



**COTTENHAM  
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INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

## Reading List

The following suggestions are divided into fiction and non-fiction genres. This is not an exhaustive list by any means, but there is breadth and scope in the suggested reads. There is a separate 'Older reads' reading list at the end where there are some suggestions which have a suggested age guidance (based on content, not on the difficulty of text).

### Fiction

#### Children's Classics

Louisa May Alcott	Little Women
J M Barrie	Peter Pan
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising Series
Helen Cresswell	Moondial
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
Frances Hodgson Burnett	A Little Princess
	The Secret Garden
Ted Hughes	The Iron Man
C S Lewis	The Chronicles of Narnia series
Edith Nesbit	The Railway Children
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island

#### Classics

Anne Bronte	The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Charlotte Bronte	Jane Eyre
	Villette
Emily Bronte	Wuthering Heights
Agatha Christie	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
	Murder on the Orient Express
	Death on the Nile
Wilkie Collins	The Moonstone
	The Woman in White
Gerald Durrell	My Family and other Animals
George Eliot	Middlemarch
F Scott Fitzgerald	The Great Gatsby
E M Forster	Howard's End
Stella Gibbons	Cold Comfort Farm
William Golding	The Lord of the Flies
Thomas Hardy	Tess of the d'Urbervilles
	Far From the Madding Crowd
Rudyard Kipling	The Jungle Book
Harper Lee	To Kill A Mockingbird
George Orwell	Animal Farm
	1984

Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
Nevil Shute	A Town Called Alice
John Steinbeck	Of Mice and Men
	The Grapes of Wrath
Bram Stoker	Dracula
William Makepeace Thackeray	Vanity Fair
J R R Tolkien	The Lord of the Rings
	The Hobbit
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jules Verne	Around the World in Eighty Days
	Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea
H G Wells	The Time Machine
Oscar Wilde	The Picture of Dorian Gray

### Classic authors (read anything by these writers!)

Jane Austen  
 Roald Dahl  
 Charles Dickens  
 Daphne du Maurier  
 Terry Pratchett

### Historical fiction

Sally Gardner	The Red Necklace
Jamila Gavin	Coram Boy
Morris Gleitzman	Once
	Now
	Then
	After
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Michelle Magorian	Goodnight Mister Tom
Geraldine McCaughrean	The White Darkness
Michael Morpurgo	Private Peaceful
	War Horse
Sally Nichols	Things a Bright Girl Can Do
Mal Peet	Tamar
Philip Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke
Kate Saunders	Five Children on the Western Front
Lauren Wolk	Wolf Hollow
Laura Wood	A Sky Painted Gold
Markus Zusak	The Book Thief

### Crime adventure and thrillers

Tim Bowler	Starseeker
Peter Bunzl	The Cogheart Adventure trilogy
Emma Carroll	The Somerset Tsunami
Anthony Horowitz	Moriarty
Katherine Rundell	The Explorer
Robin Stevens	Murder Most Unladylike mystery series
Danny Weston	Scarecrow
Lauren Wolk	Beyond the Bright Sea

## Fantasy and science fiction

Cressida Cowell	The Wizards of Once
James Dashner	The Maze Runner series
Julie Hearn	Follow Me Down
Bex Hogan	Viper
Brian Jacques	Redwall series
Madeleine L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Ursula Le Guin	The Earthsea series
Lois Lowry	The Giver
Patrick Ness	A Monster Calls
	The Knife of Never Letting Go
Jenny Nimmo	The Charlie Bone series
Katherine Paterson	The Bridge to Terabithia
Philippa Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden
Philip Pullman	His Dark Materials trilogy
	The Book of Dust series
Philip Reeve	Mortal Engines
	Railhead
Carter Roy	Blood Guard
S F Said	Phoenix
Jessica Townsend	Nevermoor: the trials of Morrigan Crow

## Modern reads

Elizabeth Acevedo	The Poet X
Kwame Alexander	Booked
	Rebound
Malorie Blackman	Pig Heart Boy
	Noughts and Crosses trilogy
Steve Camden AKA Polar Bear	Everything All at Once
Sue Cheung	Chinglish
Eoin Colfer	The Artemis Fowl series
Sara Crossan	One
	The Weight of Water
Siobhan Dowd	Bog Child
Zana Fraillon	The Bone Sparrow
Neil Gaiman	Coraline
John Green	The Fault in Our Stars
Will Hill	After the fire
Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock	The Smell of Other People's Houses
Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea
Nick Lake	Nowhere on Earth
Anthony McGowan	Lark
	Rook
Patrick Ness	Release
Sally Nichols	Ways to Live Forever
Susin Nielsen	We Are All Made of Molecules
R J Palacio	Wonder
Annabel Pitcher	Ketchup Clouds
	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece
	Silence is Goldfish
Mal Peet and Meg Rosoff	Beck
Jason Reynolds	Long Way Down
Marcus Sedgwick	Saint Death
Marcus and Julian Sedgwick	Voyages in the Underworld of Orpheus Black
Angie Thomas	The Hate U Give
Lisa Williamson	The Art of Being Normal
Benjamin Zephaniah	Refugee Boy

## Non-fiction

Chimamanda Adichie  
Bill Bryson

Jung Chang  
Ron Chernow  
Charles Darwin  
Stephen Hawking  
Nick Hornby  
Helen McDonald  
Adam Kay  
Michael Pollan  
James D Watson  
Virginia Woolf

We Should All Be Feminists  
A Really Short History of Nearly Everything  
Shakespeare: The World as a Stage  
Wild Swans  
Alexander Hamilton  
On the Origin of Species  
A Brief History of Time  
Fever Pitch  
H is for Hawk  
This is Going to Hurt **(14+)**  
The Omnivore's Dilemma  
The Double Helix  
A Room of One's Own

## Autobiographies

Maya Angelou  
Vera Brittain  
Roald Dahl

Anne Frank  
Robert Graves  
John Grogan  
Felicity Kendal  
Laurie Lee

Trevor Noah  
Michelle Obama  
Mary Seacole  
Nigel Slater  
Tara Westover

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings **(14+)**  
Testament of Youth  
Boy by Roald Dahl  
Going Solo  
The Diary of a Young Girl  
Goodbye To All That  
Marley and Me  
White Cargo  
Cider with Rosie  
As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning  
Born a Crime **(14+)**  
Becoming  
The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands  
Toast **(14+)**  
Educated **(14+)**

## Travel writing

C Boorman & E McGregor  
Bill Bryson

Alain de Botton  
Peter Mayle  
Monisha Rajesh

John Steinbeck  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Colin Thubron  
Mary Wollstonecraft

The Long Way Round  
A Walk in the Woods  
Neither Here Nor There  
Notes from a Small Island  
The Art of Travel  
A Year in Provence  
Around India in 80 Trains  
Around the World in 80 Trains  
Travels with Charley  
Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes  
Shadow of the Silk Road  
Letters written in Sweden, Norway and Denmark

## Older reads (14+)

Chimamanda Adichie

Monica Ali  
Dean Atta  
Margaret Attwood  
Pat Barker

Half of a Yellow Sun  
Purple Hibiscus  
Brick Lane  
The Black Flamingo  
The Handmaid's Tale  
Regeneration series

Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451
Anthony Burgess	A Clockwork Orange
Jessie Burton	The Miniaturist
	The Muse
Sarah Crossan	Moonrise
	Toffee
Sebastian Faulks	Birdsong
Matt Haig	The Midnight Library
Joseph Heller	Catch 22
Khaled Hosseini	The Kite Runner
Kazuo Ishiguro	The Remains of the Day
	Never Let Me Go
Andrea Levy	Small Island
George R R Martin	A Song of Ice and Fire series (these are the books of A Game of Thrones)
David Mitchell	Cloud Atlas
Toni Morrison	Beloved
	The Bluest Eye
Richard Osman	The Thursday Murder Club
Louisa Reid	Gloves Off
Zadie Smith	On Beauty
	White Teeth
J D Salinger	The Catcher in the Rye
Patrick Suskind	Perfume
Donna Tartt	The Secret History
Alice Walker	The Color Purple