

Bishop Ramsey  
Church of England School



KS5 Recommended Reading  
2022-2023

# Reading at BR

At Bishop Ramsey we encourage all our students to read often and widely.

There are many benefits to reading:

- It makes you smarter! Reading increases your vocabulary, command of English and communication skills. It increases your knowledge of the world and will support your studies.
- It improves your concentration and memory. Immersing yourself in a book can really hold your attention. Remember, your brain is a muscle and needs to be used.
- It reduces stress. Studies have shown that just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels up to 68% It can also help you sleep better.
- It supports your emotional development. Reading books allows you to explore a range of different emotions, either through the characters themselves, or through your response to them. Reading also develops your empathy skills and can introduce you to new ideas and cultures.
- Most of all reading is fun! Books are written as entertainment, and you should enjoy them.

This reading list includes suggestions for readers of all abilities and interests, but it is not an exhaustive list. Fantastic new books are being published all the time.

As well as general suggestions, your A Level subjects will be able to provide subject specific reading lists that link to the topics you are studying.

This list complements the KS5 general reading list which has suggested for lots of YA fiction

If you are not enjoying a book it is perfectly fine not to finish it! There are too many great books to read ones you do not like.

## Other ways to find suggestions for reading:

- Check out the Bishop Ramsey reading lists on [www.lovingreading4schools.co.uk](http://www.lovingreading4schools.co.uk). Use the link and password below:

<https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk/school/12251>

**Password: BRlovesreading**

- Browse the school library and speak to Miss Neal
- Join a public library
- Check out the Carnegie Medal winners list for new YA fiction

[Carnegie Medal Winners – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards](#)

- Other high profile prizes include:  
The Booker Prize [The Booker Prizes](#)  
The Women's Prize for Fiction [womensprizeforfiction.co.uk](http://womensprizeforfiction.co.uk)
- Use the Goodreads App to create your own reading lists
- Celebrity book clubs such as Reese Witherspoon, Oprah Winfrey and Richard and Judy
- Share books with your friends and family!

## KS5 Suggested Reading

Achebe, Chinua	Things Fall Apart
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Purple Hibiscus; Half a Yellow Sun; The Thing Around Your Neck
Adiga, Aravind	The White Tiger; Last Man in the Tower
Alderman, Naomi	The Power
Ali, Monica	Brick Lane
Allende, Isabel	Daughter of Fortune; The House of the Spirits; Eva Luna; A Long Petal of the Sea
Amis, Martin	London Fields; Money; Time's Arrow
Angelou, Maya	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Atkinson, Kate	Life After Life; A God in Ruins; Big Sky
Atwood, Margaret	The Handmaid's Tale; The Blind Assassin; The Testaments
Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility; Emma
Auster, Paul	The Book of Illusions; Invisible; The New York Trilogy
Baldwin, James	Go Tell it on the Mountain; The Fire Next Time
Banks, Iain	The Wasp Factory
Barker, Pat	Regeneration Trilogy; Toby's Room; The Silence of the Girls
Bassani, Giorgio	The Garden of the Finzi-Continis
Bellow, Saul	Herzog
Bennett, Brit	The Vanishing Half
Bernières . Louis de	Birds Without Wings; Captain Corelli's Mandolin
Bolano, Roberto	The Savage Detectives
Borges, Jorge Luis	Ficciones; Labyrinths
Boyd, William	Waiting for Sunrise; Sweet Caress; Solo
Bronte, Anne	The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Bronte, Charlotte	Villette
Bulgakov, Mikhail	The Master and Margarita
Bunyan, John	The Pilgrim's Progress
Burns, Anna	The Milkman
Byatt, A. S.	The Children's Book; Possession
Calvino, Italo	Marcovaldo; Invisible Cities; if on a Winter's Night a Traveler
Camus, Albert	The Outsider; The Plague
Carey, Peter	True History of the Kelly Gang; Oscar and Lucinda; A Long Way from Home
Carter, Angela	The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories; Nights at the Circus
Cervantes, Miguel de	Don Quixote
Chang, Jung	Wild Swans
Chatwin, Bruce	Songlines; In Patagonia
Chevalier, Tracy	Girl With a Pearl Earring
Clarke, Susanna	Piranesi
Coelho, Paulo	The Alchemist
Coetzee, J. M.	Waiting for the Barbarians; Life and Times of Michael K; Disgrace
Collins, Wilkie	The Moonstone; The Woman in White
Conrad, Joseph	Heart of Darkness
Cruz, Angie	Dominicana

Cunningham, Michael	The Hours
Dangarembga, Tsitsi	Nervous Conditions; The Mournable Body
Darwin, Charles	The Origins of the Species by Means of Natural Selection
Dawkins, Richard	The Selfish Gene; The Blind Watchmaker
Defoe, Daniel	Moll Flanders; Robinson Crusoe
Dickens, Charles	Bleak House; Little Dorrit; Our Mutual Friend
Doerr, Anthony	All the Light We Cannot See
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	Crime and Punishment
Dumas, Alexandre	The Three Musketeers; The Count of Monte Cristo
Eco, Umberto	The Name of the Rose
Eliot, George	The Mill on the Floss; Middlemarch; Daniel Deronda
Evaristo, Bernardine	Girl, Woman, Other
Erdrich, Louise	The Round House; Love Medicine
Eugenides, Jeffrey	Middlesex; The Virgin Suicides
Faulkner, William	The Sound and the Fury
Faulks, Sebastian	Birdsong; Charlotte Gray; A Possible Life
Ferrante, Elena	Neapolitan Quartet
Fielding, Henry	The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	The Great Gatsby; Tender is the Night
Flaubert, Gustave	Sentimental Education; Madame Bovary
Foer, Jonathan Safran	Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close; Everything is Illuminated
Ford, Ford Madox	The Good Soldier; Parade's End
Forster, E. M.	A Room with a View; Howard's End; A Passage to India
Fowles, John	The French Lieutenant's Woman; The Magus
Franzen, Jonathan	The Corrections
Frayn, Michael	Spies
Fuentes, Carlos	The Old Gringo; The Eagle's Throne
Galgut, Damon	The Good Doctor; The Promise
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	Love in the Time of Cholera; One Hundred Years of Solitude; Of Love and Other Demons
Gaskell, Elizabeth	North and South
Ghosh, Amitav	The Glass Palace; Gun Island
Gilbert, Elizabeth	City of Girls
Gogol, Nikolai	Dead Souls
Golden, Arthur	Memoirs of a Geisha
Grass, Gunter	The Tin Drum
Graves, Roberts	Goodbye to All That
Greene, Graham	The Quiet American; The Heart of the Matter
Gunesequera, Romesh	Heaven's Edge; Suncatcher
Hamid, Moshin	The Reluctant Fundamentalist; Exit West
Harari, Yuval Noah	Sapiens: A Brief History of Mankind; Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow
Hartley, L. P.	The Go-Between
Hardy, Thomas	Jude the Obscure; The Return of the Native; Tess of the D'Urbervilles
Hasek, Jaroslav	The Good Soldier Svejik and His Fortunes in the World War
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	The Scarlet Letter
Heaney, Seamus	Beowulf
Hemingway, Ernest	For Whom the Bell Tolls; A Moveable Feast

Hesse, Hermann	Steppenwolf; Narcissus and Goldmold
Hosseini, Khaled	A Thousand Splendid Suns; And the Mountains Echoed
Hugo, Victor	The Hunchback of Notre-Dame
Huxley, Aldous	Brave New World
Ishiguro, Kazuo	The Remains of the Day; When We Were Orphans; Klara and the Sun
James, Henry	The Europeans; The Portrait of a Lady
Jones, Tayari	An American Marriage
Joyce, James	The Dubliners; Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
Kadare, Ismail	The Siege; The Accident; A Girl in Exile
Kafka, Franz	The Castle; Metamorphosis and Other Stories; The Trial
Kang, Han	The Vegetarian
Kerouac, Jack	On the Road
Kertész Imre	Liquidation; Fateless
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees; The Invention of Wings; The Book of Longings
Kingsolver, Barbara	The Poisonwood Bible
Kipling, Rudyard	Collected Stories
Kundera, Milan	The Unbearable Lightness of Being
Kureishi, Hanif	The Buddha of Suburbia
Lampedusa, Giuseppe Tomasi di	The Leopard
Lawrence, D. H.	The Rainbow; Sons and Lovers; Women in Love
Lermotov, Mikhail	A Hero of Our Time
Lessing, Doris	The Yellow Notebook
Levi, Carlo	Christ Stopped at Eboli
Levi, Primo	If This is a Man; the Truce
Levy, Andrea	Small Island
McCarthy, Cormac	The Border Trilogy; The Road
McEwan, Ian	Atonement; On Chesil Beach; The Children Act; Enduring Love
Mahfouz, Naguib	The Cairo Trilogy
Malory, Thomas	Le Morte d'Arthur
Mann, Thomas	Death in Venice
Mantel, Hilary	Wolf Hall; Bring Up the Bodies; the Mirror and the Light
Martel, Yan	Life of Pi
McCourt, Frank	Angela's Ashes
Melville, Herman	Moby Dick
Mishima, Yukio	The Sailor who Fell from Grace with the Sea
Mitchell, David	Cloud Atlas
Morrison, Toni	Beloved; Paradise
Murakami, Haruki	The Elephant Vanishes; the Wind-Up Bird Chronicles; Kafka on the Shore;
Nabokov, Vladimir	Lolita
Naipaul, V. S.	A Bend in the River
Ng, Celeste	Little Fires Everywhere
Niffenegger, Audrey	The Time Traveler's Wife
O'Brien, Flynn	At Swim-Two-Birds
O'Brien, Tim	The Things they Carried

O'Farrell, Maggie	Hamnet; The Marriage Portrait
Okri, Ben	The Famished Road
Ondaatje, Michael	The English Patient
Orwell, George	Nineteen Eighty Four
Pamuk, Orhan	My Name is Red; Snow
Pasternak, Boris	Dr Zhivago
Plath, Sylvia	The Bell Jar
Poe, Edgar Allan	Tales of Mystery and Imagination
Proulx, Annie	The Shipping News
Proust, Marcel	In Search of Lost Time
Reid, Kiley	Such a Fun Age
Rhys, Jean	Wide Sargasso Sea
Rooney, Sally	Normal People; Beautiful World Where Are You
Roth, Philip	Everyman
Roy, Arundhati	The God of Small Things; The Ministry of Utmost Happiness
Rushdie, Salman	Midnight's Children
Sacks, Oliver	The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat
Salih, Tayeb	Season of Migration to the North
Salinger, J. D.	The Catcher in the Rye
Samson, C. J.	Winter in Madrid; Shardlake Mysteries
Saramago, Jose	Blindness: The Double
Schlink, Bernhard	Flights of Love; The Reader
Scott, Walter	Ivanhoe; Waverly
Sebald, W. G.	Austerlitz
Seth, Vikram	A Suitable Boy; An Equal Music
Shamsie, Kamila	Broken Verses; Burnt Shadows; Home Fire
Shields, Carol	The Stone Diaries
Shriver, Lionel	We Need To Talk About Kevin
Smith, Ali	How to be Both; Autumn; Winter; Spring; Summer
Smith, Zadie	White Teeth; Swing Time
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
Steinbeck, John	The Moon is Down, Cannery Row
Sterne, Laurence	Tristram Shandy: A Sentimental Journey
Stuart, Douglas	Shuggie Bain
Suskind, Patrick	Perfume
Swift, Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels
Tartt, Donna	The Secret History, The Goldfinch
Thackeray, W. M.	Vanity Fair
Thien, Madeleine	Do Not Say We Have Nothing
Thoreau, Henry David	Walden
Toibin, Colm	Brooklyn; The Testament of Mary
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina; War and Peace
Trollope, Anthony	Barchester Chronicles; Palliser Novels
Updike, John	Rabbit Redux; Terrorist; the Witches of Eastwick
Vargas Llosa, Mario	The Feast of the Goat

Voltaire

Candide

Walker, Alice

The Color Purple

Waters, Sarah

Fingersmith; The Night Watch; The Paying Guests

Waugh, Evelyn

Brideshead Revisited; Scoop

Winterson, Jeanette

Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit

Winton, Tim

The Turning; Island Home

Wharton, Edith

The Age of Innocence

Woolf, Virginia

Mrs Dalloway; To the Lighthouse

Yoshimoto, Banana

Kitchen