

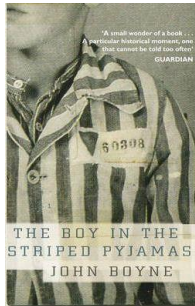


Suggested Reading List for 1st to 6th year



To improve your English, it is crucial that you develop your reading skills. Below is a list of recommended novels that are worth dipping into. Some of these are already on the prescribed reading list for Junior Cycle. Don't forget the audio book versions as well.

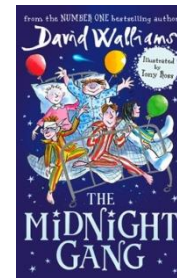
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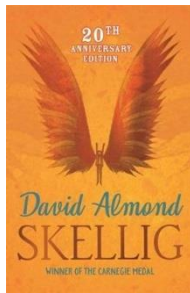
'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas',
by John Boyne



'The 'Cherub' books,
by Robert Muchamore



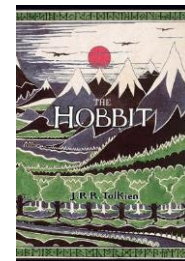
'The Midnight Gang',
and 'Bad Dad' by
David Walliams



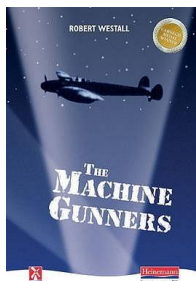
'Skellig', and 'Kit's Wilderness',
by David Almond



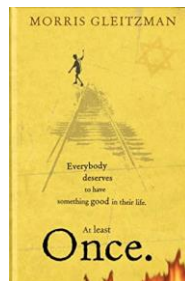
'An Eagle in the Snow'
and 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
by Michael Morpurgo



'The Hobbit' by
J.R.R. Tolkien



'The Machine Gunners'
by Robert Westall



'Once' by
Maurice Gleitzman



'Wonder' by
R.J. Palacio



'The Snow Goose' by
Paul Gallico

Also worth checking out: 'Wilderness' by Roddy Doyle, 'Coraline' by Neil Gaiman, 'Cirque du Freak' by Darren Shan,

Second Year and Third Year

'The Hunger Games' trilogy, Suzanne Collins

'Skulduggery Pleasant', Derek Landy

'Holes', Louis Sachar

'Northern Lights', Philip Pullman
(Full trilogy is called 'His Dark Materials')

'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy, JRR Tolkien

'The Book Thief', Markus Zusak

'Noughts and Crosses', Malorie Blackman

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time', Mark Haddon

'To Kill a Mockingbird', Harper Lee

'Animal Farm', George Orwell

'Lord of the Flies', William Golding

'Of Mice and Men', John Steinbeck

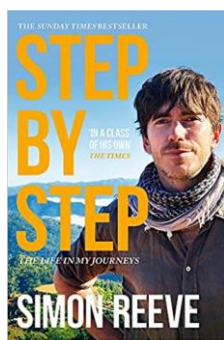
'Trash', Andy Mulligan

'This One Summer', Mariko and Jillian Tamaki (graphic novel)

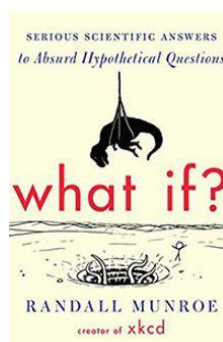
'The Librarian of Auschwitz', Antonio Iturbe

'Watership Down', Richard Adams

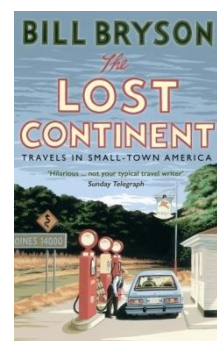
Non-fiction



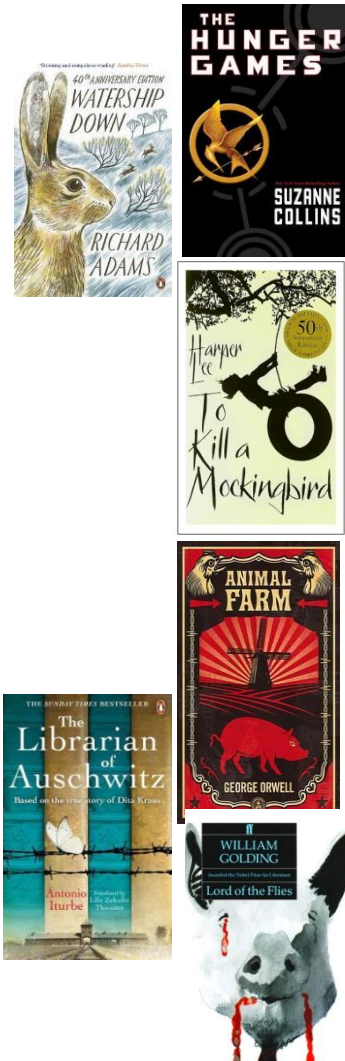
'Step by Step'
by Simon Reeve



'What If?'
by Randall Munroe

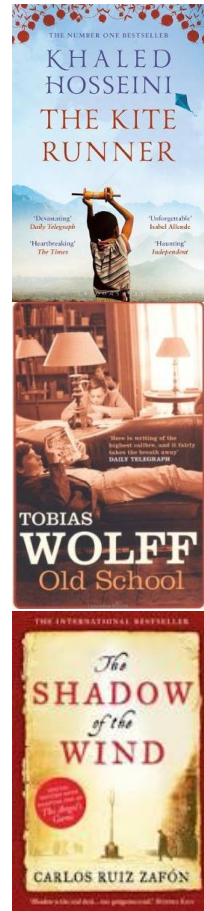


'The Lost Continent'
by Bill Bryson



Transition Year, Fifth Year and Sixth Year

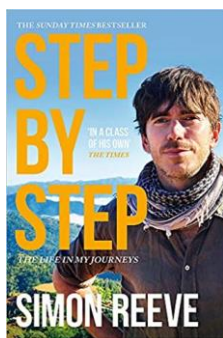
ADAMS, Douglas	The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Sci-fi/humour)
BALLARD, J.G.	Empire of the Sun
CLARKE, Arthur C.	2001 A Space Odyssey (Sci-fi)
COETZEE, J.M.	Boyhood
CONNOLLY, John	The Book of Lost Things *
DICKENS, Charles	Great Expectations *
FITZGERALD, F Scott	The Great Gatsby *
GOLDING, William	Lord of the Flies
HAMID, Moshin	The Reluctant Fundamentalist
HARRIS, Robert	Pompeii
	Fatherland*
HEMINGWAY, E.	The Old Man and the Sea
HOSSEINI, Khaled	The Kite Runner *
ISHIGURO, Kazuo	Never Let Me Go
LEONARD, Hugh	Home Before Night (Autobiography)*
MCCARTHY, Cormac,	The Road*
MORRIS, Heather	The Tattooist of Auschwitz*
MURRAY, Paul	Skippy Dies
PRATCHETT, Terry	Wyrd Sisters*
SANSOM, C.J.	Dissolution*
STEINBECK, John	The Pearl *
VONNEGUT, Kurt	Slaughterhouse 5
WOLFF, Tobias	This Boy's Life
	Old School*
ZAFON, Carlos Ruiz	The Shadow of the Wind*
ZUSAK, Markus	The Book Thief



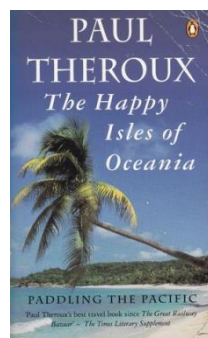
(* Recommended)

Read the weekend supplements of newspapers (sports section, reviews of films), 'Empire' magazine (film) etc.

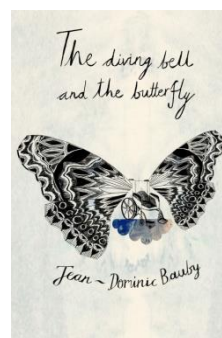
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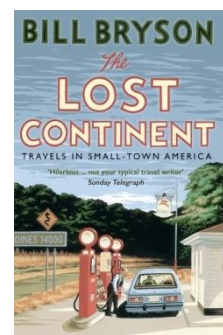
'Step by Step'
by Simon Reeve



'The Happy Isles
of Oceania'
by Paul Theroux



'The Diving Bell
and the Butterfly'
by Jean-Dominic Bauby



'The Lost Continent'
by Bill Bryson