

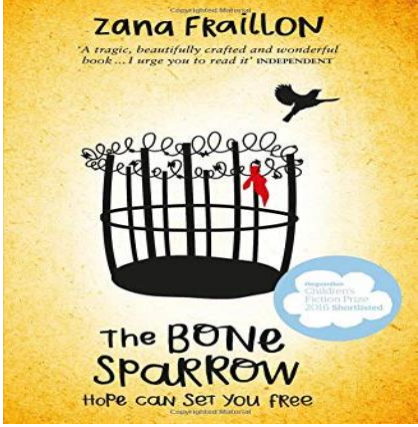
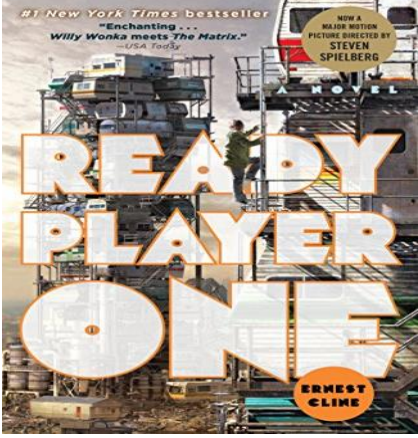
Drayton Manor Challenging Reads Book List

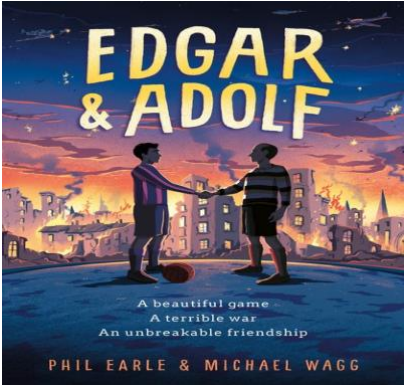

Below you will find a varied reading list chosen by your teachers specifically to challenge, excite and spark your imagination!

On the right, you will find a checklist column that you can colour in once you have read a particular book.

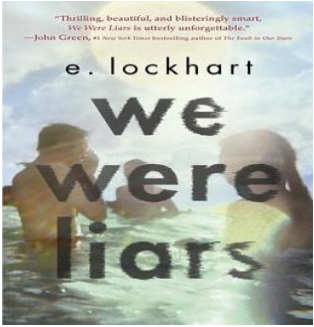
Can you read them all?

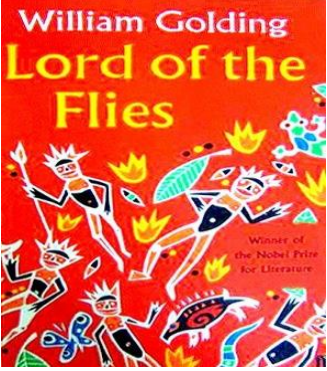
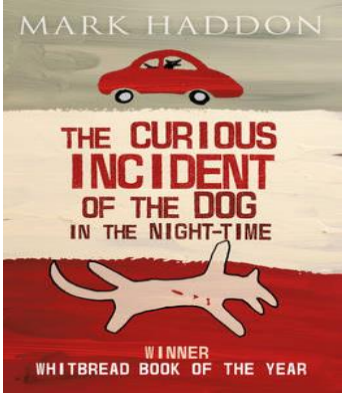
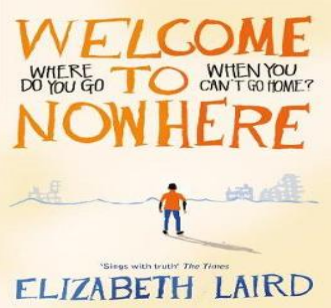
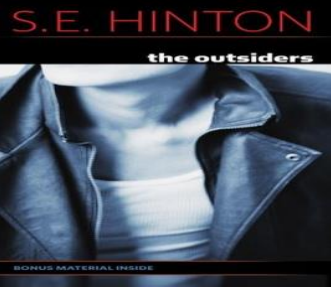
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	<p>Subhi is a refugee. Born in an Australian permanent detention centre after his mother fled the violence of a distant homeland, life behind the fences is all he has ever known. However, as he grows, his imagination gets bigger too, until it is bursting at the limits of his world.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>Ready Player One is a 2011 science fiction novel, and the debut novel of American author Ernest Cline. The story, set in a dystopia in 2045, follows protagonist Wade Watts on his search for an Easter egg in a worldwide virtual reality game, the discovery of which would lead him to inherit the game creator's fortune.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	

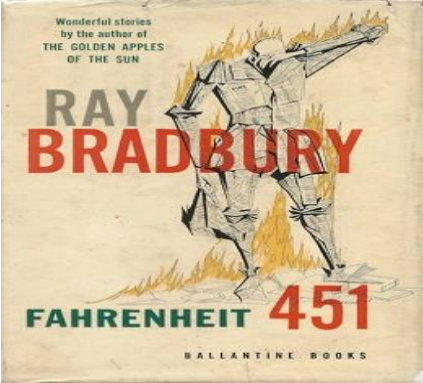
	<p>Adi is a teenager on a mission in an unfamiliar, foreign land. A mission set by his beloved late grandfather, Adolf Jäger. He must track down an old man, a former footballing hero called Edgar Kail, and return to him the simplest yet most prized of possessions.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTRA CHALLENGE</p> <p>A Wrinkle in Time is the story of Meg Murry, a high-school-aged girl who is transported on an adventure through time and space with her younger brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O'Keefe to rescue her father, a gifted scientist, from the evil forces that hold him prisoner on another planet.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	

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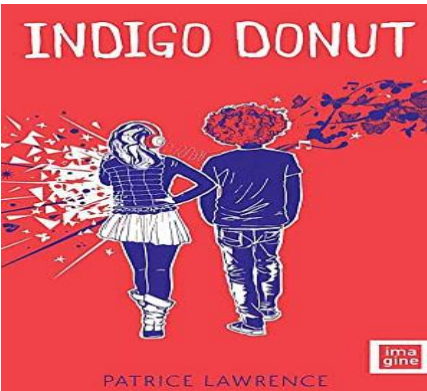

	<p>We Were Liars focuses on the theme of self-acceptance, family morals, and the possibly deadly consequences of one's mistakes. It focuses on the wealthy, seemingly perfect Sinclair family, who spend every summer gathered on their private island.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
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	<p>William Golding's 1954 novel "Lord of the Flies" tells the story of a group of young boys who find themselves alone on a deserted island. They develop rules and a system of organization, but without any adults to serve as a civilizing impulse, the children eventually become violent and brutal.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>A murder mystery like no other, this novel features Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey that will turn his whole world upside down.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>Omar dreams of being a successful businessman and to rule the world. However, living in Syria, this 12 years olds dreams are set in a time and place where things can change rapidly – especially when his older brother finds himself in a dangerous situation and the whole family has to flee to safety.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTRA CHALLENGE</p> <p>A story of struggle, growing up, gangs and peer pressure. A classic of modern teenage fiction.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	


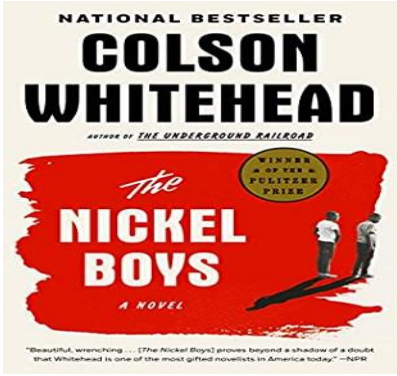
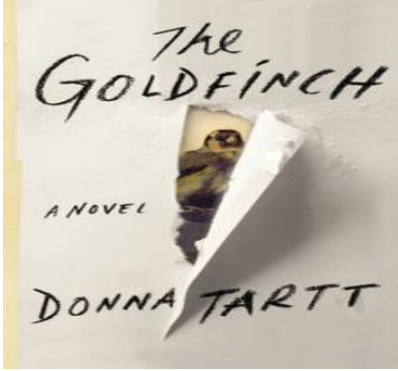
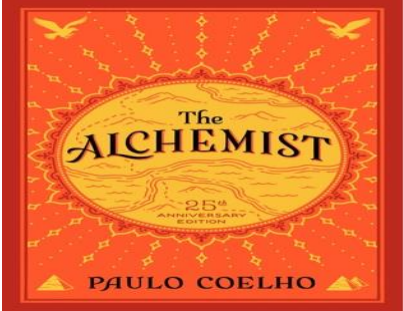
 <p>Philip Pullman</p> <p>His Dark Materials</p> <p><small>The award-winning trilogy: Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass in one volume</small></p>	<p>Lyra's search for a kidnapped friend uncovers a sinister plot involving stolen children, and turns into a quest to understand a mysterious phenomenon called Dust. In <i>The Subtle Knife</i> she is joined on her journey by Will, a boy who possesses a knife that can cut windows between worlds.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	
 <p>PAOLINI</p> <p>THE INHERITANCE CYCLE</p> <p><small>BOOK ONE • BOOK TWO • BOOK THREE • BOOK FOUR</small></p> <p>KNOFF</p>	<p>Eragon, a 15-year-old farm boy, finds a dragon egg while out hunting in the Spine. When the dragon hatches for him, he takes on the responsibilities of the Dragon Riders and sets out on a quest to avenge his uncle's death by killing the Ra'zac and, eventually, to bring defeat to the evil tyrant who rules Alagaësia.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
 <p>ORANGEBOY</p> <p>PATRICE LAWRENCE</p> <p><small>THEY CALL ME ORANGE BOY THEY CALL ME THE BOY WHO DROPPED THE BOMB ON THE BOMBERS</small></p>	<p>Orangeboy tells the story of 16-year-old Marlon, who finds himself facing tough choices after a date ends in tragedy. Despite not wanting to follow his older brother Andre down the wrong path, Marlon gets caught up in London's gang culture and things soon start to spiral out of control.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
 <p>THE LORD OF THE RINGS</p> <p>J.R.R. TOLKIEN</p>	<p>The future of civilization rests in the fate of the One Ring, which has been lost for centuries. Powerful forces are unrelenting in their search for it. However, fate has placed it in the hands of a young Hobbit named Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), who inherits the Ring and steps into legend. A daunting task lies ahead for Frodo when he becomes the Ring bearer - to destroy the One Ring in the fires of Mount Doom where it was forged.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	


	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTRA CHALLENGE</p> <p>Fahrenheit 451 is a 1953 dystopian novel by American writer Ray Bradbury. Often regarded as one of his best works, the novel presents a future American society where books are outlawed and "firemen" burn any that are found.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
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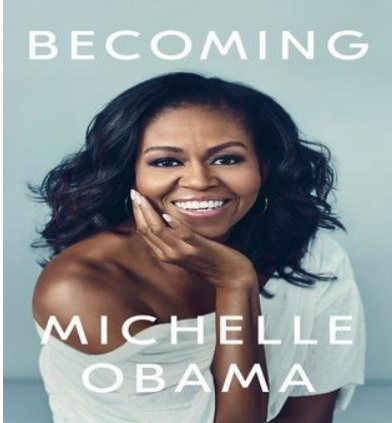
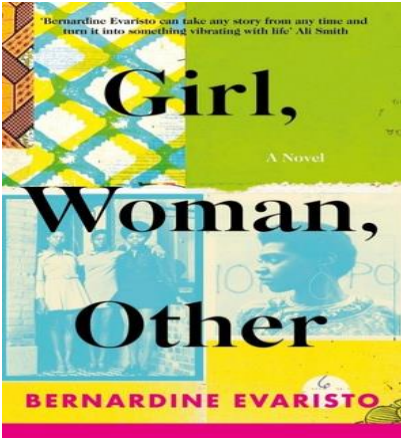
	<p>A story of longing, belonging and trust. Two very different young people discover who loves them, and whom they can love back. Bailey is 17, mixed race, lives with his mum and dad in Hackney and spends all his time playing guitar or tending to his luscious ginger afro.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>Lovecraft Country is a 2016 dark fantasy horror novel by Matt Ruff, exploring the conjunction between the horror fiction of H. P. Lovecraft and racism in the United States during the era of Jim Crow laws, as experienced by Black science-fiction fan Atticus Turner and his family.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	

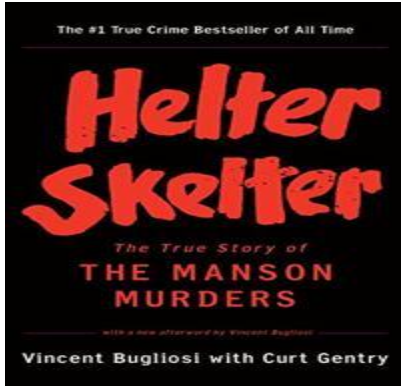
	<p>The Handmaid's Tale, acclaimed dystopian novel by Canadian author Margaret Atwood, published in 1985. The book, set in New England in the near future, posits a Christian fundamentalist theocratic regime in the former United States that arose as a response to a fertility crisis.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>Kurt Vonnegut's Breakfast of Champions follows Kilgore Trout, a little-known science fiction writer, and Dwayne Hoover, a mentally ill car salesman, and their chance meeting at an arts festival in the American Midwest.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTRA CHALLENGE</p> <p>The Road is a 2006 post-apocalyptic novel by American writer Cormac McCarthy. The book details the gruelling journey of a father and his young son over a period of several months across a landscape blasted by an unspecified cataclysm that has destroyed industrial civilization and almost all life.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	

	<p>Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds -- the poor, mostly black neighbourhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered when she witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend at the hands of a police officer. Facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what is right.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>The Nickel Boys is a 2019 novel by American novelist Colson Whitehead. It is based on the real story of the Dozier School, a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years and had its history exposed by a university's investigation. It was named one of TIME's best books of the decade.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	
	<p>Theodore Decker was 13 years old when tragedy struck in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The tragedy changes the course of his life, sending him on a stirring odyssey of grief and guilt, reinvention and redemption, and even love. Through it all, he holds on to one tangible piece of hope from that terrible day -- a painting of a tiny bird chained to its perch.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>The Alchemist follows the journey of an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago. Believing a recurring dream to be prophetic, he asks a Gypsy fortune-teller in the nearby town about its meaning. The woman interprets the dream as a prophecy telling the boy that he will discover a treasure at the Egyptian pyramids.</p>	

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	<p>EXTRA CHALLENGE</p> <p>In 1985, detectives investigate the death of Edward Blake in New York City, after an intruder threw him through the window of his high-rise apartment. ... At Edward Blake's funeral, Daniel, Jon, and Adrian recall their memories of the Comedian—all of them remember him as vicious, even murderous.</p>	

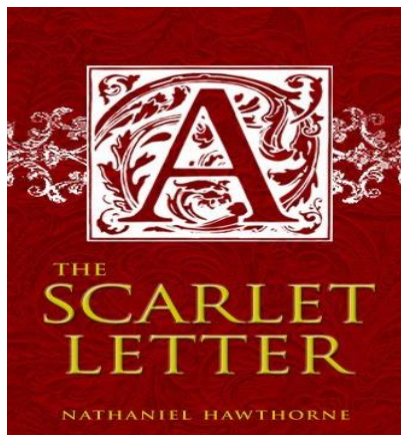
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	<p>Becoming is the memoir of former United States first lady Michelle Obama, published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.</p> <p>Available from the library.</p>	
	<p>Girl, Woman, Other follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters. Mostly women, black and British, they tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers, across the country and through the years. Girl, Woman, Other follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters.</p> <p>Coming soon to the library!</p>	



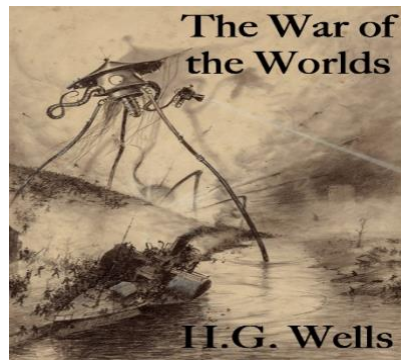
The book recounts and assesses the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of Charles Manson and his followers for the notorious 1969 murders of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca, actress Sharon Tate, and several others.

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The novel is set in a village in Puritan New England. The main character is Hester Prynne, a young woman who has borne a child out of wedlock. Hester believes herself a widow, but her husband, Roger Chillingworth, arrives in New England very much alive and conceals his identity.

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EXTRA CHALLENGE

The classic H.G. Wells novel that focuses on the invasion of the Earth by Martian war machines. It's the 20th century and, to the unsuspecting human population, Martians are appearing on Earth with destruction on their mind.

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