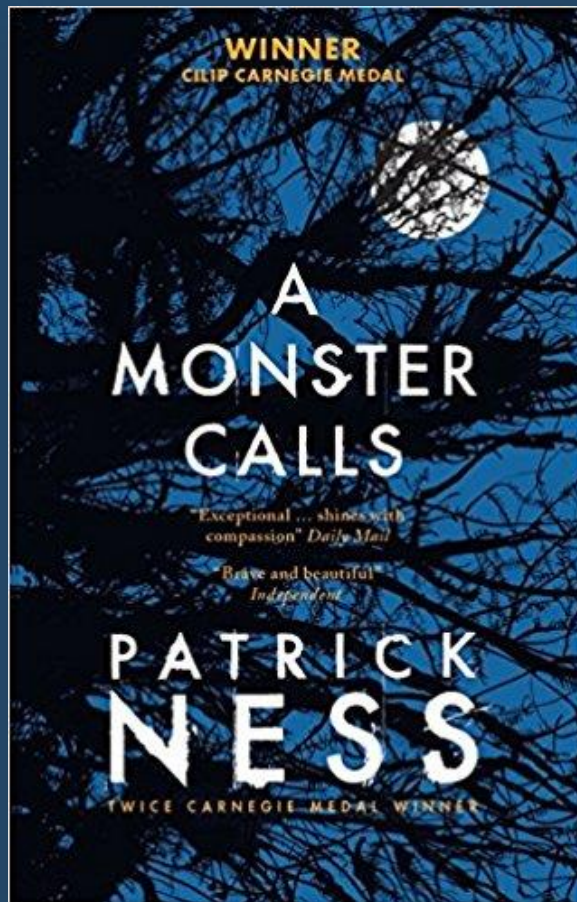


Year 10 Suggested Book Titles

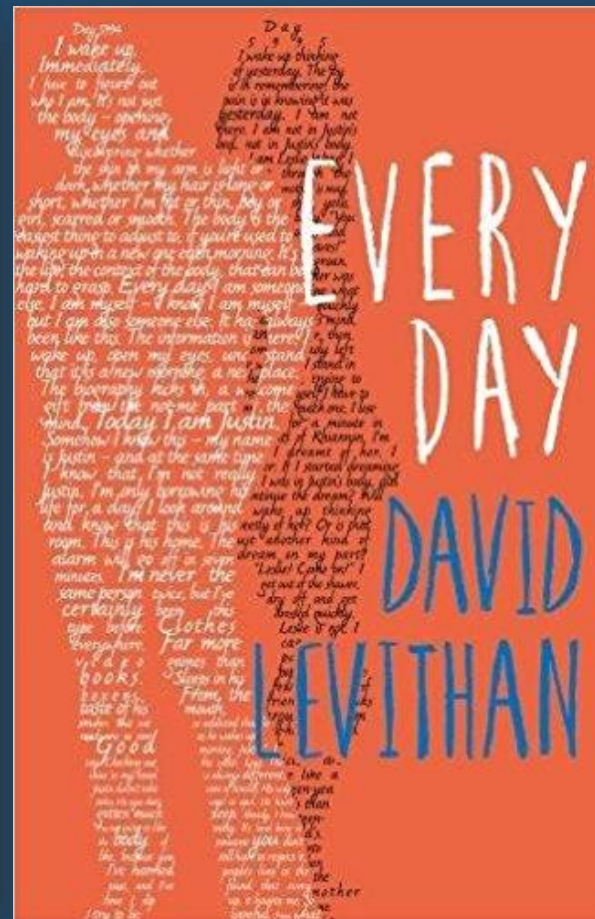
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A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Blurb: Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

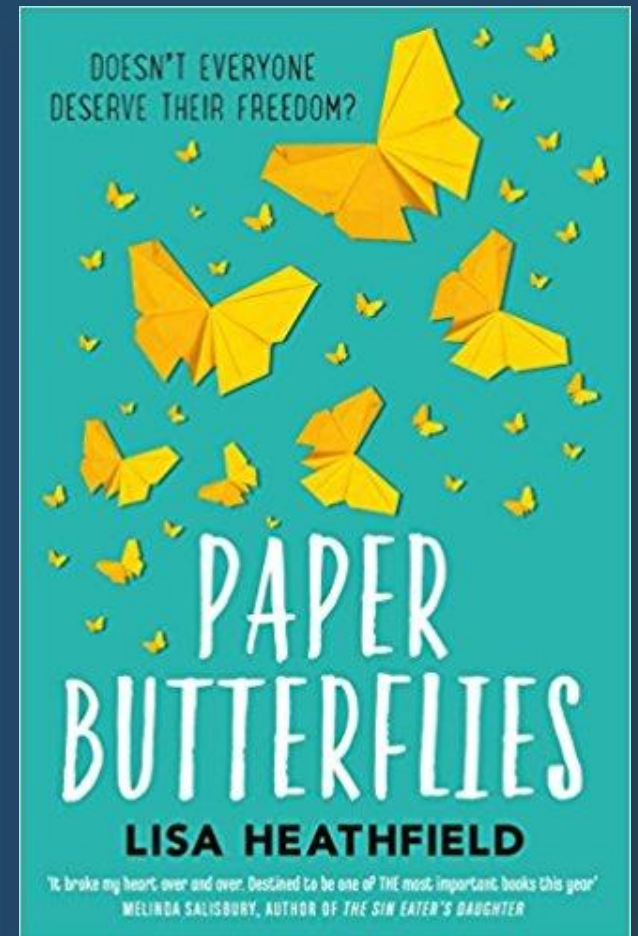


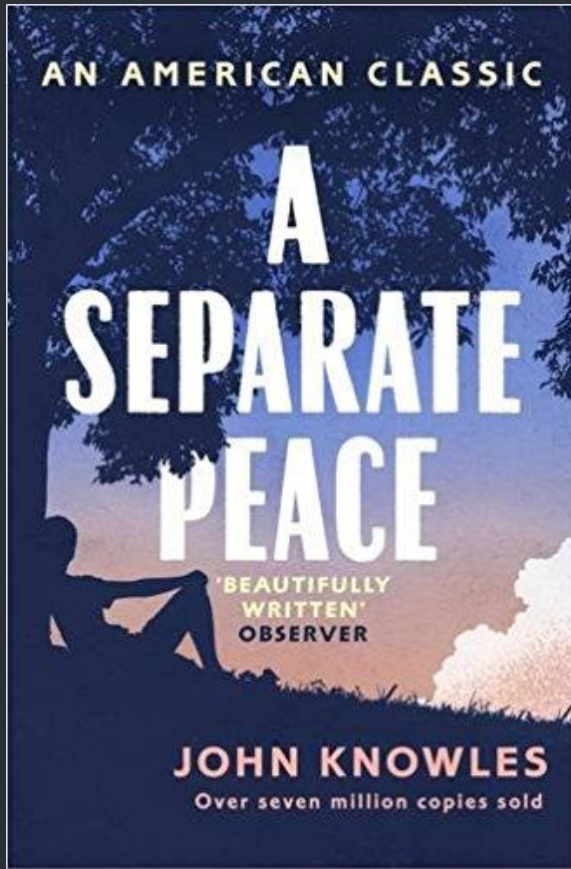
Every Day by David Levithan

Blurb: Each morning, A wakes up in a different body. There's never any warning about who it will be, but A is used to that. Never get too attached. Avoid being noticed. Do not interfere. And that's fine – until A wakes up in the body of Justin and meets Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. From that moment, the rules by which A has been living no longer apply. Because finally A has found someone he wants to be with – every day . . .

Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield

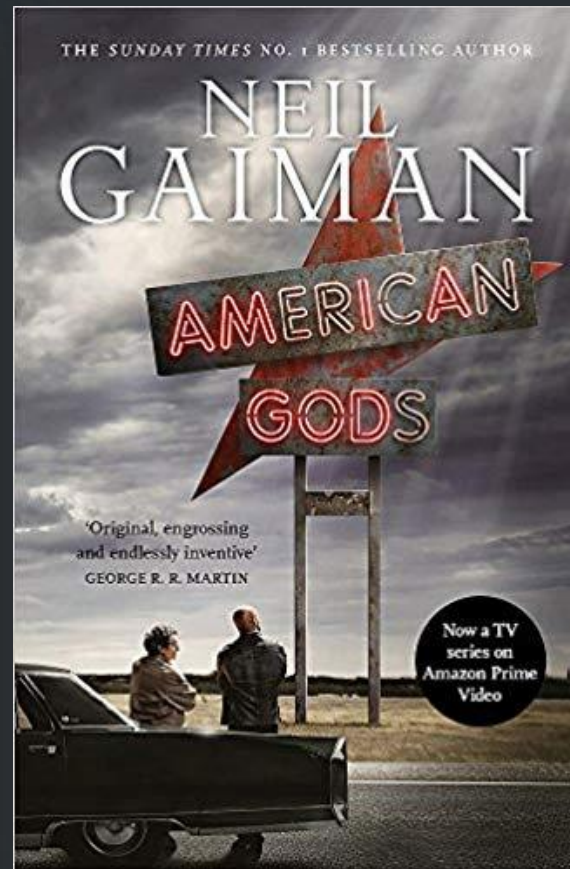
Blurb: June's life at home with her stepmother and stepsister is a dark one - and a secret one. Not even her father knows about it. She's trapped like a butterfly in a jar. But then she meets Blister, a boy in the woods. And in him, June recognises the tiniest glimmer of hope that perhaps she can find a way to fly far, far away. But freedom comes at a price . . .





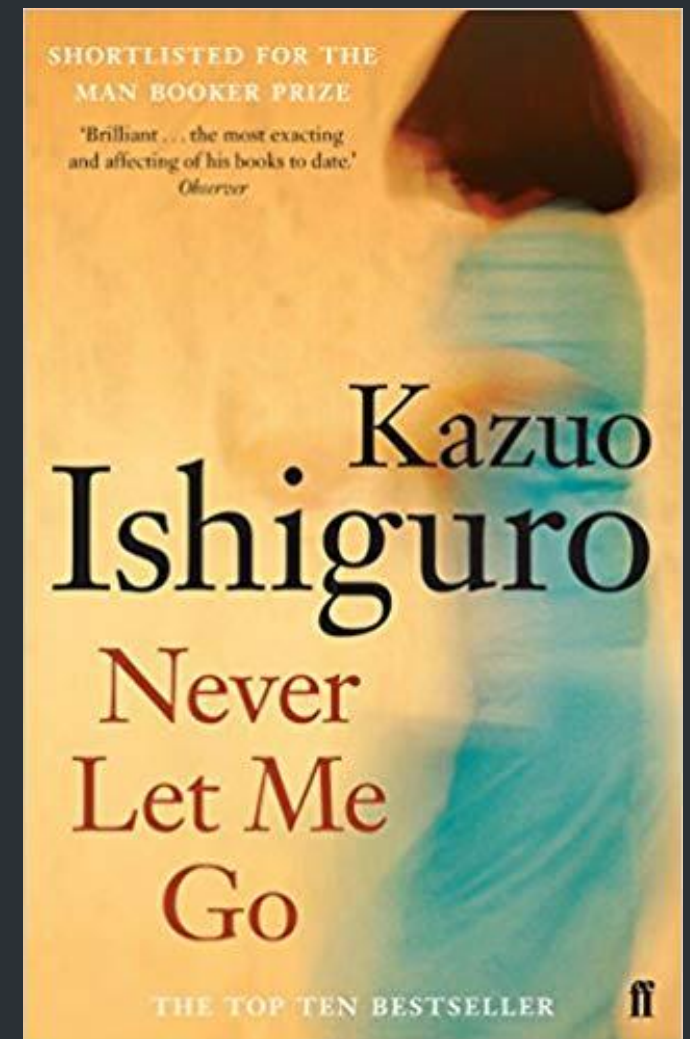
A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Blurb: Set at a boys' boarding school in New England during the early years of World War II, A Separate Peace is a harrowing and luminous parable of the dark side of adolescence. Gene is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, taunting, daredevil athlete. What happens between the two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world.



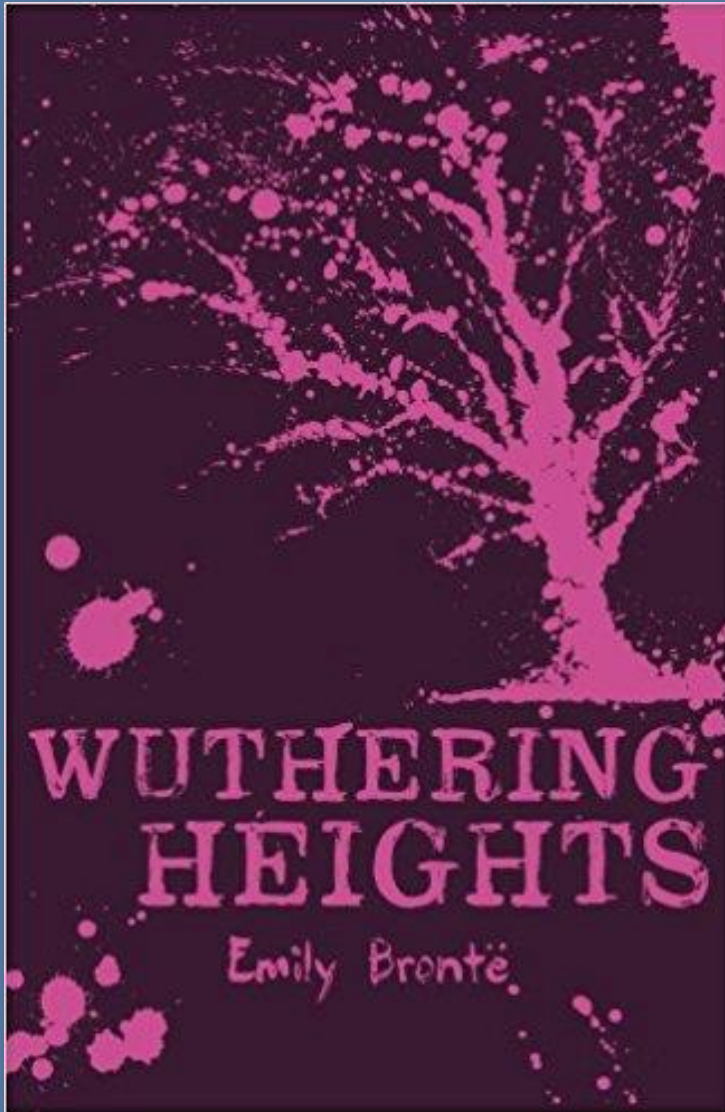
American Gods by Neil Gaiman

Blurb: If you are to survive, you must believe. Shadow Moon has served his time. But hours before his release from prison, his beloved wife is killed in a freak accident. Dazed, he boards a plane home where he meets the enigmatic Mr Wednesday, who professes both to know Shadow and to be king of America. Together they embark on a profoundly strange road trip across the USA, encountering a kaleidoscopic cast of characters along the way. Yet all around them a storm threatens to break. The war has already begun, an epic struggle for the very soul of America, and Shadow is standing squarely in its path.



Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

Blurb: Told as a series of flashbacks. Kathy tried to make sense of her childhood at the seemingly perfect Halsham School. The story slowly reveals a shocking dystopia which forces the reader to confront the horror of modern society.



Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

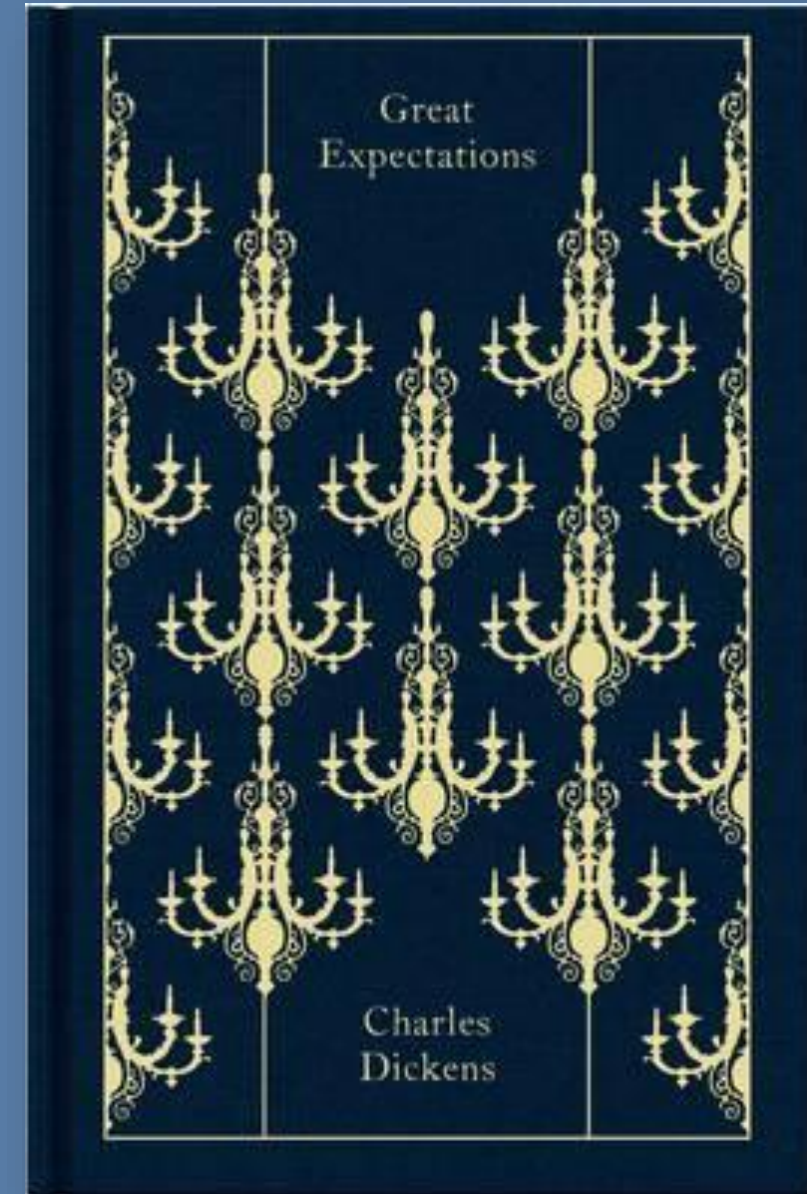
Blurb: The heart-breaking story of the tumultuous and passionate relationship between gypsy foundling Heathcliff and the wealthy Catherine Earnshaw. Despite her love for Heathcliff, Catherine marries the well-bred Edgar Linton. This betrayal has unforeseen ramifications for generations to come.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Blurb: Narrator, Philip Pirrip (Pip), from a boy of shallow dreams to a man with depth of character. From its famous dramatic opening on the bleak Kentish marshes, the story abounds with some of Dickens' most memorable characters.

Among them are the kindly blacksmith Joe Gargery, the mysterious convict Abel Magwitch, the eccentric Miss Haversham and her beautiful ward Estella, Pip's good-hearted room-mate Herbert Pocket and the pompous Pumblechook.

As Pip unravels the truth behind his own 'great expectations' in his quest to become a gentleman, the mysteries of the past and the convolutions of fate through a series of thrilling adventures serve to steer him towards maturity and his most important discovery of all - the truth about himself.



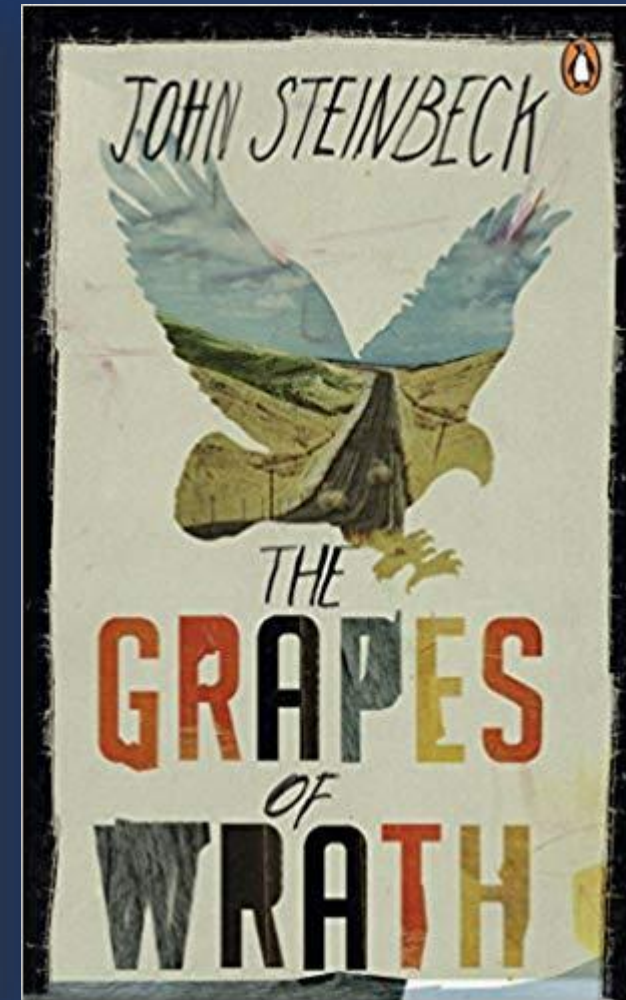
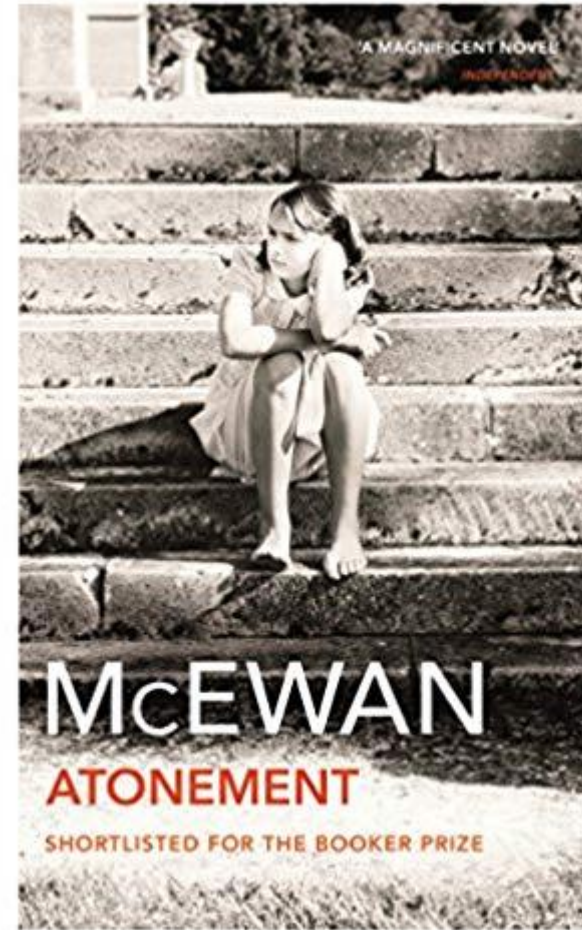
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Blurb: A downtrodden orphan thinks her life has changed for the better after meeting Maxim de Winter in the South of France in a whirlwind romance. But moving to Cornwall reveals unexpected a ghost from the past and a nemesis in the mysterious housekeeper, Mrs Davies. What happened to the previous Mrs de Winter?



Atonement by Ian McEwan

Blurb: On the hottest day of the summer of 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis sees her sister Cecilia strip off her clothes and plunge into the fountain in the garden of their country house. Watching her too is Robbie Turner who, like Cecilia, has recently come down from Cambridge. By the end of that day, the lives of all three will have been changed for ever, as Briony commits a crime for which she will spend the rest of her life trying to atone.

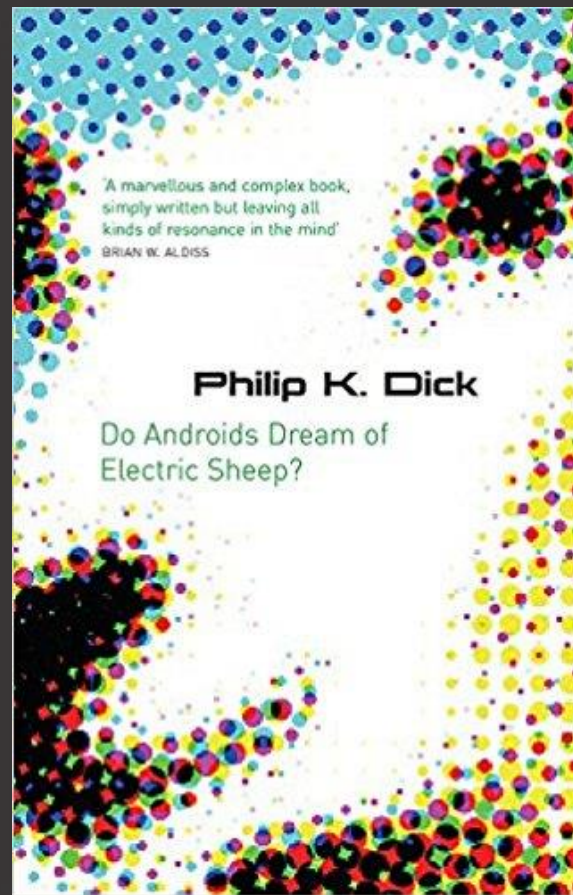


The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Blurb: Drought and economic depression are driving thousands from Oklahoma. As their land becomes just another strip in the dust bowl, the Joads, a family of sharecroppers, decide they have no choice but to follow. They head west, towards California, where they hope to find work and a future for their family. But while the journey to this promised land will take its inevitable toll, there remains uncertainty about what awaits their arrival . .

The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks

Blurb: 16 year old Frank thinks killing various family members was just a stage he was going through. A brilliantly written horror story with strong themes and an unforgettable twist.



Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip K. Dick

Blurb: World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalked, in search of the renegade replicants who were his prey. When he wasn't 'retiring' them with his laser weapon, he dreamed of owning a live animal - the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of animal life.

Then Rick got his chance: the assignment to kill six Nexus-6 targets, for a huge reward. But in Deckard's world things were never that simple, and his assignment quickly turned into a nightmare kaleidoscope of subterfuge and deceit - and the threat of death for the hunter rather than the hunted.

LONG WALK to FREEDOM

'Enthralling ... Mandela emulates the few great political leaders, such as Lincoln and Gandhi, who go beyond mere consensus and move out ahead of their followers to break new ground'
Donald Woods in the *Sunday Times*



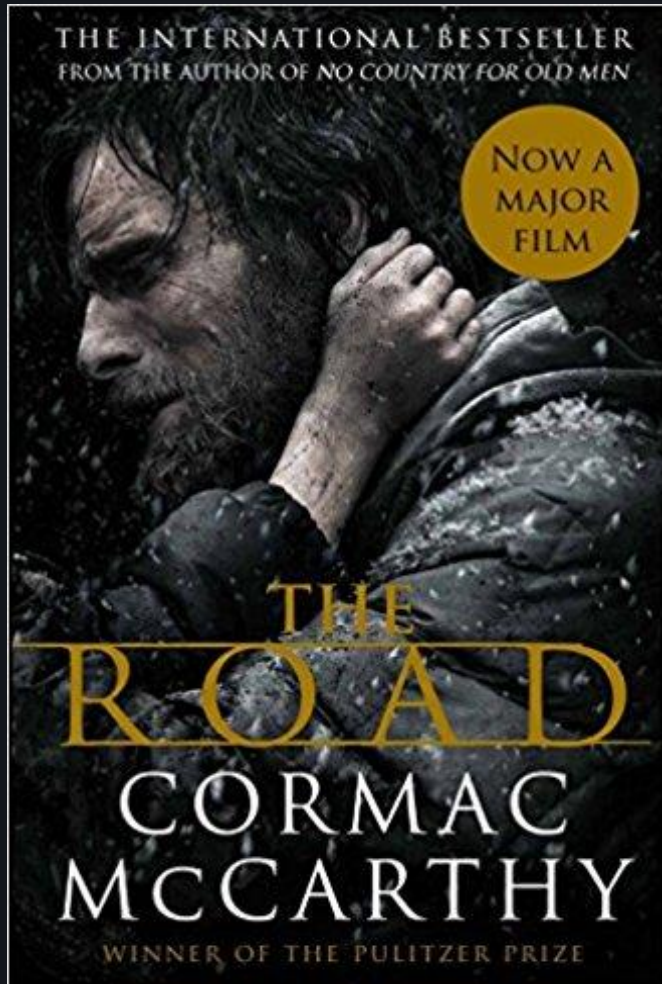
NELSON MANDELA

Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela

Blurb: A thought provoking and emotive autobiography which chronicles the first part of Nelson Mandela's life, leading up to his time in captivity. An examination of the triumph of human spirit over adversity.

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Blurb: This saga follows father and son on a road trip across a post apocalyptic American landscape heading to the hope of Salvation on the coast.



VINTAGE REMARQUE

All Quiet on the Western Front



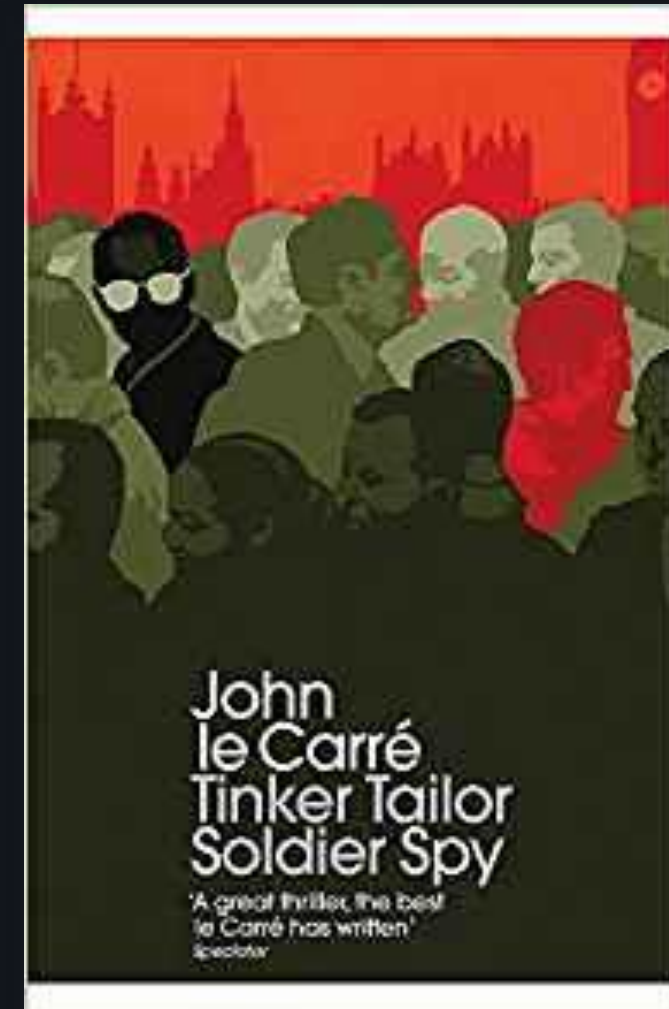
All Quiet on Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Blurb: In 1914 a room full of German schoolboys, fresh-faced and idealistic, are goaded by their schoolmaster to troop off to the 'glorious war'. With the fire and patriotism of youth they sign up. What follows is the moving story of a young 'unknown soldier' experiencing the horror and disillusionment of life in the trenches.

Tinker Tailor Solider Spy by John le Carre

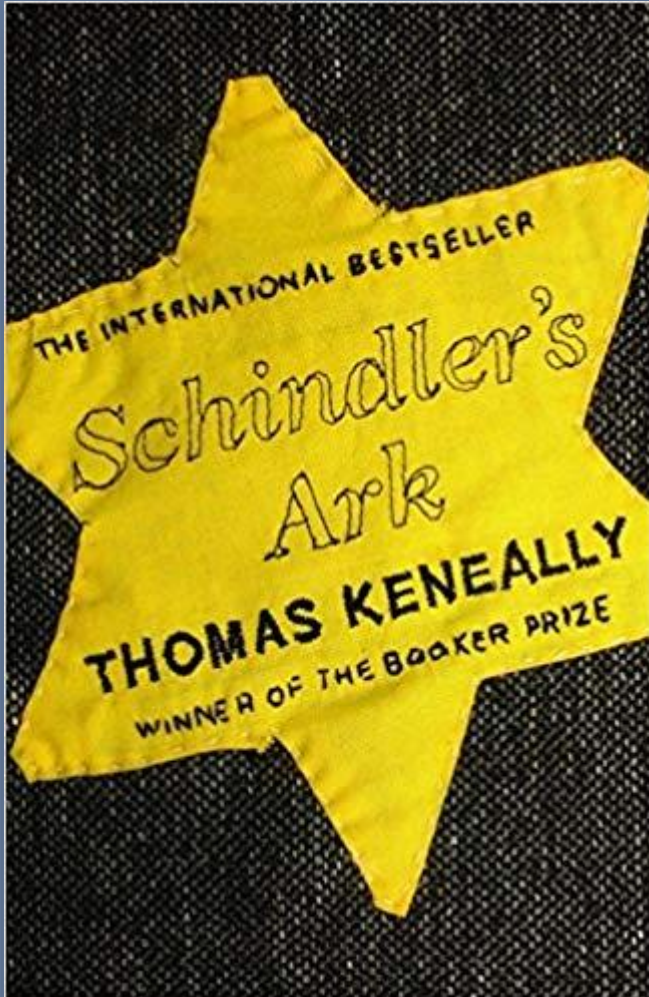
Blurb: George Smiley, who is a troubled man of infinite compassion, is also a single-mindedly ruthless adversary as a spy.

The scene which he enters is a Cold War landscape of moles and lamplighters, scalp-hunters and pavement artists, where men are turned, burned or bought for stock. Smiley's mission is to catch a Moscow Centre mole burrowed thirty years deep into the Circus itself.



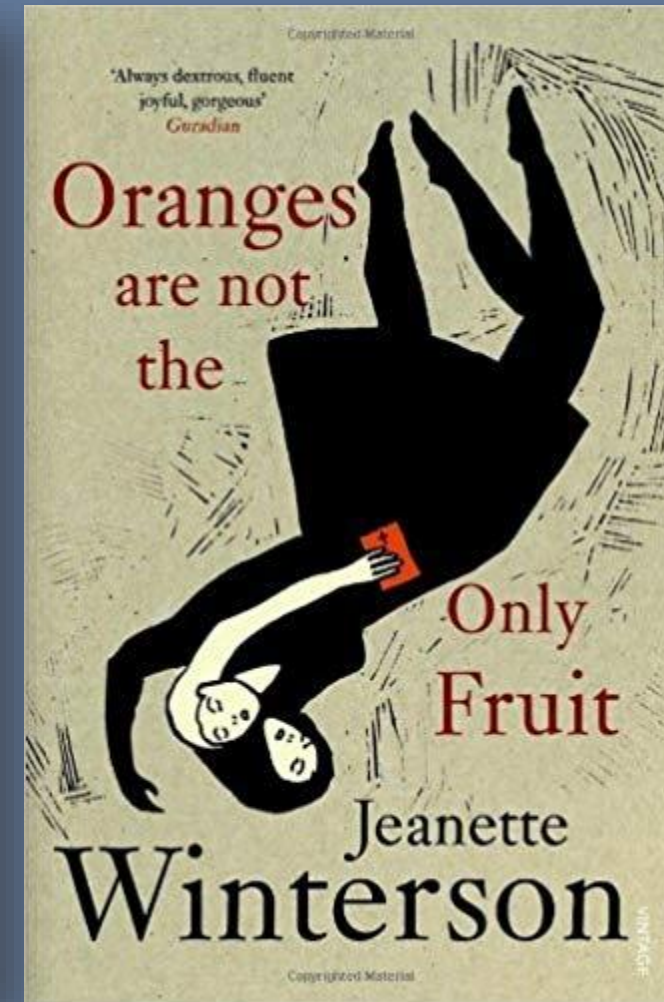
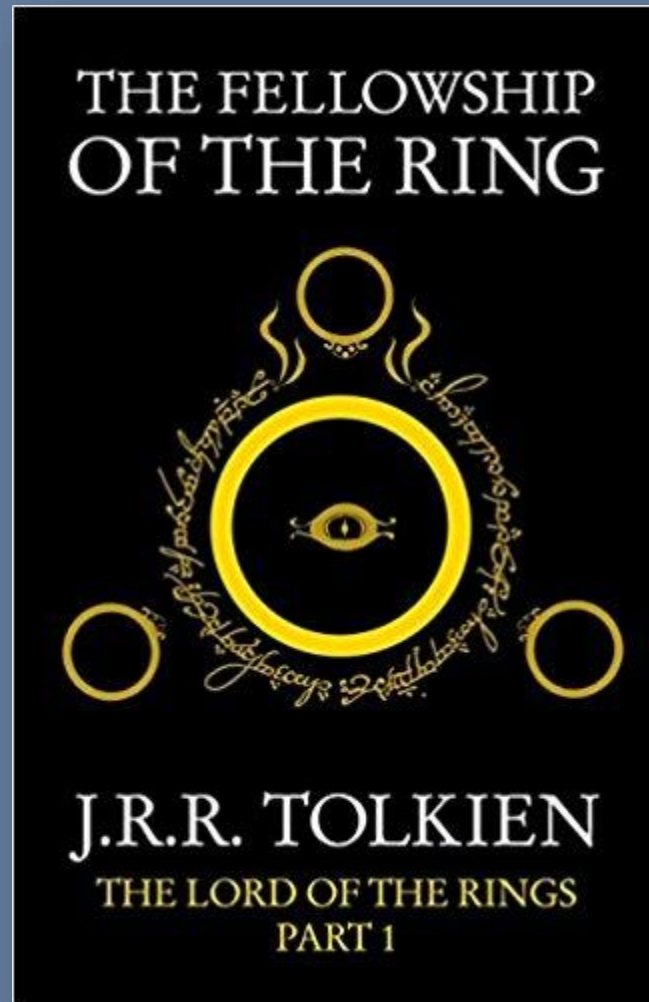
Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally

Blurb: In the shadow of Auschwitz, a flamboyant German industrialist grew into a living legend to the Jews of Cracow. He was a womaniser, a heavy drinker and a bon viveur, but to them he became a saviour. This is the extraordinary story of Oskar Schindler, who risked his life to protect Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland and who was transformed by the war into a man with a mission, a compassionate angel of mercy.



The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien

Blurb: Sauron seeks total power of Middle Earth by controlling magical rings. But the all important ring to rule them all is now in the hands of a Hobbit called Frodo.



Oranges are not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson

Blurb: This is the story of Jeanette, adopted and brought up by her mother as one of God's elect. Zealous and passionate, she seems destined for life as a missionary, but then she falls for one of her converts. At sixteen, Jeanette decides to leave the church, her home and her family, for the young woman she loves. Innovative, punchy and tender,