

Key Stage 4 Reading List 2020

Non Fiction

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou
The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid Bill Bryson
Red Dust Road Jackie Kay
Becoming Michelle Obama
Down and Out in Paris and London George Orwell
How to be a Woman Caitlin Moran
Me Talk Pretty One Day David Sedaris
My Name is Why Lemn Sissay
Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem Rosalyn Schanzer
I Am Malala Malala Yousafzai

Fiction:

Growing Up

The Poet X Elizabeth Acevedo
Purple Hibiscus Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
The Black Flamingo Dean Atta
Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte**
Nervous Conditions Tsitsi Djangaremba
The Commitments Roddy Doyle
Pigeon English Stephen Kelman
The Rest of Us Just Live Here; Release Patrick Ness
The Bell Jar Sylvia Plath
The Hate You Give; On the Come Up Angie Thomas
The Catcher in the Rye J.D. Salinger
Saint Death Marcus Sedgewick

Adventures, Crime and Thrillers

My Sister the Serial Killer Oyinkan Braithwaite
Rebecca; Jamaica Inn Daphne DuMaurier
The Collector John Fowles
The Beach Alex Garland
The Shadow of the Wind Carlos Ruiz Zafón
The Secret History; The Goldfinch Donna Tartt**

Relationships

Brick Lane Monica Ali**
Life After Life; Behind the Scenes at the Museum; Kate Atkinson
Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen**
Wuthering Heights Emily Bronte**
XX Angela Chadwick
My Name is Leon Kit de Waal
The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald
Howard's End E.M. Forster**
Remains of the Day Kazuo Ishiguro
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Ken Kesey
There Will be Lies Nick Lake
Small Island Andrea Levy
*White Teeth**; Swing Time* Zadie Smith

Historical

Things Fall Apart Chinua Achebe
Any Human Heart William Boyd
All the Light We Cannot See Anthony Doerr
Lady's Maid Margaret Forster
Homecoming Yaa Gyasi
Lies We Tell Ourselves Robin Talley

Fantasy, Magical and the Gothic

The Magic Toyshop Angela Carter
Slade House David Mitchell
Frankenstein Mary Shelley **
The Little Stranger Sarah Waters
The Picture of Dorian Grey Oscar Wilde

** Indicates a more challenging read