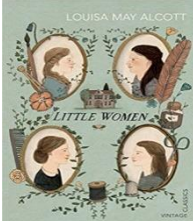
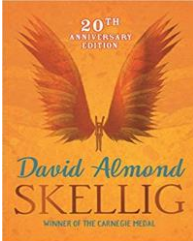


Joan Aiken's "The Wolves of Willoughby Chase" is set in an alternative 19th century England during the reign of James III and tells the adventures of cousins Bonnie, Sylvia and their friend Simon as they seek to thwart the evil schemes of their teacher Miss Slighcarp.



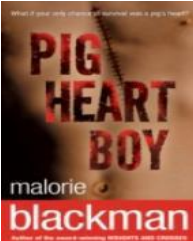
One of the original "coming of age" novels written in by Louisa M Alcott 1868/9 "Little Women" follows the lives, loves and tribulations of four sisters growing up during the American Civil War and is one of the best loved books of all time.



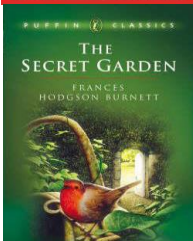
David Almond's Skellig is about Michael and the mysterious being he finds in the garage of his new house. Together with Mina from across the road they help the creature get stronger and in turn Michael learns to deal with a new school and problems at home.



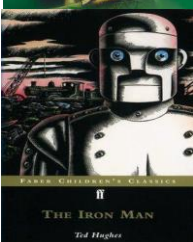
Nina Bawden's Carrie's War is about two evacuees during the Second World War. "Nick was frightened of ogres and spiders and crabs and cold water and the dentist and dark nights, but he wasn't afraid of MrEvans, even after that first dreadful night, because Mr Evans had false teeth that clicked when he talked."



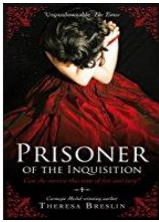
Cameron Kelsey has only a few months to live, and is no longer able to play sport, swim or live a normal life in any way. With no suitable human heart donor available, he agrees to try the revolutionary new process and is given a new heart, from a pig.



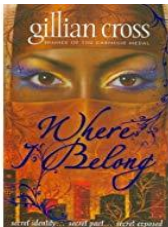
Mary Lennox was horrid. Selfish and spoilt, she was sent to stay with her hunchback uncle in Yorkshire. She hated it. But when she finds the way into a secret garden and begins to tend it, a change comes over her. *The Secret Garden* is one of the best-loved stories of all time.



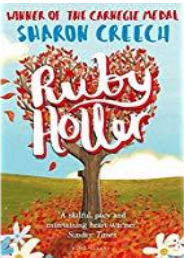
This classic science fiction novella by British Poet Laureate Ted Hughes is also a superb modern fairytale. Read how a man made of scrap metal befriends a small boy and helps to save mankind.



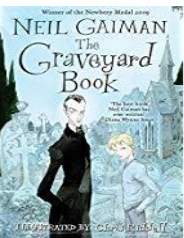
Zarita lives a life of privilege but this changes when the formidable and frightening Inquisition arrives in the area, bringing menacing shadows of suspicion with acts of cruel brutality, betrayal and revenge. Saulo is hauled off to be a slave at sea but has sworn vengeance on those who falsely accused his father.



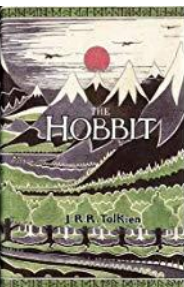
Khadija is sent to the UK to get an education & earn money for her family in Somalia. Abdi is the eldest son and now his father is dead too. Freya, the daughter of a famous fashion designer, is often left feeling neglected. A surprise takes them all on a journey that will change them forever.



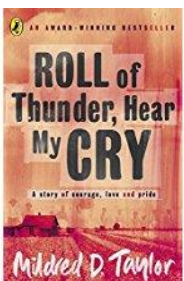
"Trouble twins" Dallas and Florida are orphans who long for a loving home. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple who live in the Ruby Holler and yearn for adventure. When they invite the twins to join them on their journeys, they first must all stay together in the Holler, and the magic of the place takes over.



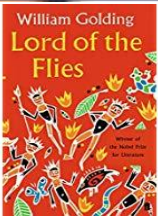
Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts. There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that real danger lurks for it is there that the man Jack lives and he has already killed Bod's family.



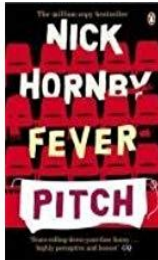
The enchanting prelude to The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit is the story of Bilbo Baggins, a quiet and contented hobbit whose life is turned upside down when he joins the wizard Gandalf and thirteen dwarves on their quest to reclaim stolen treasure. It is a journey fraught with danger and in the end it is Bilbo Baggins alone who must face the guardian of this treasure, the most dreaded dragon in all Middle-earth.



The story of Cassie Logan and her family, an African American family fighting to stay together, preserve their history and be strong in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep Jim Crow South of the 1930s.



A plane crashes on an uninhabited island and the only survivors, a group of schoolboys, assemble on the beach and wait to be rescued. By day they inhabit a land of bright fantastic birds and dark blue seas, but at night their dreams are haunted by the image of a terrifying beast.



For many people watching football is mere entertainment, to some it's more like a ritual; but to others, it provides a narrative to life itself. For the author football is one of the constants in a life where the meaningful things - like growing up, leaving home and forming relationships, both parental and romantic - have rarely been as simple or as uncomplicated as his love for Arsenal.



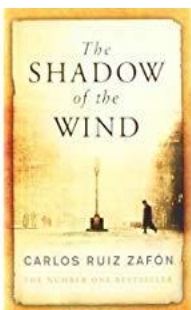
Far in the future, the World Controllers have created the ideal society. Through clever use of genetic engineering, brainwashing and recreational drugs all its members are happy consumers. Bernard seems alone harbouring an ill-defined longing to break free. A visit to one of the few remaining Savage Reservations where the old, imperfect life still goes on may be the cure for his distress...



Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. You can hear everything they think and they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run...



The mini cab office - that's where I first met Violet Park, what was left of her! Lucas Swain becomes intrigued by the urn of ashes left in a cab office. Convinced that its occupant - Violet Park - is communicating with him, he contrives to gain possession of the urn, little realising that his quest will take him on a voyage of self-discovery and identity, forcing him to finally confront what happened to his absent (and possibly dead) father...



One cold morning in 1945 a man takes his 10-year-old son Daniel to the 'cemetery of lost books', a labyrinthine library of obscure and forgotten titles in the heart of the old city of Barcelona. Daniel can choose one book from the shelves but as he grows up, several people seem inordinately interested in his book including a figure who reminds him of a character from the book, a character who turns out to be the devil.





It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC. The weekend has only just begun . . .

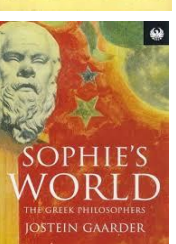
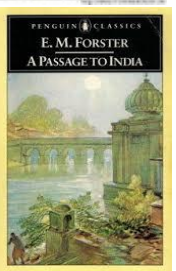
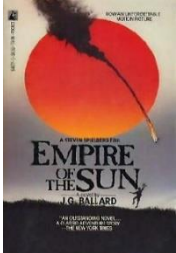
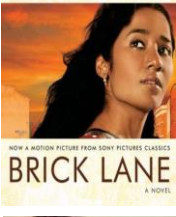
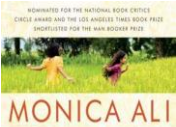
Still in her teenage years, Nazneen finds herself in an arranged marriage with a disappointed man who is twenty years older. Away from the mud and heat of her Bangladeshi village, home is now a cramped flat in a high-rise block in London's East End. Nazneen knows not a word of English, and is forced to depend on her husband. But unlike him she is practical and wise, and befriends a fellow Asian girl Razia, who helps her understand the strange ways of her adopted new British home.

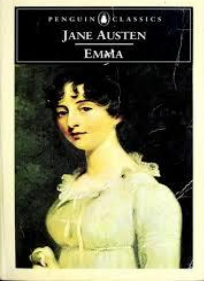
The cruelty inflicted by the Japanese forces and the dropping of the atomic bomb was well known. Told through the eyes of a child, the book leaves the reader thinking about the way a child sees life and lives through awful circumstances, adapting to life to survive.

*Wuthering Heights* is a wild, passionate story of the intense and almost demonic love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, a foundling adopted by Catherine's father. After Mr Earnshaw's death, Heathcliff is bullied and humiliated by Catherine's brother Hindley and wrongly believing that his love for Catherine is not reciprocated, leaves Wuthering Heights, only to return years later as a wealthy and polished man. He proceeds to exact a terrible revenge for his former miseries.

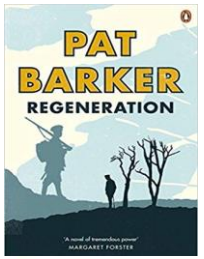
When Adela Quested and her elderly companion Mrs Moore arrive in the Indian town of Chandrapore, they quickly feel trapped by its insular and prejudiced 'Anglo-Indian' community. Determined to escape the parochial English enclave and explore the 'real India', they seek the guidance of the charming and mercurial Dr Aziz, a cultivated Indian Muslim. A masterly portrait of a society in the grip of imperialism,

This book leads you through a history of the great philosophers right through to the modern age. With Sophie, the reader is encouraged to question the world around themselves. The teacher-pupil structure enhances the plot, whose mysteries will keep you wondering to the last page.

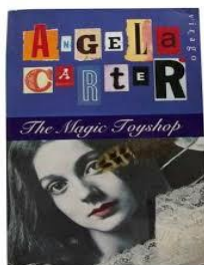




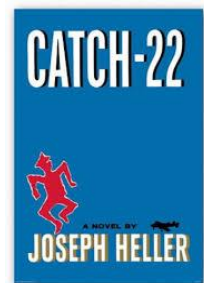
Jane Austen teased readers with the idea of a 'heroine whom no one but myself will much like', but Emma is irresistible. 'Handsome, clever, and rich', Emma is also an 'imaginist', 'on fire with speculation and foresight'. She sees the signs of romance all around her, but thinks she will never be married. Her matchmaking maps out relationships that Jane Austen ironically tweaks into a clearer perspective.



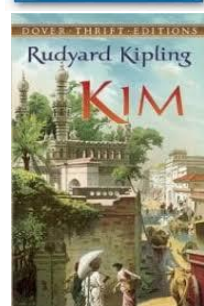
Poignant and powerful, this is not a novel about war, or the pity of human conflict, but about how governments and medical professionals respond to it. It focuses on a neurologist and social anthropologist, Dr W.H.R. Rivers, working at Craiglockhart hospital near Edinburgh during the Great War.



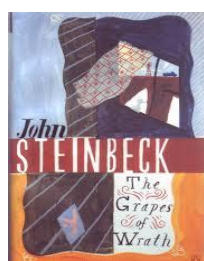
'This crazy world whirled around her, men and women dwarfed by toys and puppets, where even the birds are mechanical and the few human figures went masked... She was in the night once again, and the doll was herself.' One night Melanie walks through the garden in her mother's wedding dress. The next morning her world is shattered.



Set in the closing months of World War II, this is the story of a bombardier named Yossarian who is frantic and furious because thousands of people he has never met are trying to kill him. His real problem is not the enemy - it is his own army which keeps increasing the number of missions the men must fly to complete their service.



In a vividly drawn India of the late 19th century, orphan Kimball O'Hara is on the cusp of manhood. Living as a beggar, it isn't until Kim befriends an aged Tibetan Lama that his life transforms: the old man is on a quest to find the legendary River of the Arrow and achieve Enlightenment, and together they embark on an adventure through this impoverished, beautiful, chaotic nation in the grip of the Great Game, the conflict during which the British and Russian Empires raced to control Central Asia.



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.