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Author		Title	Genre	Description/Additional Comments
Spike T	Adams	Evil Ink: The Hide: The Fall	Graphic Novel/Dyslexia Friendly	A great series of gritty storylines. Evil Ink - Tom wants respect so he gets a tattoo, it does the trick but what evil lurks behind his demon tattoo?
Jane	Austen	Pride and Prejudice	Classic/Romance	Austen is the greatest observer of the quirks of human behaviour and in this, her most famous romantic novel, she observes the twists and turns of the Bennet family. Mrs Bennet is determined to find husbands for all of her five girls, easier said than done when they don't always behave in a manner appropriate for young ladies about to be unleashed on society!
Tom	Becker	While the Others sleep	Mystery	When Alfie the insomniac is sent to a sanatorium to avoid embarrassing his family, strange things go bump in the night... is he hallucinating or are there really demons haunting Scarbrook House?
Julia	Bertagna	Exodus	Fantasy	Set in the future, Mara fights for survival when the seas have risen and discovering the cities in the sky, attempts to create a better life for herself. This thought provoking and thrilling novel will certainly get you thinking about your own future.
Martin	Booth	P.O.W	War	First World War adventure/thriller. Ted's ship sinks at the Battle of Jutland and he is captured but determined to escape. This rich adventure is sure to entertain.
Charlotte	Bronte	Jane Eyre	Classic/Romance	Jane is an independent young lady determined to make a better life for herself so when she becomes governess to Mr Rochester's daughter, this it is her big chance. This classic tale of love, deceit and a mysterious secret make it an absolute must read.

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Kevin	Brooks	Iboy	Mystery	Tom's life changes dramatically when he is hit by a falling iPhone and a piece becomes embedded in his brain. For the first time in his life everything becomes clear and he has special powers too. Taking on the gang criminals in his neighbourhood is only the beginning for Tom, a must read!
Kevin	Brooks	Candy	Issues/Crime	Eyes meet across a crowded street and bham you're obsessed but beware, your obsession can lead you to do things you never imagined. A great drama with thrills and spills!
Kevin	Brooks	Black Rabbit Summer	Issues/Crime	A stifling summer, friends reunited, a disappearance and drugs, all go together to make this a gripping teen read, one to entertain yet scare you at the same time. Kevin Brooks is a brilliant author, hard hitting but realistic.
Kevin	Brooks	Candy	Issues/Crime	He sees her across a crowded street, eye contact made, coffee and a chat and Joe is besotted. However, Candy's world is not all sweetness and light, it is dangerous and one that Joe may not want to share.
Kevin	Brooks	I see you baby	Dyslexia Friendly	Sally and Keith escape their boring lives and pretend to be VIPs at a rock festival. They both hide a secret so what will happen when they fall for each other? Will they tell the truth? A funny, romantic, gripping tale, well worth reading.
Kevin	Brooks	Johnny Delgado	Dyslexia Friendly	When Johnny becomes a private detective, he thinks life is sweet until things start to go wrong. This detective series is funny, thrilling and downright dangerous!
Eric	Brown	Twoocking	Dyslexia Friendly	Joey discovers TWOOCKing (taking without owner's consent) and his life becomes thrilling and dangerous. A great high octane thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat.

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Melvin	Burgess	Junk	Issues/drugs	This hard hitting but brutally real teen novel about the consequences of life on the streets and getting into drugs will compel you from the start. Gemma runs away from home to be with her boyfriend Tar in London, soon however, she is on the slippery slope to drug taking and prostitution to fund her habit. A must read for parents as well as students. Carnegie Medal Winner 1996.
Trudi	Canavan	The Black Magician Trilogy	Fantasy	When Sonea throws a stone and it passes through a magician's shield, the whole town is in shock. Does she have magic, is it a trick, how can a girl from the slums do such a thing and what will become of her? Trudi Canavan masters the art of fantasy writing in this superb trilogy.
Kate	Cann	Leaving Poppy	Horror	Amber can't wait to escape from her controlling family and in her attempt to do so, becomes ill. When her family arrive to look after her, a dark and dangerous force threatens her sanity. Kate Cann is a brilliant writer and totally in tune with teenage life.
Kate	Cann	Leader of the pack	Issues/Love	This brilliant teen novel captures the emotions of boys and girls and the tug of love that occurs when friends are involved. Jack is torn between his love for Gemma and his beloved rugby team, who will win? Kate Cann understands the teenage mind and she captures it perfectly in this great read.
Kate	Cann	Text game	Dyslexia Friendly	Mel can't quite believe her luck when she starts going out with Ben but then she starts receiving disturbing texts, threatening to ruin everything. Should Mel believe what she is reading and is Ben really messing her about?
Gail	Carriger	Etiquette and espionage	Action/adventure	This exciting new series promises to give the girls a real treat. An exclusive finishing school is not what it seems; espionage, thrills, danger and intrigue await the unsuspecting students of Mademoiselle Geraldine's Finishing Academy For young Ladies of Quality!

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Anne	Cassidy	Looking for JJ	Issues/Neglect	A brilliant novel exploring murder, rehabilitation and deeply disturbing, emotional backgrounds. Unmissable!
Anne	Cassidy	The story of my life	Crime	A tense, gripping novel; a chance meeting could change Kenny's life forever and this one night could be the longest of Kenny's life. Another brilliant read from Anne Cassidy.
Aiden	Chambers	Postcards from no man's land	War	Whilst in Amsterdam visiting his grandfather's grave, Jacob meets an old lady who tells him an amazing tale of love and betrayal during the Second World War. A rich and moving novel, not to be missed.
Tracy	Chevalier	Girl with a pearl earring	Historical	When Griet starts work as housemaid to artist Johannes Vermeer and his family, she soon becomes the object of his affection; scandal shortly follows. A great historical read.
Gillian	Cross	Wolf	Mystery	A great story full of mystery, adventure and suspense. Cassy is thrown into her mother's strange world following a mysterious occurrence at her Granny's flat. Carnegie Medal Winner.
Roald	Dahl	Kiss Kiss	Thriller	A selection of Dahl's Tales of the Unexpected in which he takes a look at the sinister side of human nature. There's a twist in every tale and they are exceptionally entertaining!
Roald	Dahl	Tales of the unexpected	Thriller	More of Dahl's quirky tales that will entertain, scare and fire your imagination.
Delphine	De Vigan	No and Me	Issues/Family	When Lou escapes the madness of her home life to 'people watch' on the Paris Metro, she strikes up an unlikely friendship with No, a homeless girl. This moving novel is a real treat.
Jenny	Downham	Before I die	Issues/Death	Tessa has just five months to live so whilst in hospital creates a 'to do before I die' list with her number one priority being sex! A truly heart-breaking story, well worth reading but have a box of tissues handy! Winner of the Branford Boase Award.

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Roddy	Doyle	Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha	Issues/Adolescence	Paddy is a rough and tumble lad growing up on the streets of Dublin, taking in all that happens around him. This brilliant observation of childhood into adolescence is a great modern classic, one for which Roddy Doyle won the coveted Booker prize.
Alan	Durant	The Ring of truth	Dyslexia Friendly	Ros and Fish find a ring and don't know what to do with it. A few days later a body is found close to where the ring was found. What should they do, do they give it to the Police or try to investigate themselves? Fast paced and gripping; a great crime story.
Catherine	Forde	L-L-Loser	Dyslexia Friendly	A great comedy about three friends being losers, making each others lives a misery and generally being teenagers. Laugh out loud!
Sandra	Glover	Spiked!	Issues/Alcohol	A fast paced teen read full of mystery and suspense, fraught with the dangers of those unsupervised parties and the far reaching consequences!
William	Golding	Lord of the flies	Classic/adventure	A modern classic, coming of age novel, full of adventure but with a dark and sinister edge. When a plane crashes leaving a group of schoolboys to fend for themselves, things take a terrifying turn as the boys have to learn to survive and adapt.
Helen	Grant	The Vanishing of Katherine Linden	Mystery	Pia is determined to solve the mystery of strange disappearances in her home town but as she digs into the case of Katherine, another girls goes missing. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.
Ernesto Che	Guevara	The Motorcycle Diaries	Autobiography	Che Guevara puts pen to paper during his amazing South American tour on his Norton 500cc motorcycle, eight years before he was involved in the Cuban revolution. This humorous and adventurous account is a joy to read.
Richard	Hammond	On the edge	Autobiography	Adrenalin Junky Richard Hammond, talks about his life before and after his horrific car accident. With an extract from his wife, this makes it a very moving yet inspirational read.

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Jenny	Han	Burn for burn	Issues/friendship	Revenge, plotting, friendship trauma and a tangled web of relationships mar the picture perfect Jar Island. Can Kat carry out her revenge plot or will it backfire on her?
C J	Harper	The Disappeared	Thriller	This fast paced thriller will appeal to anyone who loves mystery, danger and intrigue. Jackson's best friend is killed, school records are destroyed and nobody has heard of Wilson, then Jackson is sent to the academy...
Lian	Hearn	The Otori Trilogy: Across the nightingale floor; Grass for his pillow; Brilliance of the moon	Historical/fantasy	Set in Japan, this trilogy tells of family revenge through the dynasties with a hint of fantasy thrown in.
Chris	Higgins	The Day I Met Susie	Issues/Manipulation	A tangled web of deceit and domination lies at the heart of this dramatic novel. Susie has taken over Indie's home, job, boyfriend and her life! In a desperate attempt to reclaim her life, Indie turns to the Samaritans for help.
Susan	Hill	The woman in black	Ghost	A spooky house in a spooky location, a terrifying night and even more terrifying truths, this novel will keep you awake at night. Read it if you dare!
Barry	Hines	A Kestrel for a Knave (Kes)	Issues/Poverty	A tale of love, trust and survival in a bleak world. A boy's love for a young Kestrel helps him cope with the harsh life that has been thrust upon him. A modern classic and a must read.
Nigel	Hinton	Partners in crime	Dyslexia Friendly	Gangs and drug rings go hand in hand with Marco, Perry and Toddie but when Perry meets Nadia things spiral out of control and tragedy strikes. A brilliant thriller about revenge, don't miss it.
Nick	Hornby	About a boy	Issues/relationships	An unlikely friendship leads playboy Will to examine his life and start taking on some adult responsibility. A laugh out loud look at complete opposites of personalities.
Khalid	Hosseini	A thousand splendid suns	Issues/Cultural	Set in Afghanistan, life is a struggle for Mariam but through the friendship of a teenage girl she can overcome the hardship and triumph. A harsh and brutal observation of life under a strict regime.

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Khalid	Hossein	The Kite Runner	Issues/Cultural	Amir returns to Afghanistan under Taliban rule, to discover what happened to his friend Hassan and to seek redemption following a terrible event when they were young boys.
Aldous	Huxley	Brave New World	Classic Fantasy	Mind control and genetic engineering in a future world makes Bernard Marx want to break free from the ideal world in which he lives. This modern classic was far ahead of its time when published in 1931 and has remained one of the greats, not to be missed.
David	Klass	You don't know me	Issues/Violence	John suffers at the hands of his mother's boyfriend but can't tell his mother about it. Can John let his guard down and confide in his mum, will he let her get to know him?
Suzanne	LaFleur	Love Aubrey	Issues/Family problems	Following a tragic car accident that killed her father and sister, Aubrey is left alone by her mother and in this heart-breaking novel she turns to her grandmother who convinces her that all is not lost. A brilliantly moving story.
Tanya	Landman	Apache	Historical	A great tale of survival and struggle to maintain the Apache tribe and their homeland. When Siki's family are murdered she is determined to become an Apache warrior to avenge their deaths.
Sarah J	Maas	Throne of glass	Fantasy	This great new fantasy novel will grip you from the beginning. An 18 year old girl is sent to work in the salt mines after being discovered as an assassin. Singled out, she must fight to the death to defend the honour of a prince, does she live or die, you'll have to read it to find out!
Sophie	MacKenzie	Blood Ties	Thriller	Sophie McKenzie never fails to entertain with her original storylines and this one is no exception. Genetic engineering, a mysterious reappearance and a rebel organisation are just some of the elements combining to make this a top class thriller

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John	Marsden	So much to tell you	Issues/ Violence	Marina doesn't speak but through an English teacher begins a diary to help express her feelings, through which she finally begins to come to terms with events of the past.
George R	Martin	Game of Thrones	Fantasy	A fantasy epic that will rival the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Plots, Kings and thrones, murder and intrigue every step of the way, will definitely keep your interest throughout. Not to be missed.
Anthiny	Masters	Finding Joe	Issues/Crime	An edgy thriller sure to get your heart racing. Ty witnesses a murder but has to leave himself behind to become Joe. Definitely worth reading.
Anthony	McGowan	Henry Tumour	Issues/Humour	Despite this being about a boy with a talking brain tumour called Henry, this is an hilarious, laugh out loud tale and is sure to entertain. All the usual school ingredients: bullying, fancying girls and unsympathetic teachers, make this a winner!
Anthony	McGowan	The Knife that killed me	Crime	Peer pressure, bullying, knife crime and gangs make this a highly charged and compelling read. Anthony McGowan is a fantastic story teller!
Stephenie	Meyer	The Host	Science Fiction	In contrast to her Twilight series, this alien, world domination novel is refreshingly original in its concept. Melanie Stryder's brain has been invaded by the alien 'Wanderer' but Melanie refuses to give up the thoughts of her loved one Jared. Wanderer falls in love with the man she has never met and is compelled to help Melanie find him.
Patrick	Ness	Monsters of men (Chaos Walking Trilogy)	Futuristic	Three armies are marching on New Prentisstown, can Todd and Viola prevent destruction or better yet, promote world peace? This Carnegie award winning novel is a thought provoking, page turner, worthy of any book shelf!
Garth	Nix	Sabriel trilogy: Sabriel; Lireal; Abhorsen	Fantasy	In this brilliant fantasy trilogy, Sabriel must travel a perilous journey across the Old Kingdom to find her father. A voyage of discovery, trickery and danger awaits the unsuspecting reader!

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George	Orwell	Animal Farm	Classic	The animals take over Manor Farm when they get rid of their master. Is their life full of plenty and enjoyment or is it back to the old ways as the clever ones take over?
George	Orwell	Nineteen eighty four	Classic	Who controls the past, controls the future: who controls the present, controls the past'. Winston Smith under the watchful eyes of 'Big Brother' attempts to control the past in order to gain control for his party but when he falls in love with a fellow worker, he realises that betrayal is the only way to truly gain freedom. One of the greatest modern classics, a definite must read!
Dave	Pelzer	A Child Called It	Autobiography	A true tale of deprivation, cruelty and abuse told through the eyes of a survivor. An emotional yet inspirational read.
Annabel	Perera	Guantanamo Boy	Issues/Terrorism	Whilst on holiday with his parents in Pakistan, Khalid is abducted and taken to Guantanamo Bay where everything he knows and understands is crushed; he is destined to be a changed person upon his release.
Annabel	Pitcher	Ketchup Clouds	Issues/Romance	Zoe is caught in a love triangle between two brothers and in this heart racing tale, she must share a terrible secret with her penfriend, a criminal on death row.
Alison	Prince	Speed	Dyslexia Friendly	Bikers, speed, thrills and boyfriends. Deb loves the thrill of the ride when out with her boyfriend but can the thrills last? A gripping drama not to be missed.
Bali	Rai	(Un)arranged marriage	Cultural	Manny has a weight on his shoulders, his parents have arranged a wedding and he doesn't want it. He's a footballer, has dreams and hopes, how will he get out of this mess? A great up to date tale of family pressure.
Bali	Rai	The Crew	Issues/Gangs	In the ghetto everyone has to stick together, that's exactly what Ellie, Jas, Della, Will and Billy do, they look after each other but sometimes danger lurks when other older city gangs turn up!

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Bali	Rai	Dream On	Dyslexia Friendly	Mandip dreams of being a professional footballer but his family has other plans. Can Mandip bring them around to his way of thinking? A great comedy.
Mary	Shelley	Frankenstein	Classic/Horror	This almost 200 year old classic still ranks of one of the best. When Victor Frankenstein thinks he can create intelligent life, little does he know how his monster will react. A must read
Joe	Simpson	Touching the void	Autobiography	This emotional and tragic account of a climbing adventure that went wrong will captivate you from the start. A true tale of survival in an unforgiving environment.
R L	Stevenson	The strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Classic/Horror	When Dr Jekyll finds a way of changing his personality, he becomes the violent Mr Hyde but then loses control over his metamorphosis.
Maggie	Stiefvater	Shiver	Fantasy/supernatural	Grace is in love with a boy with yellow eyes and is also drawn to a mysterious wolf pack and to a wolf with yellow eyes. This supernatural love story will have you on the edge of your seat.
Bram	Stoker	Dracula	Classic/horror	The vampire story to outshine them all, Dracula is shrouded in gothic mystery and horror, it has all the ingredients of a spine-chilling, blood-curdling thriller!
Tabitha	Suzuma	Note of madness	Issues/depression	Exploring depression, this is a story of Flynn, a top pianist at the Royal College of Music who struggles to face the world on some days yet is at the top of his game on others. A frank look at teenage mental illness.
Robert	Swindells	Snakebite	Dyslexia Friendly	Alex lives on a tough estate with gangs and crime, he must survive but when tough Mark thinks Alex has grassed him up, he's on the warpath. Alex is hunted.
J R R	Tolkien	Lord of the rings trilogy	Fantasy	This epic adventure to find and destroy a ring takes Frodo and friends on a journey of a lifetime. Testing friendship and determination to the limit, Tolkien's classic fantasy is sure to thrill.

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Alice	Walker	The Color Purple	Issues/Racism	Mistreated, first by her father then treated as a slave by her husband, Celie faces a life of misery until she discovers a network of support from the women surrounding her. Set in the deep American South, this tale of poverty, abuse and ignorance is strangely uplifting and highly recommended.
Rachel	Ward	Numbers	Mystery	Jem has a secret so disturbing that she avoids relationships with anyone but then she meets Spider and everything changes. One day when they are out, she is convinced that something terrible is about to happen. A brilliantly written and original tale, certainly a must read.
Benjamin	Zephaniah	Refugee Boy	Issues/Cultural	When Alem's father leaves him in a bed and breakfast house in London with only a note of explanation, he is thrown into a confusing, desperate situation. At the mercy of Social Services, he tries to locate his parents, in particular his mother who has gone missing. A hard hitting novel of the immigration and refugee situation in Britain. A brilliant read as always from Zephaniah.
Gabrielle	Zevin	Elsewhere	Issues/Death	An unusual and original story about life after death. It tells of a journey through the afterlife for Liz who is killed in a hit and run accident. It is an outstanding novel not to be missed.
Marcus	Zusak	The Book Thief	Fantasy	Set in Berlin at the height of the Nazi regime, this is an extraordinary tale of Liesel, a young girl who picks up a book, so beginning her journey into book thievery. This is without doubt one of the most beautifully written books of modern times and definitely a must read.