       | The Bell Jar                         |
| Poe, EA        | Tales of Mystery and Terror          |
| Pullman, P     | Northern Lights trilogy              |
| Remarque, EM   | All Quiet on the Western Front       |
| Rhys, J        | Wide Sargasso Sea                    |
| Rushdie, S     | Midnight's Children                  |
| Salinger, JD   | The Catcher in the Rye               |
| Scott, W       | Rob Roy                              |
| Serraillier, I | The Silver Sword                     |
| Sewell, A      | Black Beauty                         |
| Shelley, M     | Frankenstein                         |
| Sillitoe, A    | Saturday Night and Sunday Morning    |
| Smith, D       | I Capture the Castle                 |
| Spark, M       | The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie        |
| Spyri, J       | Heidi                                |
| Steinbeck, J   | Of Mice and Men                      |
| Stevenson, R L | Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde                |
| Stoker, B      | Dracula                              |
| Stowe, HB      | Uncle Tom's Cabin                    |
| Sutcliff, R    | The Eagle of the Ninth               |
| Syal, M        | Anita and Me                         |
| Tolkien, JRR   | The Hobbit                           |
| Tressell, R    | The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists |
| Trollope, A    | Barchester Towers                    |
| Twain, M       | The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn   |
| Verne, J       | Around the World in 80 Days          |
| Vonnegut, K    | Slaughterhouse 5                     |
| Walpole, H     | The Castle of Otranto                |
| Waterhouse, K  | Billy Liar                           |
| Waugh, E       | Brideshead Revisited                 |
| Wells, HG      | War of the Worlds                    |
| Westall, R     | The Machine Gunners                  |
| Wilde, O       | The Happy Prince                     |
| Wodehouse, PG  | My Man Jeeves                        |
| Woolf, V       | To the Lighthouse                    |
| Wyndham, J     | The Day of the Triffids              |

## St Aidan's High School Library

### Non Fiction – a selection of wider reading available

|                |  |               |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| Berger, J      | Ways of Seeing – unique look at the way we view art  |               |
| Bryson, B      | A Short History of Nearly Everything – from the big bang to the rise of Civilization                           | 500 BRY       |
| Capote, T      | In Cold Blood – chilling true crime novel  | 364 CAP       |
| Carson, R      | Silent Spring – pesticides and the environment   | 363.73<br>CAR |
| Darwin, C      | The Origin of Species – theory of natural selection  | 575 DAR       |
| Dawkin, R      | The Selfish Gene – evolutionary biology  | 575 DAW       |
| De Beauvoir, S | The Second Sex – ground breaking study of women  | 305.3 DEB     |
| Feynman, RP    | QED: The Strange Theory of Light and Matter  | 530 FEY       |
| Frank, A       | The Diary of a Young Girl – fleeing the occupation (fact)  | Fiction       |
| Freud, S       | The Interpretation of Dreams – by the master of psychoanalysis   |               |
| Gombrich, E    | The Story of Art – art history   |               |
| Hawking, S     | A Brief History of Time – secrets of space and time  | 530 HAW       |
| Herodotus      | The Histories – Greek history  | 938 HER       |
| Levi, P        | The Periodic Table – autobiographical account of Nazi Germany with a scientific theme                          | 546 LEV       |
| Levitt, S      | Freakonomics – applying economics to real life scenarios   | 330LEV        |
| Lovelock, J    | The Revenge of Gaia – global warming and the environment   | 500 LOV       |
| Machiavelli, N | The Prince – political theory and history  | 320 MAC       |
| Mukherjee, S   | The Emperor of All Maladies – a biography of cancer  | 616.9 MUK     |
| Orwell, G      | Homage to Catalonia – experience during the Spanish Civil War (fact)   | Fiction       |
| Plato          | The Republic – philosophical ideas and ideologies  | 182 PLA       |
| Said, E        | Orientalism – Western conceptions of the Orient  | 950 SAI       |
| Skloot, R      | The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – one woman who changed the medical world forever (fiction based on fact) | Fiction       |
| Smith, A       | The Wealth of Nations – economic theories  | 330.1 SMI     |

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|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Solzhenitsyn, A | The Gulag Archipelago – four decades of Soviet terror    | 947.084<br>SOL |
| Sontag, S       | On Photography – ground-breaking critique of photography |                |
| Sun Tzu         | The Art of War - military strategy                       | 355 TZU        |
| Watson, JD      | The Double Helix – the discovery of the structure of DNA | 572 WAT        |

See also Travel Fiction and Autobiography lists

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## Pre 20<sup>th</sup> Century English Novels in the School Library

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Austen, Jane        | Emma<br>Mansfield Park<br>Northanger Abbey<br>Persuasion<br>Pride and Prejudice<br>Sense and Sensibility                                      |
| Blackmore, R        | Lorna Doone   |
| Bronte, Charlotte   | Jane Eyre   |
| Bronte, Emily       | Wuthering Heights   |
| Defoe, D            | Robinson Crusoe   |
| Dickens, Charles    | A Tale of Two Cities<br>Bleak House<br>David Copperfield<br>Great Expectations<br>Mystery of Edwin Drood<br>Nicholas Nickleby<br>Oliver Twist |
| Eliot, George       | Middlemarch<br>Mill on the Floss<br>Silas Marner  |
| Gaskell, E          | Cranford<br>Mary Barton<br>North and South  |
| Shelley, Mary       | Frankenstein  |
| Stevenson, Robert L | Treasure Island   |
| Thackeray, William  | Vanity Fair   |
| Trollope, A         | The Barchester Chronicles   |

**St Aidan's Church of England High School**  
**A Selection of Travel Writing Available in the School Library**

**Fiction**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Armitage, S      | Walking Home   |
| Bernieres, L De  | Captain Corelli's Mandolin                           |
| Blanchard, M & R | A Trip to the Beach                                  |
| Blixen, K        | Out of Africa  |
| Bryson, B        | Notes from a Small Island<br>Notes from a Big Island |
| Butcher, T       | Blood River  |
| Chatwin, B       | In Patagonia   |
| Darlington, T    | Narrow Dog to Carcassonne                            |
| Dew, J           | Slow Coast Home                                      |
| Durrell, G       | My Family and Other Animals                          |
| Durrell, L       | Bitter Lemons of Cyprus                              |
| Garland, A       | The Beach  |
| Guevara, C       | Motorcycle Diaries                                   |
| Hawks, T         | Round Ireland with a Fridge                          |
| Joyce, R         | The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry                |
| Kerouac, J       | On the Road<br>The Dharma Bums                       |
| McCarthy, P      | McCarthy's Bar                                       |
| Mayes, F         | Under the Tuscan Sun                                 |
| Mayle, P         | A Year in Provence                                   |
| Naipaul, V       | An Area of Darkness                                  |
| Newby, E         | A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush                       |



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|-------------|---|
| Orwell, G   | Down and Out in Paris and London  |
| Palin, M    | Around the World in 80 Days   |
| Stewart, C  | Driving Over Lemons<br>A Parrot in the Pepper Tree<br>The Almond Blossom Appreciation Society |
| Swift, G    | Gulliver's Travels  |
| Theroux, P  | The Great Railway Bazaar  |
| Thompson, H | Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas  |
| Viner, B    | Tales of the Country  |
| Wright, M   | C'Est La Folie  |

**Non Fiction**

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|-------------|--|------------|
| Blanton, C  | Travel Writing                           | 808.88 BLA |
| George, D   | Lonely Planet's Guide to Travel Writing  | 808.88 GEO |
| Hulme, P    | Cambridge Companion to Travel Writing    | 808.88 HUL |
| Thompson, C | Travel Writing                           | 808.88 THO |
| Youngs, T   | Cambridge Introduction to Travel Writing | 808.88 YOU |

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