

Years 10/11

(Feel free to look at the Y8/9 list too—there are good things there)

Crime/Mystery

Truman Capote: In Cold Blood
Raymond Chandler: Farewell My Lovely
Agatha Christie: The Body in the Library
Emma Healey: Elizabeth is Missing
PD James: Death in Holy Orders
Elmore Leonard: Killshot
Stuart Turton: The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle

Classics

Jane Austen: Emma
Charlotte Bronte: Jane Eyre
Charles Dickens: A Tale of Two Cities
Alexandre Dumas: The Count of Monte Cristo
Daphne du Maurier: Rebecca
Gustav Flaubert: Madame Bovary
Thomas Hardy: Tess of the D'Urbervilles
William Thackeray: Vanity Fair
Leo Tolstoy: Anna Karenina
Oscar Wilde: The Picture of Dorian Grey

Fantasy & Horror

George RR Martin: A Game of Thrones
Mervyn Peake: Gormenghast Trilogy
Mary Shelley: Frankenstein
RL Stevenson: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Bram Stoker: Dracula

Contemporary

Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche: Purple Hibiscus
Jonathan Coe: Middle England
Maja Lunde: The History of Bees
Zadie Smith: On Beauty

Humour

Douglas Adams: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Jane Austen: Northanger Abbey
Stella Gibbons: Cold Comfort Farm
Joseph Heller: Catch 22
JK Jerome: Three Men in a Boat
Sue Townsend: The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole

Short Stories

Angela Carter: The Bloody Chamber
Henry James: The Turn of the Screw & other stories
James Joyce: Dubliners
HP Lovecraft: The Whisperer in the Darkness
Edgar Allan Poe: Tales of Madness

Thrillers

MA Bennett: S.T.A.G.S.
Cat Clarke: The Lost And The Found
Nick Lake: There Will Be Lies
Sarah Pinborough: 13 Minutes
Tom Pollock: White Rabbit, Red Wolf

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Historical

Sebastian Faulks: Birdsong
Jamilla Gavin: Coram Boy
Tanya Landman: Buffalo Soldier
Madeline Miller: The Song of Achilles
Sally Nicholls: Things a Bright Girl Can Do
CJ Sansom: Revelation
Robin Talley: Lies We Tell Ourselves
Alice Walker: The Color Purple
Markus Zusak: The Book Thief

Non-Fiction

Mary Beard: Women and Power
Bill Bryson: A Short History of Nearly Everything
Steve Jones: Coral, A Pessimist in Paradise
George Orwell: Down and Out in Paris and London
Carlo Rovelli: Seven Brief Lessons on Physics
Joe Simpson: Touching the Void
Greta Thunberg: No One is Too Small to Make a Difference
Yanis Varoufakis: Talking to my Daughter about the Economy

Science Fiction

Naomi Alderman: The Power
Isaac Asimov: Foundation
Ray Bradbury: The Martian Chronicles
Ernest Cline: Ready Player One
Philip K Dick: Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
Aldous Huxley: Brave New World
HG Wells: The War of the Worlds

Modern Classics

Iain Banks: The Wasp Factory
F Scott Fitzgerald: The Great Gatsby
William Golding: Lord of the Flies
Graham Greene: Brighton Rock
Ernest Hemingway: The Old Man and the Sea
Harper Lee: To Kill a Mockingbird
Ian McEwan: Atonement
Yann Martel: Life of Pi
George Orwell: Nineteen Eighty Four
JG Salinger: The Catcher in the Rye
Dodie Smith: I Capture the Castle
John Steinbeck: The Grapes of Wrath
Evelyn Waugh: Brideshead Revisited

War

Erich Remarque: All Quiet on the Western Front
JG Ballard: Empire of the Sun
Art Spiegelman: Maus I & II
Pat Barker: Regeneration trilogy

Auto/Biography

Maya Angelou: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Brian Keenan: An Evil Cradling
Laurie Lee: Cider with Rosie

Poetry

Simon Armitage: Killing Time
Carol Duffy: The World's Wife
Benjamin Zephaniah: Wicked World