

## KS4 List

Title and Author	Theme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birdsong by Sebastian Faulkes</li> </ul>	<p>This is the story of Stephen, a young Englishman, who arrives in Amiens, France in 1910. His life goes through a series of traumatic experiences, from the clandestine love affair that tears apart the family he is living with, to the unprecedented experiences of the war itself.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misery by Stephen King</li> </ul>	<p>An author has written a series of books but wants to try something different so he kills off the main character. He is on his way to publish a new novel when he crashes his car and is rescued by a nurse who is his number one fan. When she finds out that the series she loved is finished she uses some very disturbing techniques to hold him hostage until he starts writing it again.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Book Thief by Markus Zusak</li> </ul>	<p>It is 1939. Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up The Gravedigger's Handbook. It is her first act of book thievery and, with the help of her foster father, she learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found. But this is a dangerous time and set to get worse when her family hides a Jew in their basement.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfume by Patrick Suskind</li> </ul>	<p>Jean-Baptiste is abandoned on the filthy streets of Paris as a child, but grows up to discover he has an extraordinary gift: a sense of smell more powerful than any other human's. Soon, he is creating the most sublime fragrances in all the city. Yet there is one odour he cannot capture. These are the memoirs of a Frenchman who becomes obsessed with the 'ultimate' smell – human blood!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones</li> </ul>	<p>Matilda lives on an island in the South Pacific that is succumbing to war. When the children are told by the island's only white man that he will introduce them to Mr Dickens they are excited and thinking this foreigner will bring them gifts. Instead Mr Watts recites Great Expectations to them which they devour with relish. But on an island at war, the power of fiction has dangerous consequences.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touching the Void</li> <li>• The Beckoning Silence</li> </ul> <p>by Joe Simpson (one book counts)</p>	<p>A true account of two men who climbed a remote mountain in treacherous conditions. A few days later Simon staggered into Base Camp exhausted and frost-bitten, with news that Joe was dead. This story reveals what happened to Joe on the mountain after Simon cut the rope holding his friend.</p> <p>The beckoning silence – Heart stopping rock-climbing stories</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life: An Exploded Diagram by Mal Peet</li> </ul>	<p>Clem lives in a modest house with his mother and grandmother. Frankie is the daughter of a wealthy farmer. They fall in love during the tense days of the Cuban missile crisis when the world is on tenterhooks about the possibility that everything will be destroyed in the blink of an eye.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal Farm by George Orwell</li> </ul>	<p>Mr Jones of Manor Farm is so lazy and drunken that one day he forgets to feed his livestock. The ensuing rebellion under the leadership of the pigs Napoleon and Wellington leads to the animals taking over the farm. But as time passes, the ideals of the rebellion are corrupted, then forgotten. And something new and unexpected emerges. "Animal Farm" - the history of a revolution that went wrong - is George Orwell's brilliant satire on the corrupting influence of power.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Omens by Terry Pratchett (and Neil Gaiman)</li> </ul>	<p>People have been predicting the end of the world almost from its very beginning, so it's only natural to be sceptical when a new date is set for Judgement Day. But what if, for once, the predictions are right, and the apocalypse really is due to arrive next Saturday, just after tea? You could spend the time left drowning your sorrows, giving away all your possessions in preparation for the rapture, or laughing it off as (hopefully) just another hoax. Or you could just try to do something about it.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Expectations by Charles Dickens</li> </ul>	<p>As a small boy Pip meets two people who will affect his whole life - an escaped convict he is forced to help, and the eccentric Miss Havesham, who looks after a beautiful, cold girl who Pip adores. When a secret benefactor pays for him to go to London to become a gentleman, Pip dreams about a future with his Estelle. Unfortunately through a chain of events, his life follows an altogether more murderous path.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life of Pi by Yann Martel</li> </ul>	<p>After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang-utan - and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nineteen Eighty-four by George Orwell</li> </ul>	<p>Winston works for the ruling party, rewriting old news so it makes the leaders seem perfect. However he rebels against the party which watches everyone and everything to ensure total obedience. He begins a love affair with Julia but it must be kept completely secret as all relationships are illegal. A bleak future is set in this classic novel where everything you say and do is contrived and censored.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cider With Rosie</li> <li>• As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning</li> <li>• A Moment of War</li> </ul> <p>by Laurie Lee (one book counts)</p>	<p>Auto-biographical stories of growing up in England, travelling through Europe and getting caught up in the Spanish Civil War. Laurie depicts a world that is both tangibly real yet belonging to a now distant past.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini</li> </ul>	<p>The Kite runner - Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But something soul-destroying happens to Hassan that afternoon. Amir witnesses it, but consumed with fear he does nothing to help. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to flee to America, Amir realises that one day he must return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Swans by Jung Chang</li> </ul>	<p>A true and amazing account of three generations of Chinese women - grandmother, mother and daughter – from the ancient tradition of foot binding to the Long March and Cultural Revolution.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult</li> </ul>	<p>Anna was only born to keep her sister alive. She is genetically engineered to be a biological match for her sister who has leukaemia. She has spent her life giving blood and bone marrow to Kate and is under pressure to give a kidney. But, Anna wants her own life – and who can blame her?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger</li> </ul>	<p>This is the story of Clare and Henry who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was thirty-six. They were married when Clare was twenty-two and Henry thirty. Impossible but true, because Henry has a disorder where his genetic clock resets and he gets pulled suddenly into the past or future – alternately harrowing and amusing.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WE</li> </ul> <p>by John Dickinson</p>	<p>Paul is sent away from his family across the solar system to a human base on a moon near Pluto to supposedly fix a mechanical problem. He has no way of ever going home and must make his new life with the only other people already at the base, two women and one man. But, in a cruel twist he realises he shouldn't be there at all.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fellowship of the Ring</li> <li>• The Two Towers</li> <li>• The Return of the King</li> <li>• Silmarillion</li> </ul> <p>by J. R. R. Tolkein (one book counts)</p>	<p>Frodo, a hobbit, finds himself in possession of an all-powerful ring. Lord Sauron forms an evil army and wages war on the land to get hold of the ring that will lead to complete domination. The ring must be destroyed in the mountain it was created in and Frodo, together with a group of friends including dwarves, elves and a wizard, set out on an epic journey to the mountain, but it's a journey fraught with dangers beyond their wildest beliefs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Kill a Mockingbird</li> </ul> <p>by Harper Lee</p>	<p>Set in America's Deep South during the 1930s – this is a story that explores racism and prejudice through the account of a black man's fight for justice when he is charged with the rape of a white girl.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just Henry</li> </ul> <p>by Michelle Magorian</p>	<p>The Second World War has ended, but Henry (15) is fighting his own battles...He misses his father who died a war hero, and his only distraction is the cinema. But everything is about to change... when Henry develops and old camera film events spiral until his life resembles the drama of the big screen. Like a bomb waiting to explode, Henry's discovery will shatter his world...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamar</li> </ul> <p>by Mal Peet</p>	<p>When her grandfather dies, Tamar inherits a box containing a series of clues and coded messages. Out of the past another Tamar emerges, someone involved in the terrifying world of resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied Holland half a century earlier. His story is one of passionate love, jealousy and tragedy set against the daily fear and casual horror of the Second World War. Unravelling it will transform the younger Tamar's life.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Act of Love</li> </ul> <p>by Alan Gibbons</p>	<p>Explores the consequences of the war on terror on two friends, both as boys and as older teenagers. Chris and Imran (7) are sworn blood brothers. Ten years on they are treading very separate paths. Rioting, fighting, maiming and killing – terrorism - are happening here, on our doorstep, and it has wrecked their friendship.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You Against Me</li> </ul> <p>by Jenny Downham</p>	<p>Ellie's brother is charged with sexual assault. Mikey's sister was the alleged victim. But, what would you do if you had already fallen for each other? This story shows the difficulties encountered by two young people who are in love but are forced to decide where their loyalties lie.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romeo and Juliet</li> <li>• Macbeth</li> <li>• A Midsummer Night's Dream</li> <li>• Hamlet</li> </ul> <p>by William Shakespeare (one book counts)</p>	<p>Romeo and Juliet – the story of two lovers whose families are bitter rivals. In a cruel twist the young lovers suffer the consequences of their families hatred.</p> <p>Macbeth – Three witches tell Macbeth that he will become king of Scotland. He murders the reigning king and rules by fear, leading to civil war. This story gets inside the mind of a murderer and tyrant as madness takes hold.</p> <p>A Midsummer night's dream - portrays the events surrounding the marriage of the Duke of Athens and the Queen of the Amazons including the adventures of four young Athenian lovers and a group of six amateur actors, who are controlled and manipulated by the fairies who inhabit the forest.</p> <p>Hamlet - dramatizes the revenge Prince Hamlet exacts on his uncle Claudius for murdering his father and then succeeding to the throne and taking Hamlet's mother as his wife.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride and Prejudice</li> <li>• Sense and Sensibility</li> <li>• Mansfield Park</li> <li>• Emma</li> </ul> <p>by Jane Austen (one book counts)</p>	Dramatic stories written over a century ago which depict strong female characters trying to overcome their feeble stereotype and male prejudice.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wuthering Heights</li> </ul> <p>by Emily Bronte</p>	Cathy is a beautiful and wilful young woman torn between her soft-hearted husband and Heathcliff, the passionate and resentful man who has loved her since childhood. The power of their bond creates a maelstrom of cruelty and violence which will leave one of them dead and cast a shadow over the lives of their children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane Eyre</li> </ul> <p>by Charlotte Bronte</p>	Orphaned Jane Eyre endures an unhappy childhood, hated by her aunt and cousins she is sent to a cold, comfortless School. Eventually she takes a job as a governess at Mr Rochester's house, where she hopes to find friendship, or even love, until she learns the terrible secret of the attic.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca</li> <li>• Jamaica Inn</li> </ul> <p>by Daphne du Maurier (one book counts)</p>	Rebecca - The story follows a young woman who, after accepting the sudden proposal of marriage to a much older man must contend with his stunningly beautiful late first wife, Rebecca, as she takes her place. Jamaica Inn - Feisty Mary goes to live at the desolate Jamaica Inn. Her aunt's husband turns out to be dangerous and Mary gets involved in a violent series of events. Both help and danger come from unexpected quarters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Killing Honour</li> </ul> <p>by Bali Rai</p>	A husband believes his wife has run off with another man – his conscience says he should reap revenge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys Don't Cry</li> </ul> <p>by Malorie Blackman</p>	You're about to receive your A-level results and then a future of university and journalism awaits. But the day they're due to arrive your old girlfriend Melanie turns up unexpectedly ... with a baby... You assume Melanie's helping a friend, until she nips out to buy some essentials, leaving you literally holding the baby...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code Name Verity</li> </ul> <p>by Elizabeth Wein</p>	The story of a female British spy in WWII who gets captured and is then subjected to torture to retrieve information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junk</li> </ul> <p>by Melvin Burgess</p>	Multi-award winning novel of how relationships evolve with drug abusers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horseradish</li> </ul> <p>by Lemony Snicket</p>	Amusing snippets of life.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Soldier</li> </ul> <p>by Bernard Ashley</p>	A teenage boy survives a brutal attack on his East African village. He joins the rebel army to fight back but is 'rescued' by aid workers and brought to London where he enrolls in a high school. With his past haunting him he ends up embroiled in a dangerous conflict between local gangs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuckoo Song</li> </ul> <p>by Frances Hardinge</p>	A weird and wonderful tale of a girl who is not a girl, and the people who know who she really is are trying to get rid of her. A Marmite book – you'll either love it or hate it! Shortlisted for Carnegie Award 2015.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffalo Soldier</li> </ul> <p>by Tanya Landman</p>	Charley witnesses some horrific sights during her time as a slave, but when the war starts things get drastic. She has to move away from the only place she's ever known and hide amongst the soldiers for safety. But what happens when they discover she's a girl? Carnegie Award 2015.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When Mr Dog Bites</li> </ul> <p>by Brian Conaghan</p>	Dylan is a normal teenage boy, with normal teenage needs, but he has a very far from normal life, battling against the Tourette's that keeps threatening his relationships. Shortlisted for Carnegie Award 2015.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The New Recruit</li> <li>• The New Patrol</li> </ul> <p>by Andy McNab</p>	Explosive thrillers set in Afghanistan in the warzone.

