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The Urmston 132

132 books we think all pupils should read before they leave us.

Aimed at Key Stage 3 students

1. Pride & Prejudice – Jane Austen
2. The Mill on the Floss – George Elliot
3. Northern Lights – Philip Pullman
4. The Subtle Knife – Philip Pullman
5. The Amber Spyglass – Philip Pullman
6. Gulliver's Travels – Jonathan Swift
7. Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury
8. To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
9. Dreams from My Father – Barack Obama
10. Dracula – Bram Stoker
11. Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn– Mark Twain
12. The Count of Monte Christo – Alexandre Dumas
13. David Copperfield – Charles Dickens
14. Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
15. The Diary of Young Girl – Anne Frank
16. A Short History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson
17. Sophie's World – Jostein Gaarder
18. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams
19. Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
20. Notes from a Small Island – Bill Bryson
21. The Time Machine – H G Wells
22. A Kestrel for a Knave – Barry Hines
23. Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
24. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea – Jules Verne
25. Animal farm – George Orwell
26. Around the World in Eighty Days – Michael Palin
27. Around the World in Eighty Days – Jules Verne
28. Stephen Fry in America – Stephen Fry
29. The Book Thief – Markus Zusack
30. The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle
31. Foundation – Isaac Asimov



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32. Thief of Time – Terry Pratchett
33. Maus – Art Spiegelman
34. The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe – C S Lewis
35. Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
36. Tarka the Otter – Henry Williamson
37. The man Who Was Thursday – G K Chesterton
38. The Picture of Dorian Grey – Oscar Wilde
39. King Solomon's Mines – H Rider Haggard
40. Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell – Susanna Clarke
41. The time Travellers' Guide to Medieval England – Ian Mortimer
42. Lord of the Rings – J. R. R. Tolkien
43. The Sword in the Stone – T H White
44. The Once & Future King – T H White
45. The Thirty-Nine Steps – John Buchan
46. The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane
47. The Way of the Peaceful Warrior – Dan Millman
48. Life of Pi – Yan Martel
49. Lord of the Flies – William Golding
50. Of Mice & Men – John Steinbeck
51. The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde- Robert Louis Stephenson
52. Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stephenson
53. In Search of Shakespeare – Michael Wood

Aimed at Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5 students

54. Bad Science – Ben Goldacre
55. The Communist Manifesto - Marx and Engels
56. Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist Takes to the Streets – Sudhir Venkatesh
57. The jigsaw Man by Paul Britton
58. How to be a Bad Birdwatcher – Simon Barnes
59. The Odyssey – Homer
60. The Catcher in the Rye – J D Salinger
61. Chavs – Owen Jones



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62. Freakonomics – S D Levitt & S J Dubner
63. Slaughter House 5 – Kurt Vonnegut
64. The Good Man Jesus & The Scoundrel Christ – Phillip Pullman
65. The Selfish Gene – Richard Dawkins
66. Hiroshima – John Hersey
67. The God Delusion – Richard Dawkins
68. The Dawkins Delusion – A & J C McGrath
69. Frankenstein – Mary Shelly
70. Living Buddha, Living Christ – Thich Nhat Hanh
71. The Origin of The Species – Charles Darwin
72. The Secret Life of Trees – Colin Tudge
73. Help! – Oliver Burkeman
74. Dispatches – Michael Herr
75. Redemption, From Original Gangster to Nobel Prize Nominee – Stanley Tookie Williams
76. The Fry Chronicles – Stephen Fry
77. Outliers – Malcolm Gladwell
78. Tess of the d'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy
79. The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald
80. One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch – Alexander Solzhenitsyn
81. Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad
82. The Outsider – Albert Camus
83. Candide – Voltaire
84. Breakfast at Tiffany's – Truman Capote
85. The Damned United – David Peace
86. Cloud Atlas – David Mitchell
87. For Whom the Bell Tolls – Ernest Hemmingway
88. Darkness at Noon – Arthur Koestler
89. The Periodic Table –Primo Levi
90. Titus Groan – Mervyn Peake
91. Longitude – Dava Sobel
92. How the Irish saved civilization – Thomas Cahill
93. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot
94. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – Dee Brown



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95. Night – Elie Wiesel
96. The Face of Battle – John Keegan
97. The Blackest Streets – Sarah Wise
98. If This is a Man – Primo Levi
99. The Age of Extremes – Eric Hobsbawm
100. We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will be Killed with Our Families – Philip Gourevitch
101. No Logo – Naomi Klein
102. The Railway Man – Eric Lomax
103. Karl Marx – Francis Wheen
104. Tell me No Lies – John Pilger
105. Manhunt: From 9/11 to Abbottabad – the Ten Year Search for Osama Bin Laden – Peter Bergen
106. 1215 The Year of Magna Carta – D Danziger & J Gillingham
107. Hard Work: Life in Low Pay Britain – Polly Toynbee
108. The Spirit Level – R Wilkinson and K Pickett
109. Bloody Foreigners – Robert Winder
110. In the Heart of the Sea – Nathaniel Philbrick
111. The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists – Robert Tressell
112. The Power and the Glory – Graham Greene
113. The Element: How Finding your Passion Changes Everything – Ken Robinson
114. Malcolm X – Malcolm X
115. Fermat's Last Theorem – Simon Singh
116. Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded – Simon Winchester
117. The Greatest Show on Earth – Richard Dawkins
118. The Maltese Falcon – Dashiell Hammett
119. Zen & the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance – Robert Pirsig
120. Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
121. The Name of the Rose – Umberto Eco
122. The Earth: An Intimate History – Richard Fortey
123. Into the Wild – Jan Krakauer
124. English Passengers – Matthew Kneale
125. Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe



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126. 1984 – George Orwell
127. Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
128. Papillion – Henri Charriere
129. All Quiet on the Western Front – E M Remarque
130. The Great Railway Bazaar – Paul Theroux
131. Touching the Void – Joe Simpson
132. Planet of the Apes – Pierre Boulle