

The Harden Library

Form 4 Reading List 2017-2018

"The trouble with a book is that you never know what's in it until it's too late" (Jeanette Winterson)

Transition Year is a great time to get back into the habit of reading just for pleasure. The books below are Book Club recommendations interspersed with some comparative texts to add more value to your reading. (* = on LC 2019 comparative text list.) (**/* Great Reads Award shortlisted ** 2016, *** 2017).

Classics

<i>Persuasion</i> *	by Jane Austen
<i>Wuthering Heights</i> *	by Emily Brontë
<i>Silas Marner</i>	by George Eliot

If you are interested in classical mythology try the *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan or *The Heroes of Olympus* series as an introduction.

Modern classics

<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	by Douglas Adams
<i>The Great Gatsby</i> *	by F. Scott Fitzgerald
1984 *	by George Orwell

Fantasy / Dystopia

<i>The Handmaids Tale</i> *	by Margaret Atwood
<i>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</i> *	by Neil Gaiman

Contemporary Fiction including Book Club recommendations

<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> *	by Stephen Chbosky
<i>Nothing Tastes as Good</i>	by Claire Hennessy
<i>Foster</i> *	by Claire Keegan
<i>Orangeboy</i> **	by Patrice Lawrence
<i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i>	by E. Lockhart
<i>Game of Thrones</i>	by George R.R. Martin
<i>One of Us is Lying</i> ***	by Karen M. McManus
<i>The November Criminals</i>	by Sam Munson
<i>The Sky is Everywhere</i>	by Jandy Nelson
<i>Asking for it</i>	by Louise O'Neill
<i>The Help</i>	by Kathryn Stockett
<i>The Hate U Give</i> ***	by Angie Thomas
<i>The Art of Being Normal</i> **	by Lisa Williamson
<i>Everything, Everything</i>	by Nicola Yoon
<i>The Serpent King</i> **	by Jeff Zentner
<i>The Book Thief</i> *	by Markus Zusak

Biography

<i>It's Not Yet Dark</i> *	by Simon Fitzmaurice
<i>What the **** is Normal?</i>	by Francesca Martinez
<i>Nowhere's Child</i>	by Kari Rosvall & Naomi Linehan
<i>Touching the Void</i> *	by Joe Simpson
<i>Do No Harm</i>	by Henry Marsh

Short Stories

<i>A Game of Chess and other stories</i>	by Stefan Zweig
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All of the above titles are available in the school library.

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