

SENIOR READING LIST

Books appropriate for students in Year 10-12.

Author	Title	Subject
Abdel-Fattah, R.	Does my head look big in this?	Muslim; identity; Australia
Abdel-Fattah, R.	Ten things I hate about me	Muslim; identity; Australia
Achebe, Chinua	Things fall apart	Africa; post-colonial
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	Rabbits; journey; survival
Allende, Isabel	Daughter of fortune	Historical; Gold Rushes USA
Anonymous	Boned	Television journalism
Arneil, Stan	One man's war (NF)	Diary; WW II; Burma
Atwood, Margaret	The handmaid's tale	Dystopian; gender role
Auel, Jean	Clan of the Cave Bear	Stone Age
Austen, Jane	Emma	Relationships; love
Austen, Jane	Persuasion	Lost love; family
Austen, Jane	Pride and prejudice	Marriage; money; society
Baker, Tim	Surf for your life (NF)	Mick Fanning; surfing
Ballard, J.G.	Empire of the Sun	WW II; children in wartime
Bowden, Tim	One crowded hour: Neil Davis, combat cameraman 1934-85(NF)	Biography; war; journalism
Boyne, John	The boy in the striped pyjamas	WW II; concentration camps
Bradbury, Ray	Fahrenheit 451	Dystopian; sci-fi
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre	Governess; Victorian; love
Bronte, Emily	Wuthering Heights	Love; passion; death
Brooks, Geraldine	People of the book	WW II; Judaism
Brooks, Geraldine	Year of wonders	Black Death; village life
Brugman, Alyssa	Walking naked	Friendship; popularity
Buck, Pearl S.	The good earth	China; poverty; peasants
Byatt, A.S.	Possession	Victorian poetry; love
Calvino, Italo	If on a winter's night a traveller	Love; detective; reading
Calvino, Italo	Invisible cities	Marco Polo; imagination

Calvino, Italo	The castle of crossed destinies	Storytelling; tarot cards
Camus, Albert	The outsider	Classic; existentialist
Carey, Peter	Oscar and Lucinda	Relationships; Australia
Carey, Peter	True history of the Kelly Gang	Historical; Ned Kelly
Cervantes, M. De	Don Quixote	Classic; knight; journey
Chambers, Aidan	Postcards from no man's land	War; self-discovery
Chan, Jung	Wild swans (NF)	Biography; China; family
Chopin, Kate	The awakening	Marriage
Christopher, Lucy	Stolen	Abduction; desert
Clavell, James	Shogun	Historical; Japan
Clavell, James	Tai-Pan	Historical; China
Coben, Harlan	Tell no one	Murder; mystery; love
Coelho, Paulo	The alchemist	Spiritual & physical journey
Collins, Wilkie	The woman in white	Classic mystery; fraud
Conrad, Joseph	Heart of darkness	19 th C Congo; colonialism
Conrad, Joseph	Nostromo	South America; silver mining
Conrad, Joseph	Victory	Relationships; symbolism
Cronin, Justin	The passage	Viruses; horror; vampires
Cunxin, Li	Mao's last dancer (NF)	Biography; China; ballet
D'Aguiar, Fred	The longest memory	Slavery; USA; love
Dai, Sijie	Balzac & the little Chinese seamstress	Love; reading; China-Cultural Revolution
Dante	The divine comedy	Classic; drama
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe	Survival; early novel
Dhami, Narinder	Bend it like Beckham	Culture conflict; soccer
Dickens, Charles	Great expectations	Life in Victorian times
Dickens, Charles	A tale of two cities	French Revolution
Disher, Gary	The divine wind	WW II; love; Japanese
Dostoyevsky, F.	Crime and punishment	Murder; Russia; redemption
Dostoyevsky, F.	The idiot	Love; integrity vs. corruption
Dostoyevsky, F.	The Brothers Karamazov	Moral struggles; Russia
Douglass, Sara	Threshold	Fantasy
Du Maurier, D.	Rebecca	Love; mystery
Dumas, Alexandre	The Count of Monte Cristo	Historical; revenge thriller

Eco, Umberto	The name of the rose	Historical; crime; abbey
Eliot, George	Daniel Deronda	Victorian England; love
Eliot, George	Middlemarch	Victorian England; love
Facey, A.B.	A fortunate life (NF)	Autobiography; Australia
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	The Great Gatsby	1920s USA; relationships
Fitzsimons, Peter	The ballad of Les Darcy (NF)	Biography; WW I; boxer
Fitzsimons, Peter	Nancy Wake: war heroine (NF)	Biography; WW II
Forester, C.S.	<i>Hornblower</i> series	Adventure; naval war
Forster, E.M.	A passage to India	India; culture conflict
Forster, E.M.	A room with a view	Social acceptance /true love
Fowles, John	The French Lieutenant's woman	Dual; love; Victorian
Fowles, John	The collector	Love; abduction
Frazier, Charles	Cold Mountain	US Civil War; love
Gaarder, Jostein	Sophie's world	Philosophy
Gaita, Raimond	Romulus, my father	Biography; life lessons
Garcia Marquez, G.	One hundred years of solitude	Family saga; death; truth
Garcia Marquez, G.	Love in the time of cholera	Romantic love; obsession
Gaskell, Elizabeth	North and South	Victorian England; love
Golding, William	Lord of the Flies	Survival; bullying
Greene, Grahame	The quiet American	Vietnam; war; relationships
Gregory, Philippa	Any title	Historical fiction
Grenville, Kate	The secret river	Historical; early Sydney
Guevara, Ernesto	Motorcycle diaries (NF)	Che; travel South America
Guterson, David	Snow falling on cedars	Japanese in USA; WW II
Hardy, Thomas	Far from the madding crowd	Victorian era; relationships
Heller, Joseph	Catch-22	Humour; war; satire
Hemingway, Ernest	The old man and the sea	Old man; fish; elements
Hemingway, Ernest	A farewell to arms	WW I; love
Hemingway, Ernest	For whom the bell tolls	Spanish Civil War
Hersey, John	Hiroshima (NF)	WW II; nuclear bomb

Hesse, Hermann	Steppenwolf	Poetic self-portrait
Hesse, Hermann	Siddhartha	India; life journey
Hosseini, Khaled	The kite runner	Afghanistan; friendship
Hosseini, Khaled	A thousand splendid suns	Afghanistan; women
Hugo, Victor	Les miserables	Nineteenth century France; redemption
Huxley, Aldous	Brave new world	Dystopian; sci-fi; future
Ishiguro, Kazuo	The remains of the day	Love; road trip
Ishiguro, Kazuo	An artist of the floating world	Post-war Japan; meaning
James, Henry	Portrait of a lady	Love & betrayal; Victorian
James, Henry	Washington Square	Love & betrayal; Victorian
Jonasson, Jonas	The 100 year old man who climbed out the window and disappeared	Humour; life story; historical connections
Joyce, James	A portrait of the artist as a young man	Artist; early 20 th C Ireland; coming of age
Joyce, James	The Dubliners	Ireland; relationships
Kafka, Franz	Metamorphosis	Alienation; insect
Kehm, Sabine	Michael Schumacher: driving force (NF)	Biography; motor racing
Keneally, Thomas	Schindler's list /ark	WW II; Holocaust
Kennedy, Cate	The world beneath	Relationships; Tasmania
Kent, Hannah	Burial rites	Iceland; murder
King, Stephen	Carrie	Horror
King, Stephen	Cujo	Horror
King, Stephen	Misery	Horror
Kingsolver, B.	The poisonwood bible	Africa; family life; missions
Koch, Christopher	Year of living dangerously	Indonesia; political turmoil
Kundera, Milan	The unbearable lightness of being	Life choices; relationships
Lahiri, Jhumpa	The namesake	Bengali in US; identity
Lawrence, D.H.	The rainbow	Marriage; sexuality
Leach, Tim	Last king of Lydia	Historical; Croesus & Cyrus
Lee, Harper	To kill a mockingbird	Racism USA; courage
Malouf, David	The great world	WWI; life in Australia
Malouf, David	An imaginary life	Poet Ovid; Roman times
Malouf, David	Remembering Babylon	Convict period; Australia

Malouf, David	Fly away, Peter	WWI, trenches; friendship
Mandela, Nelson	Long walk to freedom (NF)	Autobiography; apartheid
Marchetta, Melina	Looking for Alibrandi	Growing up; Sydney; family
Marchetta, Melina	Saving Francesca	Growing up; Sydney; school
Martel, Yann	Life of Pi	Fantasy; adventure; spirit
Martin, Jesse	Lionheart: a journey of the human spirit (NF)	Autobiography; sailing; youth
Martin, George R.R.	A song of ice and fire	Fantasy
McCaffrey, Kate	In ecstasy	Drug abuse; peer pressure
McCarthy, Maureen	Queen Kat, Carmel and St Jude get a life	Growing up; relationships
McCarthy, Maureen	Chain of hearts	Growing up; relationships
McEwan, Ian	Atonement	Love; war; class; crime
McEwan, Ian	Enduring love	Love; obsession; stalking
Mistry, Rohinton	A fine balance	India; relationships
Morgan, Sally	My place (NF)	Autobiography; Aboriginal
Okri, Ben	The famished road	Nigeria; spirit; poverty
Ondaatje, Michael	In the skin of a lion	Workers' lives; Canada
Ondaatje, Michael	The English patient	Life recovering after war
Orwell, George	Animal farm	Satire on Stalinist society
Orwell, George	Nineteen Eighty-Four	Classic; dystopian
Park, Ruth	Harp in the south	Family life - Sydney
Patterson, James	Cross	Crime thriller; mystery
Perlman, Elliot	The street sweeper	WW II; Holocaust
Plath, Sylvia	The bell jar	Descent into insanity
Poe, Edgar Allen	Tales of mystery and imagination	Short stories; suspense
Pung, Alice	Unpolished gem (NF)	Biography; Asian in Australia
Remarque, Erich M	All quiet on the Western Front	Classic; WW I; Germany
Rhys, Jean	Wide Sargasso Sea	Caribbean; Jane Eyre link
Rippin, Sally	Chenxi and the foreigner	Australian in China; artists
Rosoff, Meg	How I live now	Invasion; survival; love
Roy, Arundhati	The God of small things	India; relationships
Ruiz Zafon, Carlos	Shadow of the wind	Fantasy; books

Rushdie, Salman	Haroun and the sea of stories	Adventure; children's stories
Salinger, J.D.	The catcher in the rye	Coming of age; USA
Satrapi, Marjane	Persepolis [graphic novel]	Autobiography; Iranian
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein	Classic; horror; gothic
Shute, Nevil	A town like Alice	WW II; love; Australia
Silvey, Craig	Jasper Jones	Death; Australia 1960s
Spiegelman, Art	Maus I and II [graphic novel]	Holocaust; WWII
Steinbeck, John	The grapes of wrath	Depression epic; family life
Steinbeck, John	Of mice and men	Friendship; labourers
Stevenson, R.L.	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Human duality; classic
Stockett, K.	The help	Domestic employees; racism
Stowe, Harriet B.	Uncle Tom's cabin	Slavery; classic
Suskind, Patrick	Perfume: story of a murderer	Murder; 19 th C France; blind
Sykes, Roberta	Snake cradle	Aboriginal; autobiography
Tan, Amy	Joy Luck Club	Chinese in USA; identity
Tan, Amy	The kitchen god's wife	Chinese women; identity
Tolkien, J.R.R.	Lord of the Rings	Epic fantasy
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina	Russia; love; loss; classic
Tolstoy, Leo	War and peace	Russia; war; relationships
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	19 th C US; adventure classic
Vonnegut, Kurt	Slaughterhouse five	Satire; American; humanity
Walker, Alice	The color purple	African American; women
Waugh, Evelyn	The loved one	Death rituals; satire; humour
White, Patrick	Voss	Explorer; Australia; historical
White, Patrick	The tree of man	Australia; small farm life
Wilde, Oscar	The picture of Dorian Gray	Personal dissolution; classic
Winton, Tim	Cloudstreet	Family saga; relationships
Winton, Tim	The riders	Marriage; fatherhood
Woolf, Virginia	To the lighthouse	Human existence
Wyndham, John	The Midwich cuckoos	Sci-fi; horror; aliens
Zusak, Marcus	The book thief	WW II; Holocaust; books