

Dear students,

We, members of the English team, would like to recommend these books to you to read over the summer holidays. We have tried to create a diverse list to represent the diverse interests of you all, and have provided a very short description of the text. We recommend that you do a little further research before committing to reading a book, but make sure you don't research too much ... SPOILER ALERT!

For the titles which are 'classics', and by extension, old: while for most it is preferable to have an actual, real-life, honest to God book in your hands, it is also possible to find these books free and legally via two wonderful resources:

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We hope you enjoy your summer, and your summer reading!

From,

The English Team

Title	Author	Year Published	Genre/Description
<i>Watership Down</i>	Richard Adams	1972	Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage and survival follows a band of very special rabbits on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home.
<i>The Canterville Ghost</i>	Oscar Wilde	1887	This is Oscar Wilde's tale of the American family moved into a British mansion, Canterville Chase, much to the annoyance of its tired ghost. The family -- which refuses to believe in him -- is in Wilde's way a commentary on the British nobility of the day -- and on the Americans, too. The tale, like many of Wilde's, is rich with allusion, but ends as sentimental romance...
<i>Peter Pan</i>	J. M. Barrie	1911	A mischievous boy who refuses to grow up befriends Wendy, John and Michael and

			teaches them to fly (with a little help from fairy dust). He and Tinker Bell whisk them off to Never-land where they encounter the Red Indians, the Little Lost Boys, pirates and the dastardly Captain Hook.
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien	1937	This introduction to the hobbit Bilbo Baggins, the wizard Gandalf, Gollum, and the spectacular world of Middle-earth recounts of the adventures of a reluctant hero, a powerful and dangerous ring, and the cruel dragon Smaug the Magnificent
<i>Redwall</i>	Brian Jacques	1986	Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice, is threatened by Cluny the Scourge savage bilge rat warlord and his battle-hardened horde. But the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends combine their courage and strength.
<i>Goal!</i>	Robert Rigby	2005	While growing up on the tough streets of Los Angeles, Santiago's greatest joy is playing soccer. So it is a dream come true when a British scout sees him playing in the park and offers him a trial with one of England's top Premiership clubs. Determined to succeed, Santiago leaves behind his struggling family and his modest home, and flies halfway around the world to give it his best shot.
<i>Kick</i>	Mitch Johnson	2017	Set in Jakarta, Budi's dreams of escaping poverty through football stardom end when he finds himself owing money to a very dangerous man. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way...

<i>Socks are not Enough</i>	Mark Lowery	2011	And you thought your teenage years were bad? Michael Swarbrick's life couldn't get any worse. He's embroiled in a girls' changing room scandal; his idiot brother, a self-proclaimed love God, is snogging his dream girl and he's just come home early to discover his parents are having a cup of tea ... IN THE NUDE!
<i>The Coral Island</i>	R.M. Ballantyne	1857	Fifteen-year-old Ralph, mischievous young Peterkin and clever, brave Jack are shipwrecked on a coral reef with only a telescope and a broken pocket knife between them. At first the island seems a paradise, with its plentiful foods and wealth of natural wonders. But then a party of cannibals arrives, and after that a pirate ship...what is to become of them?
<i>Goggle Eyes</i>	Anne Fine	1989	Kitty Killin is not only a good storyteller, but also the World's Greatest Expert when it comes to mothers having new and unwanted boyfriends. Particularly when there's a danger they might turn into new and unwanted <i>stepfathers...</i>
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson	1883	Published in 1881, <i>Treasure Island</i> follows Jim as he grows from cabin boy to captain in this high seas adventure.
<i>The Goldfish Boy</i>	Lisa Thompson	2017	Matthew Corbin suffers from severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. He hasn't been to school in weeks. When a toddler staying next door goes missing, it becomes apparent that Matthew was the last person to see him alive. Matthew is the key to figuring out what happened and potentially saving a child's life... but is he able to do so if it

			means exposing his own secrets, and stepping out from the safety of his home?
<i>The Dark is Rising</i>	Susan Cooper	1965	On holiday in Cornwall, the three Drew children discover an ancient map in the attic of the house that they are staying in. They know immediately that it is special. It is even more than that -- the key to finding a grail, a source of power to fight the forces of evil known as the Dark. And in searching for it themselves, the Drews put their very lives in peril.
<i>The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4</i>	Sue Townsend	1982	Adrian Mole's first love, Pandora, has left him; a neighbor, Mr. Lucas, appears to be seducing his mother (and what does that mean for his father?); the BBC refuses to publish his poetry; and his dog swallowed the tree off the Christmas cake. "Why" indeed.
<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain	1876	This hilarious classic revolves around the youthful adventures of the novel's schoolboy protagonist, Thomas Sawyer, whose reputation precedes him for causing mischief and strife.
<i>The Sword in the Stone</i>	T.H. White	1938	T.H. White's classic tale of the young Arthur's questioning and discovery of his life is unparalleled for its wit and wisdom, and for its colorful characters, from the wise Merlyn to the heroic Robin Wood to the warmhearted King Pellinore.
<i>Pig Heart Boy</i>	Malorie Blackman	1997	Cameron is thirteen, and all he wants is a 'normal' life - friends, swimming, school, family. But his life is far from normal. Not every thirteen-year-old desperately needs a new heart because theirs doesn't work properly.

<p><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i></p>	<p>C.S. Lewis</p>	<p>1950</p>	<p>Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free.</p>
<p><i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i> (no.2 in the series)</p>	<p>J.K. Rowling</p>	<p>1997</p>	<p>Ever since Harry Potter had come home for the summer, the Dursleys had been so mean and hideous that all Harry wanted was to get back to the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. But just as he's packing his bags, Harry receives a warning from a strange impish creature who says that if Harry returns to Hogwarts, disaster will strike.</p>