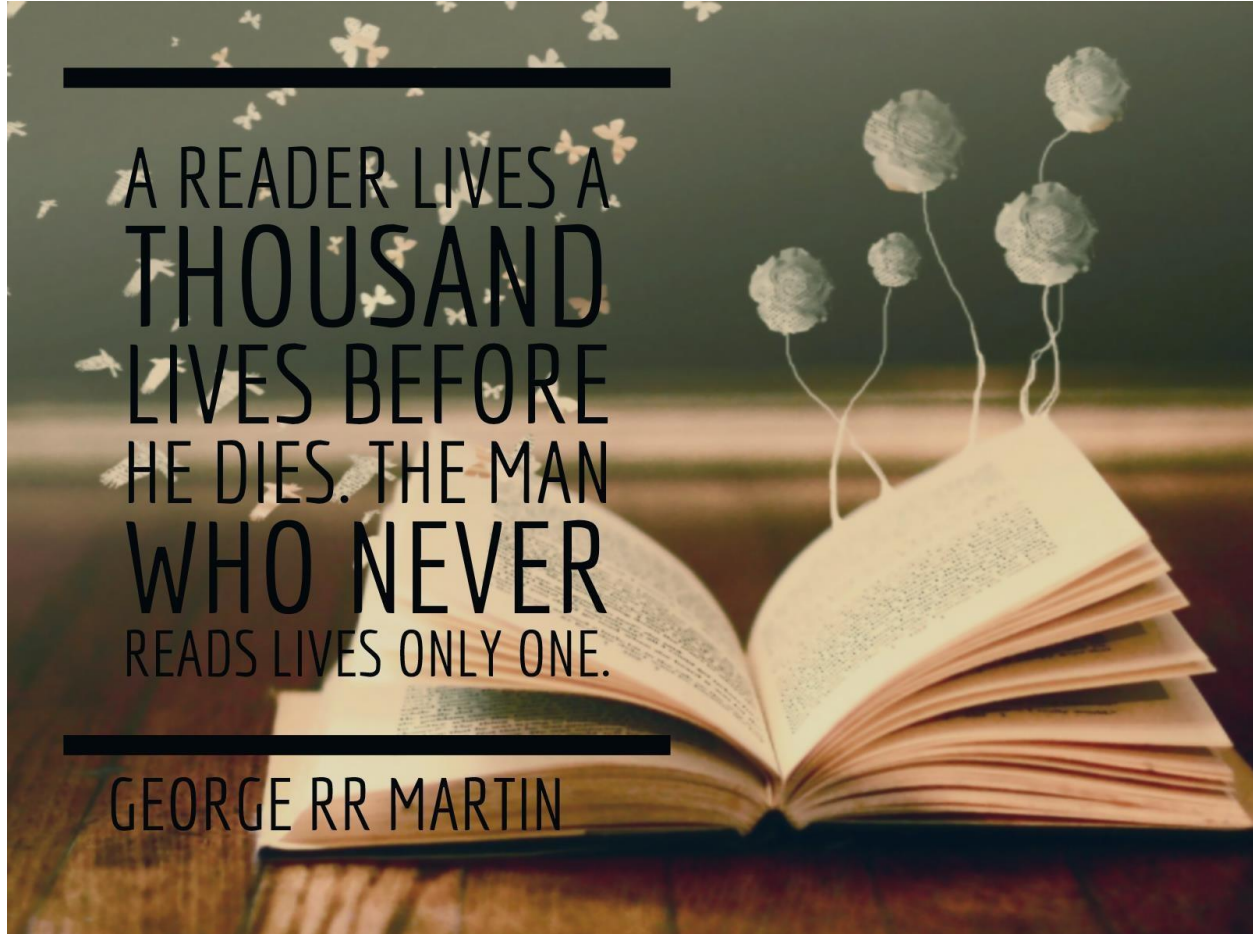


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KS4 and 5 Reading List

Here is a list of books that you might like to read in your own time.



Below is a list of more challenging reads for pupils in Years 10 to 13. They will give you a fantastic grounding in some of the classics of English Literature.

Many of these books do have more adult themes and are more suitable for KS5 students. These are marked with a star.

If you fancy something a little more light-hearted, then do look at the KS3 list as there are some fantastic books there too that are well worth a read. Adults read children's books too!

#### Fantasy / Science Fiction

- The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams
- The Time Machine – H. G. Wells
- The Lord of the Rings trilogy – JRR Tolkien
- Game of Thrones series – George R. R. Martin \*
- Dune trilogy – Frank Herbert
- The Time Traveller's Wife – Audrey Niffenegger

### Crime / spy / thriller / mystery / horror

- The Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown
- I'm the King of the Castle – Susan Hill
- The Woman in Black – Susan Hill
- Carrie – Stephen King
- The Wasp Factory – Iain Banks
- The Name of the Rose – Umberto Eco
- Brighton Rock – Graham Green
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy – John Le Carré
- The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo – Steig Larsson
- Fight Club – Chuck Palahniuk \*
- Junk – Melvin Burgess \*
- In Cold Blood – Truman Capote \*
- Trainspotting – Irvine Welsh \*

### Adventure / journeys

- Lord of the Flies – William Golding
- Life of Pi – Yann Martel
- On the Road – Jack Kerouac
- American Gods – Neil Gaiman

### Books that will make you think - life / love / reality and emotions

- The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini
- A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
- The Color Purple – Alice Walker
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest – Ken Kesey
- Paddy Clarke Ha, Ha, Ha – Roddy Doyle
- To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- About A Boy – Nick Hornby
- The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
- Never Let Me Go – Kazuo Ishiguro

- Oranges are not the only fruit – Jeanette Winterson
- Midnight’s Children – Salman Rushdie
- Anita and Me – Meera Syal
- Notes on a Scandal – Zoe Heller
- The Lovely Bones – Alice Seybold
- Memoirs of a Geisha – Arthur Golden
- The Secret History – Donna Tartt
- White Teeth – Zadie Smith

### Classics

- The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle
- **Anything** by Charles Dickens
- **Anything** by Shakespeare
- Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
- Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen
- Emma - Jane Austen
- Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
- Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
- The Great Gatsby – F.Scott Fitzgerald
- The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Tess of the D’Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy
- Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier
- Frankenstein – Mary Shelley
- Vanity Fair - William Makepeace Thackeray
- Anna Karenina - Leo Tolstoy
- The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde
- Dracula - Bram Stoker

### Visions of the future

- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- Nineteen Eighty-Four – George Orwell

- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood \*
- War of the Worlds – H. G. Wells
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

#### War / Historical fiction

- Atonement – Ian McEwan \*
- Birdsong – Sebastian Faulkes
- Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
- Remains of the Day – Kazuo Ishiguro
- A Separate Peace – John Knowles

#### Non-fiction

- Long Walk to Freedom – Nelson Mandela
- Shakespeare: The World as a Stage – Bill Bryson
- A Short History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson
- Notes from a Small Island – Bill Bryson
- Cosmos – Carl Sagan
- Hitler's Willing Executioners – Daniel Golhagen
- A Brief History of Time – Stephen Hawking
- The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat – Oliver Sacks
- A History of the World in 100 Objects – Neil MacGreggor