

# GCSE Reading List

## CLASSIC READS

Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte  
Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte  
Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen  
Great Expectations - Charles Dickens  
*(Anything by these four authors)*  
The Hound of the Baskervilles - A. Conan Doyle  
Frankenstein – Mary Shelley  
Dracula – Bram Stoker  
Catcher in the Rye - J.D. Salinger  
To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee  
Rebecca - Daphne du Maurier  
Lord of the Flies - William Golding  
1984 - George Orwell

## MODERN NOVELS

About a Boy - Nick Hornby  
The Lovely Bones - Alice Sebold  
Life of Pi - Yann Martel  
A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness  
The Hate you Give – Angie Thomas  
Never Let Me Go – Kazuo Ishiguro  
Turtles All the Way Down – John Green  
Flawed – Cecelia Ahern  
Every Day – David Levithan

## ADVENTURE/THRILLER

The Girl in the Window – Penny Joelson  
The Day of the Jackal - Frederick Forsyth  
Pompeii- Robert Harris  
Rogue Male - Geoffrey Household  
The Firm - John Grisham  
The Sea Wolf - Jack London  
Seven Years in Tibet - Heinrich Harrer  
Patriot Games - Tom Clancy  
Gone – Michael Grant

## SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

The Lord of the Rings - J.R.R.Tolkien  
Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury  
Minority Report - Philip K.Dick  
Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve  
Monstrous Regiment - Terry Pratchett  
The Maze Runner – James Dashner  
Dune – Frank Herbert  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - Douglas Adams

## HISTORICAL

Empire of the Sun -J.G. Ballard  
The Woman in Black - Susan Hill  
Gone with the Wind - Margaret Mitchell  
Enigma - Robert Harris  
Girl with a Pearl-Earring - Tracy Chevalier  
Birdsong – Sebastian Faulks  
The Sharpe Series - Bernard Cornwell  
The Ruby in the Smoke – Phillip Pullman  
The King's General – Daphne du Maurier  
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

## NON-FICTION

Diary of A Young Girl - Anne Frank  
Notes from a Small Island - Bill Bryson  
*(Anything by Bryson)*  
Being Freddie - Andrew Flintoff  
Managing my Life - Alex Ferguson  
My World - Jonny Wilkinson  
Twenty Tales from the War Zone - John Simpson  
Pompeii: The Last Day - Paul Wilkinson  
Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger – Nigel Slater  
Inside Story - Greg Dyke  
Himalaya - Michael Palin  
Around the World in 80 Treasures - Dan Cruickshank  
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou  
Is It True What They Say About Shakespeare? - Stanley Wells  
Bounce: The Myth of Talent and the Power of Practice  
Book by Matthew Syed

Consulting the BBC's Big Read website is also helpful as it offers a wider range of famous favourites. You will also find descriptions of some, and why they are certain celebrities' favourite books.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/bigread/top100.shtml>

It can create a target for you; try to read 20 from the top 50. This is what got me reading!

Enjoy! Mrs Silvester

"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss