

## Recommended Reading for Motivated Students

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**Miss Ferries** recommends:

- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
  - *“a multi-layered insight into what it is to go through adolescence, particularly as a teenage girl and in such hard circumstances”*
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
  - *“reflections on the awkwardness and complexities of being a teenager, friendships and relationships”*
- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
  - *“the innocence in a world full of ignorance depicted in the book humanises victims of concentration camps”*

**Mr Abi-Aoun** recommends:

- Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan-Doyle
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stephenson
- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
- The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

All of the above texts can be accessed for free via Project Gutenberg: [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)

**Miss McDowall** recommends:

- Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
  - *“all of these texts have excellent character arcs and great development of plot”*

**Miss Moore** recommends:

- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- The Hound of the Baskervilles by Thomas Hardy
  - *“all three of these texts shaped me as a teenager”*

**Mrs Kenny** recommends:

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

- *“a really pertinent story about class warfare, teen angst and the pitfalls of only doing things to impress other people. Plus, S.E. Hinton wrote it when she was in school herself”*
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
  - *“Salinger taps into the soul of teenage worry and pain so effortlessly... I felt heard and seen when I read this”*
- 1984 by George Orwell
  - *“if you have any interest in politics, or enjoyed reading An Inspector Calls, 1984 is a good next step... It is truly unsettling at points”*

**Want something a bit less... tough, but still excellent? Try:**

- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
- The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf
- Doll Bones by Holly Black
- The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
- Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead
- The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis