

Recommended Reads Before You Are 16

	Title	Author	Genre (setting, era)
1.	A View From The Bridge	Arthur Miller	Drama (America, 20 th century)N20146
2.	Americanah	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Contemporary, cultural (Nigeria, 21st century)
3.	An Inspector Calls	J B Priestley	Drama, political (England, 20 th century)N20827, N20828
4.	Beloved	Toni Morrison	Historical fiction, slavery (America, 19 th century) F07486
5.	Brick Lane	Monica Ali	Contemporary, multiculturalism (England/Bangladesh, 20 th century)
6.	Cold Mountain	Charles Frazier	War (America, 19 th century)
7.	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Classic (England, 19 th century)F07938
8.	Fever Pitch	Nick Hornby	Sport/football (England, 20 th century) F08051
9.	Frakenstein	Mary Shelley	Gothic, science fiction (England, 19 th century) F09770 F09771
10.	Girl With A Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier	Historical fiction (Netherlands, 17 th century)
11.	Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Adventure, satire (Other worlds, 18 th century) F05220 F02026
12.	I, Claudius	Robert Graves	Historical fiction (Roman Empire)
13.	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Biographical (America, 20 th century)N11404
14.	Into the Wild	Jon Krakauer	Travel, adventure (Mexico/America, 20 th century) F13964
15.	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Classic, political (England, 19 th century) F12461, F07990
16.	Les Misérables	Victor Hugo	Historical, classic (France, 19 th century) F05224
17.	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Classic, coming-of-age (America, 19 th century)F04920
18.	Life of Pi	Yann Martel	Adventure, spirituality (Pacific Ocean, 21st century) F11227
19.	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Classic, political (UK, 20 th century) F09074,F12340,F12864,F13135
20.	Nineteen Eighty-Four	George Orwell	Science fiction (England, 20 th century) F01534
21.	Notes From a Small Island	Bill Bryson	Travel, non-fiction (UK, 20 th century) F05398
22.	The Da Vinci Code	Dan Brown	Mystery, fiction (Europe, 20 th

			century)
23.	The Lord of the Rings	J R R Tolkien	Fantasy, adventure (Middle Earth, A Long Time Ago)
24.	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Historical, relationships (America, 20 th century) F06372
25.	Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha	Roddy Doyle	Contemporary (Ireland, 20 th century) F03320
26.	Poems and Letters	Elizabeth Barret Browning	Poetry (19 th century)
27.	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Classic, coming-of-age (England, 19 th century) F04238
28.	Selected Poems	Simon Armitage	Poetry
29.	Shōgun	James Clavell	Historical fiction (Japan, 17 th century)
30.	Small Island	Andrea Levy	Contemporary, multiculturalism (England, 20 th century)
31.	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Classic (England, 19 th century) F07937
32.	The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	Adventure, spirituality (Sahara Desert, 20 th century) F06278
33.	The Awakening	Kate Chopin	Feminist, fiction (America, 19 th century) F05277
34.	The Beach	Alex Garland	Travel, adventure (Thailand, 20 th century)
35.	The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	World War Two (Germany, 20 th century) F11295, F11296
36.	The Catcher in the Rye	J D Salinger	Coming-of-age, modern classic (America, 20 th century) F09023,F09077,F09078,F13032
37.	The Help	Kathryn Stockett	Historical fiction (America, 20 th century)
38.	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Science fiction (20 th century) F08247,F08248,F11126,F11127
39.	The Kite Runner	Hosseini Khaled	Contemporary, historical fiction (Afghanistan, 21st century) F07424,F11926,F11927,F12272
40.	The Pillars of the Earth	Ken Follet	Historical fiction (Medieval England)
41.	The Prelude	William Wordsworth	Poetry (England, 18 th century)
42.	The Song of Achilles	Madeline Miller	Historical fiction, LGBT (Ancient Greece)
43.	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	Science fiction (London, 19 th century) F12402
44.	The Thorn Birds	Colleen McCullough	Historical fiction (Australia, 20 th century)
45.	The War of the Worlds	H G Wells	Science fiction (England, 19 th

			century)
46.	To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Coming-of-age, political (20 th
			century) F11231,F13029,F13358
47.	Touching the Void	Joe Simpson	Adventure, non-fiction (Chile, 20 th
			century) N19117
48.	Wuthering Heights	Charlotte Bronte	Romance, classic (England, 19 th
			century)

