

# 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving secondary school - according to teachers

From *The Time Machine* to *1984*, take a journey through the top 100 books teachers have recommended for students at key stages 3, 4 and 5.

This is TES' top 100 books to read before you leave secondary school, as voted by teachers. How many have you read?

1. *1984* by George Orwell
2. *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
3. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
4. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
5. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
6. The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling
7. *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
8. *The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
9. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
10. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
11. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
12. *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne
13. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
14. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
15. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
16. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
17. *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks
18. *A Kestrel for a Knave* by Barry Hines
19. The Lord of the Rings trilogy by JRR Tolkien

20. *Danny, Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl
21. *The Great Gatsby* by F Scott Fitzgerald
22. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
23. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
24. *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess
25. *A Passage to India* by EM Forster
26. *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo
27. *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien
28. *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness
29. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
30. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
31. *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
32. The Noughts and Crosses trilogy by Malorie Blackman
33. *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
34. *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo
35. *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
36. The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins
37. *His Dark Materials* by Philip Pullman
38. *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
39. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- =40. *A Room With a View* by EM Forster
- =40. *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
42. *Wonder* by RJ Palacio
43. *Emma* by Jane Austen
44. *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

- =45. *Half a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- =45. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- 47. *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
- 48. The Sherlock Holmes series by Arthur Conan Doyle
- 49. *Cider with Rosie* by Laurie Lee
- 50. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
- 51. *Anita and Me* by Meera Syal
- 52. The Discworld series by Terry Pratchett
- 53. *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne
- 54. *Skellig* by David Almond
- 55. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- 56. *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy
- 57. The Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
- 58. *A Modest Proposal* by Jonathan Swift
- 59. *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell
- 60. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- 61. *Brighton Rock* by Graham Greene
- 62. *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- 63. *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green
- 64. *Dubliners* by James Joyce
- 65. *Face* by Benjamin Zephaniah
- 66. *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr
- 67. *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith
- 68. *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- =69. *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

- =69. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- =71. *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K Dick
- =71. *I am David* by Anne Holm
- =73. *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath
- =73. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- =73. *V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore and David Lloyd
- 76. *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- 77. A Song of Ice and Fire series by George RR Martin
- 78. *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- =79. *Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging* by Louise Rennison
- =79. *Empire of the Sun* by JG Ballard
- =79. *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac
- 82. *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy
- =83. *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce
- =83. *Billy Liar* by Keith Waterhouse
- =83. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- =86. *A Gathering Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
- =86. *Heroes* by Robert Cormier
- 88. *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah
- =89. *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- =89. *Schindler's Ark* by Thomas Keneally
- 91. *Forever* by Judy Blume
- =92. *Coram Boy* by Jamila Gavin
- =92. *Stone Cold* by Robert Swindells
- 94. *A Time to Dance* by Bernard MacLaverty

- =95. *Cat's Eye* by Margaret Atwood
- =95. *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell
- =97. *The War of the Worlds* by HG Wells
- =97. The Tracy Beaker series by Jacqueline Wilson
- =99. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- =99. *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- =99. *The Time Machine* by HG Wells