



**T E N D R I N G  
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C O L L E G E**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST**

KS3 and beyond

**Series, Trilogies etc**

Harry Potter – J K Rowling  
Biggles – Captain W E Johns  
William – Richmal Crompton  
Jennings – Anthony Buckeridge  
Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Narnia – C S Lewis (The Magician's Nephew; The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe;  
The Horse and His Boy; The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; Prince Caspian; The Silver  
Chair; The Last Battle)  
Tarzan – Edgar Rice Burroughs  
Dark Materials – Phillip Pullman (Northern Lights; The Subtle Knife; The Amber  
Spyglass)  
The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper  
Lensman or Skylark – E E "Doc" Smith  
Gnomes – Terry Pratchett (Truckers; Diggers; Wings)  
Discworld – Terry Pratchett  
Shakespeare Stories – Leon Garfield (This is a collection of rewritten Shakespeare  
Stories, briefly summarised. It is ideal for having a brief overview of Shakespeare)  
The Once and Future King – T H White (These are about King Arthur & Knights of the  
Round Table)  
John Carter of Mars – Edgar Rice Burroughs  
Pellucidor – Edgar Rice Burroughs  
The Viking Saga – Henry Treece  
James Bond – Ian Fleming  
The Borrowers – Mary Norton  
Redwall series – Brian Jaques  
Lord of the Rings – Tolkein

## **Individual Books and Good Authors**

(NB: Many of these authors have produced a lot of good books, generally I have provided a few examples for each author but those who produced books which are pretty much all worth reading I have put "etc" next to a title by that author).

The Enemy Stars – Paul Anderson  
Planet of the Apes – Pierre Boulle  
She (etc) – H Rider Haggard  
Kidnapped by Cannibals – Dr Gordon Stables  
The Road to Wigan Pier (etc) – George Orwell  
The Hounds of the Murrigan – Pat O'Shea  
The Carpet People – Terry Pratchett  
Pig-Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman  
Thief! Hacker  
The Cruel Sea – Nicholas Monsarrat  
Runner – Elizabeth Hawkins  
The Tin Princess (etc) – Phillip Pullman  
All Quiet on the Western Front – Erich Maria Remarque  
Invasion of the Body Snatchers – Jack Finney  
Beyond the Hanging Wall – Sara Douglass  
Knights of the Lost Domain – Julian Atterton  
Knights of the Sacred Blade  
His Majesty's Starship – Ben Jeapes  
Postcards from No Man's Land – Aidan Chambers  
Bowman of Crécy – Ronald Welch  
Witch Child – Celia Rees  
Stig of the Dump – Clive King  
The Otterbury Incident – C Day Lewis  
Harry and the Wrinklies – Alan Temperley  
Sophie's World – Jostein Gaarder  
Flour Babies – Anne Fine  
Tulku – Peter Dickinson  
A Bone from a Dry Sea  
Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe  
The Man Called Thursday – G K Chesterton  
Ghost Dance – Susan Price  
The Sterkarm Handshake  
The Bearwood Witch  
Rebecca – Daphne DuMaurier  
Jamaica Inn  
The King's General  
Ivanhoe (etc) – Sir Walter Scott  
Sense and Sensibility (etc) – Jane Austen  
The Pickwick Papers (etc) – Charles Dickens  
20,000 Leagues under the Sea (etc) – Jules Verne  
The Count of Monte Cristo (etc) – Alexandre Dumas  
The Mark of the Horse Lord (etc) – Rosemary Sutcliffe  
The Other Side of Truth – Beverly Naidoo

**Eclectic texts: Recommended for cross curricular reading**

***Biology***

12+

King Solomon's Ring – Konrad Z. Lorenz (Methuen ISBN 41667880749)

13+

Silent Spring – Rachel Carson

Sixth Form

River Out of Eden – Richard Dawkins

The Language of Genes – Stephen Jones

Brazzaville Beach – William Boyd

***History***

11+

Across the Roman Wall – T Breslin (Ancient Rome)

Coram Boy – J Gavin (African Slavery)

The Dark Room – R Seiffert (WWII)

Biggles Books – Capt. W E Johns (Flying Ace WW1)

The Diary of Anne Frank (Holocaust)

The Machine Gunners – R Westall (WWII)

Gulf – R Westall (Warfare)

Fathom 5 – R Westall

Remembrance – Theresa Breslin (WWI)

A Homecoming for Kezzie – Theresa Breslin (WWII)

Out of the Hitler Time – J Kerr (Jewish Family WWII)

12+

Cadfael Stories – E Peters (Medieval)

13+

Empire of the Sun – J G Ballard China (Japanese War)

Hansi (the girl who loved the Swastika) – M A Hirschman (Nazism)

Sharpe Books – B Cornwell (Napoleonic and American Civil War)

Sloop of War – A Kent (US War of Independence)

With a Machine Gun to Cambrai – G Coppard (WWI)

Goodbye to All That – R Graves (WWI)

14+

Wild Swans – Jung Chang (0006374941)

Band of Brothers – Stephen Ambrose (0743429907)

Stalingrad – Anthony Beevor (0670887095)  
The Battle – Richard Overy (0140294198)  
Worldly Goods – Lisa Jardine  
A Foreign Field – B MacIntyre  
Regeneration (Trilogy) – P Barker (WWI)  
The Kings of Albion – J Rathbone (Wars of the Roses)  
Carrie's War (Evacuation WWII)  
Captain Corelli's Mandolin – L deBerniers (WWII)  
Enigma – R Harris (WWII)  
Fatherland – R Harris (counterfactual WWII)  
Archangel – R Harris (Stalin)  
Gulag Archipeligo – A Solzhenitzen (Soviet Union)  
The Moneymaker – J Gleeson (Wall Street Crash)  
Lucky Jim – K Amis  
The History Man – M Bradbury  
A Soldier's Return – M Bragg (post WWII)  
A Son of War – M Bragg (post WWII)  
The Girl with the Pearl Earring – T Chevalier (17<sup>th</sup> Century Holland)  
Longitude – D Sobel (John Harrison)  
Burning Issy – M Burgess (Medieval Witchcraft)  
HMS Ulysses – A MacLean (War at Sea WWII)  
Savage Wilderness – H Coyle (Fr./Eng. Wars in 18<sup>th</sup> Century)  
Reach for the Sky – P Brickhill (Douglas Bader – Flying Ace WWII)  
Ramases – C Jacq (Ancient Egypt)  
The Black Pharaoh – C Jacq (Ancient Egypt)  
Catch 22 – J Heller

15+

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy – J LeCarre (Cold War)  
Smiley's War  
The Last English King – Rathbone (Norman Conquest)  
Birdsong – S Faulks (WWI – Somme)  
The Name of the Rose – U Eco (Medieval)

Lower Sixth

Waterland – G Swift (The purpose of studying History)  
The Daughter of Time – J Tey (Richard III)

And any of the following authors; C Dickens, Tolstoy, Rosemary Sutcliffe, T Hardy, Mrs Gaskell, The Bronte sisters, Trollope, P Carey etc, etc, etc

## ***Religious Education***

Please note the ages refer to the lower limit – many of the titles are suitable reading for young people and adults.

11+

The Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman  
The Subtle Knife – Phillip Pullman  
The Amber Spyglass – Phillip Pullman  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C S Lewis (A must read at each age range, allegory of Christian faith.)  
The Diary of Anne Frank  
I Am David – Anne Holm  
Iggie's House – Judy Bloom  
Blabbermouth – Morris Gleitzman  
Whispers in the Graveyard – Teresa Breslin  
Bully – Ivone Coppard

15+

After The First Death – Robert Cormier  
The Divorce Express – Paul Danziger  
The Cat Ate My Gym Kit – Paula Danziger  
Dear Nobody – Berlie Doherty  
The L Shaped Room – Lynne Reid-Banks  
Young pregnancy and survival  
Zlata's Diary – Filipovic  
Yugoslavia war experience  
A Little Lovesong – Michelle Magorin  
Experience of evacuation  
Stone Cold – Robert Swindells  
Young boy, living rough and the prejudice he experiences  
The Chosen – Chaim Potok  
Friendship between two boys and discovery of Judaism  
The Power of One – Bryce Courtenay (0-7493-1221-1)  
Racial prejudice in South Africa plus lots more  
Chocolat – Joanne Harris (0-385-60298-7)  
The power of the church in rural France  
City of Joy – Dominique Lapierre (0-09-914091-8)  
Faith in the slums of Calcutta

Sixth Form

Sophie's World – Jostein Gaarder (1-85799-291-1)  
If This Were a Man – Primo Levi (very harrowing)  
Untouchable – Mulk Raj Anand (0-14-018395-7)  
Roots – Alex Haley  
Wild Swans  
A Suitable Boy – Vikram Seth  
The Colour Purple – Alice Walker  
Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit – Jeanette Winterson (Discovery of sexuality)