

50 Reads Before You Are 16 (KS4)

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Genre (setting, era)</i>
1.	<i>A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire #1)</i>	George R.R. Martin	Fantasy (Westeros, A Long Time Ago)
2.	<i>A View From The Bridge</i>	Arthur Miller	Drama (America, 20 th century)
3.	<i>Americanah</i>	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Contemporary, cultural (Nigeria, 21 st century)
4.	<i>An Inspector Calls</i>	J B Priestley	Drama, political (England, 20 th century)
5.	<i>Beloved</i>	Toni Morrison	Historical fiction, slavery (America, 19 th century)
6.	<i>Brick Lane</i>	Monica Ali	Contemporary, multiculturalism (England/Bangladesh, 20 th century)
7.	<i>Cold Mountain</i>	Charles Frazier	War (America, 19 th century)
8.	<i>Great Expectations</i>	Charles Dickens	Classic (England, 19 th century)
9.	<i>Fever Pitch</i>	Nick Hornby	Sport/football (England, 20 th century)
10.	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley	Gothic, science fiction (England, 19 th century)
11.	<i>Girl With A Pearl Earring</i>	Tracy Chevalier	Historical fiction (Netherlands, 17 th century)
12.	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Jonathan Swift	Adventure, satire (Other worlds, 18 th century)
13.	<i>I, Claudius</i>	Robert Graves	Historical fiction (Roman Empire)
14.	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou	Biographical (America, 20 th century)
15.	<i>Into the Wild</i>	Jon Krakauer	Travel, adventure (Mexico/America, 20 th century)
16.	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte	Classic, political (England, 19 th century)
17.	<i>Les Misérables</i>	Victor Hugo	Historical, classic (France, 19 th century)
18.	<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott	Classic, coming-of-age (America, 19 th century)
19.	<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel	Adventure, spirituality (Pacific Ocean, 21 st century)
20.	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding	Classic, political (UK, 20 th century)
21.	<i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i>	George Orwell	Science fiction (England, 20 th century)
22.	<i>Notes From a Small Island</i>	Bill Bryson	Travel, non-fiction (UK, 20 th century)

23.	<i>The Da Vinci Code</i>	Dan Brown	Mystery, fiction (Europe, 20 th century)
24.	<i>The Lord of the Rings</i>	J R R Tolkien	Fantasy, adventure (Middle Earth, A Long Time Ago)
25.	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck	Historical, relationships (America, 20 th century)
26.	<i>Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha</i>	Roddy Doyle	Contemporary (Ireland, 20 th century)
27.	<i>Poems and Letters</i>	Elizabeth Barret Browning	Poetry (19 th century)
28.	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen	Classic, coming-of-age (England, 19 th century)
29.	<i>Selected Poems</i>	Simon Armitage	Poetry
30.	<i>Shōgun</i>	James Clavell	Historical fiction (Japan, 17 th century)
31.	<i>Small Island</i>	Andrea Levy	Contemporary, multiculturalism (England, 20 th century)
32.	<i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i>	Thomas Hardy	Classic (England, 19 th century)
33.	<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho	Adventure, spirituality (Sahara Desert, 20 th century)
34.	<i>The Awakening</i>	Kate Chopin	Feminist, fiction (America, 19 th century)
35.	<i>The Beach</i>	Alex Garland	Travel, adventure (Thailand, 20 th century)
36.	<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	World War Two (Germany, 20 th century)
37.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	J D Salinger	Coming-of-age, modern classic (America, 20 th century)
38.	<i>The Color Purple</i>	Alice Walker	Classic, historical fiction (America, 20 th century)
39.	<i>The Help</i>	Kathryn Stockett	Historical fiction (America, 20 th century)
40.	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglas Adams	Science fiction (20 th century)
41.	<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini	Contemporary, historical fiction (Afghanistan, 21 st century)
42.	<i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>	Ken Follet	Historical fiction (Medieval England)
43.	<i>The Prelude</i>	William Wordsworth	Poetry (England, 18 th century)
44.	<i>The Song of Achilles</i>	Madeline Miller	Historical fiction, LGBT (Ancient Greece)
45.	<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson	Science fiction (London, 19 th century)
46.	<i>The Thorn Birds</i>	Colleen McCullough	Historical fiction (Australia, 20 th century)
47.	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>	H G Wells	Science fiction (England, 19 th century)

48.	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	Coming-of-age, political (20 th century)
49.	<i>Touching the Void</i>	Joe Simpson	Adventure, non-fiction (Chile, 20 th century)
50.	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	Emily Bronte	Romance, classic (England, 19 th century)