Modern Classic Literature

Suggested Reading List for GCSE

Mostly Harmless by Douglas Adams

So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish by Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Emma Watson by Joan Aiken

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Bloom of Youth (Moving Times) by Rachel Anderson

Cat’s Eye by Margaret Atwood

The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood

Fair Stood the Wind for France by H. E. Bates

The Darling Buds of May by H. E. Bates

The Beckett Trilogy by Samuel Beckett

Borstal Boy by Brendan Behan

At the Still Point by Mary Benson

The Bloody Chamber by Angela Carter

Murder on the Nile by Agatha Christie

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

Ripening Seed by Colette

The Witch of Exmoor by Margaret Drabble

The French Lieutenant’s Woman by John Fowles

On Forsyte ‘Change by John Galsworthy

Claudius the God by Robert Graves

I, Claudius by Robert Graves

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Man in the Picture by Susan Hill

The Woman in Black by Susan Hill

A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines

Buddy by Nigel Hinton

Buddy’s Song by Nigel Hinton

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

Jack by A. M. Homes

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Invitation to the Waltz by Rosamond Lehmann

The Weather in the Streets by Rosamond Lehmann

Death in Venice/Tristan/Tonio Kroger by Thomas Mann

The Italian Girl by Iris Murdoch

The Sea, the Sea by Iris Murdoch

On the Side of the Angels by Betty Miller

Lantern Slides by Edna O’Brien

1984 by George Orwell

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Down and Out in Paris and London by George Orwell

A Time to be Born and a Time to Die by Stephanie Plowman

Franny and Zooey by J. D. Salinger

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark

The Colour Purple by Alice Walker

Decline and Fall by Evelyn Waugh

Men at Arms by Evelyn Waugh

The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh

Unconditional Surrender by Evelyn Waugh

Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson