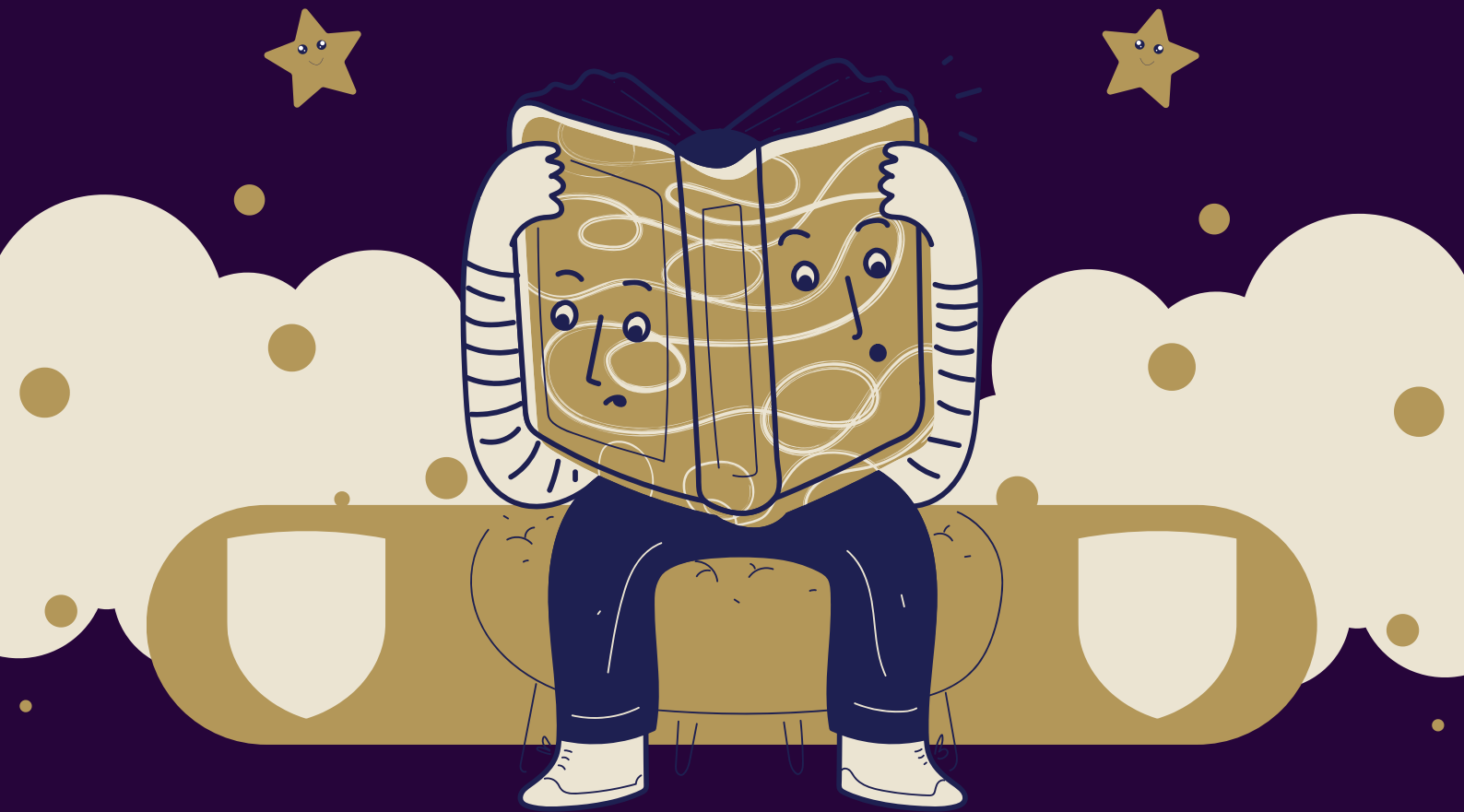




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# Reading List



Year 10-13

## Classic Novels

- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- A poignant exploration of racism and morality through the eyes of a young girl.
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- A timeless story of love, class, and social expectations.
- 1984 by George Orwell
- A dystopian novel that explores themes of surveillance, totalitarianism, and individuality.
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- A tale of ambition, love, and the American Dream during the Jazz Age.
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë
- A coming-of-age story that blends romance, morality, and social criticism.
- The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
- A philosophical tale about vanity, morality, and the consequences of a hedonistic lifestyle.
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- A foundational science fiction novel that raises questions about creation, responsibility, and humanity.
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- A cautionary tale about censorship, technology, and the importance of literature.
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
- A dark and passionate tale of love and revenge set on the Yorkshire moors.
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- A dystopian novel that delves into issues of technology, consumerism, and societal control.
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- A psychological exploration of morality, guilt, and redemption.
- Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene
- A satirical take on the spy genre, this novel follows a British expatriate in Cuba who fabricates intelligence reports, leading to unexpected and humorous consequences.

## Fantasy/Sci-Fi

- Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
- A thrilling virtual reality adventure filled with pop culture references.
- Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- In a future where death has been conquered, "Scythes" are tasked with managing the population.
- Dune by Frank Herber
- A sweeping epic set on the desert planet of Arrakis, it follows Paul Atrides as he navigates political intrigue, prophecy, and the struggle for control of the valuable spice melange.
- Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
- A gripping heist story set in a richly developed fantasy world.
- A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas
- A captivating blend of romance and adventure in a fantasy realm.
- The Road by Cormac McCarthy
- A post-apocalyptic tale that explores heavy themes such as survival, loss, and the bond between a father and son.
- Klara and the Sun Kazuo Ishiguro
- Set in a near-future society where artificial intelligence plays a significant role in everyday life. The story is narrated by Klara, an Artificial Friend (AF) designed to be a companion for children.
- Babel by R.F. Kuang
- Historical fantasy set in 1836 at the prestigious Royal Institute of Translation in London.
- The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
- A prequel to "The Hunger Games" that delves into the early life of future President Snow.
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## Historical Fiction

- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- An intricately woven tale of two teenagers during World War II.
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- A powerful story of friendship and redemption set in Afghanistan.
- Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
- The lives of four young people during World War II as they attempt to escape from the approaching Soviet army.
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- Spanning several decades, beginning in pre-World War II England and exploring themes of love, war, and the consequences of a single act of misunderstanding.
- Winter in Madrid by C.J.Sansom
- Set during the Spanish Civil War follows Englishman Harry Brett, who is sent to Madrid as a spy.

## Poetry

- The Sun and Her Flowers by Rupi Kaur
- A collection of poetry that celebrates love, loss, and personal growth.
- The Penguin Anthology of Twentieth-Century American Poetry edited by Rita Dove
- A collection that features a range of poets and styles, providing a great introduction to 20th-century American poetry.
- The Collected Poems of Ted Hughes
- The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson
- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- A novel-in-verse about a Dominican-American girl finding her voice through poetry

## Mystery/Thriller

- The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes - A modern twist on the classic locked-room mystery, where a girl unexpectedly inherits a billionaire's fortune, leading her into a world of puzzles and deception.
- The Ghost by Robert Harris
- A ghostwriter, hired to write the memoirs of a former PM, becomes entangled in a dangerous conspiracy, risking his life to uncover the truth behind his predecessor's mysterious death.
- Close to Death by Anthony Horowitz
- Nick stays with his uncle in a remote area and becomes involved in a dangerous mystery involving a deadly game and hidden secrets
- This Book Kills by Ravena Guron
- A group of teens discovers a mysterious book that brings deadly consequences. As they face their fears and secrets, they must uncover the truth to save themselves from its sinister grip.
- Cover Her Face by P.D.James
- Detective Adam Dalgliesh investigates the murder of a young maid in the home of the wealthy Maxie family.
- The Spy Who Came in From the Cold John Le Carre
- A British spy who pretends to defect to East Germany as part of a dangerous mission. As he navigates a web of betrayal and moral ambiguity, he confronts the harsh realities of espionage and the true cost of loyalty.

## Contemporary Fiction

- The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
- A magical tale of competition and romance set in a mysterious circus that appears only at night.
- The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- A thought-provoking exploration of choices and regrets, set in a library that holds infinite possibilities for what could have been.
- American Gods by Neil Gaiman explores the clash between the old gods of mythology and the new gods of modern society, such as technology and media.
- The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller A retelling of the story of Achilles and Patroclus, exploring their deep bond and love against the backdrop of the Trojan War.
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- A powerful exploration of race, identity, and social justice through the eyes of a teenage girl.

## Non-Fiction

- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- A fascinating looking at ethics in medicine and the life of Henrietta Lacks.
- Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
- A sweeping overview of the history of our species, blending anthropology and history.
- Becoming by Michelle Obama
- A powerful memoir by the former First Lady that explores her journey and experiences.
- What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions by Randall Munroe
- A fun exploration of science and creativity, answering quirky questions with humour.
- Mythos: A Retelling of the Myths of Ancient Greece by Stephen Fry
- A modern retelling of classic Greek myths.
- Build: An Unorthodox Guide to Making Things Worth Making by Tony Fadell
- Fadell, known for creating the iPod and co-founding Nest, shares his insights on innovation and building impactful products.