Transition Year

Summer Reading Suggestions



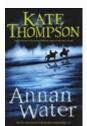
Rebecca Du Maurier, Daphne

Is Rebecca really dead? Her insidious influence seems to extend beyond the grave. A modern masterpiece of romantic suspense.



Free?
Amnesty International

Written to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, these fourteen short stories by well-known international authors explore the powerful and critical rights such as asylum, law, education and faith.



Annan Water Thompson, Kate

When Michael meets Annie, she brings colour and warmth into his troubled life. But she believes herself to be bad luck. Between her home and Michael's lies a deep and mysterious river and it seems the story of their love might have been told in its past



A World Between Us Syson, Lydia

A love story set in the Spanish Civil War.



I Am Thunder Khan, Muhammad

Muzna Saleem is used to being invisible. So no one is more surprised than she is when the hottest boy in school, Arif Malik, takes a sudden interest. But Arif is hiding a secret and as they begin to follow a dark path, Muzna faces an impossible choice.



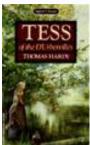
Needlework Sullivan, Deirdre

Needlework is a girl's meditation on her efforts to maintain her bodily and spiritual integrity in the face of abuse, violation and neglect. Contains descriptions of domestic abuse, self-harm and incest.



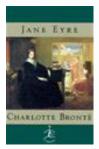
Savage Her Reply Sullivan, Deirdre

A feminist retelling of the Irish fairytale, The Children of Lir. Aife marries Lir, a chieftain with four children by his previous wife - her sister. Unsatisfied in him as a husband, the witch Aife turns his children into swans for 900 years.



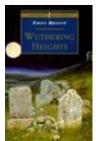
Tess of the D'Urbervilles Hardy, Thomas

In Thomas Hardy's first bestseller, a country girl is forced to sin against her will.



Jane Eyre Brontë, Charlotte

In this stormy, intense, introspective novel of the mid-nineteenth century, Jane Eyre is a plain, yet spirited, governess whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect, and perseverance break through class barriers to reach the man she loves.



Wuthering Heights Brontë, Emily

A tale of love that is stronger than death, which is also a fierce vision of passion between Catherine and Heathcliff



Silas Marner Eliot, George

A bitter man living alone with his hoard of gold learns about the power of love when his riches are stolen and a beautiful child is left on his doorstep.



The Woman in White Collins, Wilkie

Drawn into a terrifying world of intrigue, crime, disguise and insanity, drawing teacher Walter Hartright sets out to save his beautiful pupil Laura from the sinister plans of Sir Percival Glyde.



What I Was Rosoff, Meg

A love story set in a boarding school, St Oswald's, on the East Anglian coast.



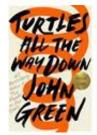
The Witch of Salt & Storm Kulper, Kendall

Like every Roe woman on Prince Island, sixteen-year-old Avery Roe has the gift of reading dreams. But when Avery dreams she's to be murdered, she knows time is running out to unlock her magic and save herself.



The Bell Jar Plath, Sylvia

This autobiographical novel presents an ambitious and brilliant young woman's search for values and her eventual breakdown.



Turtles All the Way Down Green, John

The search for a fugitive billionaire is a springboard to an examination of sixteenyear-old Aza's anxiety disorder. The plot contains profanity and sexual references.



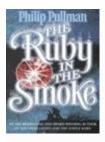
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder Jackson, Holly

Pip is an A-grade student determined to discover the truth about the murder of a school girl, Andie Bell. But she soon starts uncovering secrets that someone in her town desperately wants to keep hidden. How far will they go to keep Pip from the truth?



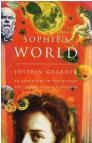
I Capture the Castle Smith, Dodie

The romantic isolation ends for Cassandra and her sister when the wealthy and adventurous Cotton family takes over the nearby estate.



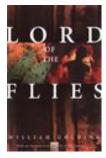
The Ruby in the Smoke Pullman, Philip

In 19th-century London, 16-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.



Sophie's World Jostein Gaarder

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.



Lord of the Flies Golding, William

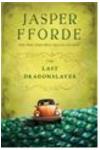
Shipwrecked English schoolboys set up their own civilisation, but savagery finally emerges.

A Room With a View



The Catcher in the Rye Salinger, J.D.

A cynical teenager explains the events following his expulsion from prep school and subsequent nervous breakdown.



The Last Dragonslayer Fforde, Jasper

Fifteen-year-old foundling Jennifer runs Kazam, an employment agency for magicians, but it is hard to stay in business when magic is drying up. Then the visions start, predicting the death of the world's last dragon. Book #1



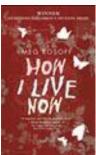
The Hunger Games Collins, Suzanne

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16 year old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence. Book #1



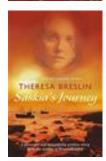
Secrets of the Henna Girl Ahmed, Sufiya

While in Pakistan for the summer, 16-year-old Zeba finds herself being forced into a loveless marriage to protect her family's honour.



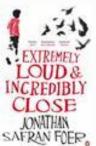
How I Live Now Rosoff, Meg

During what is meant to be a perfect summer, Daisy is sent from America to live in England. War breaks out, and the country is occupied. Then Daisy falls in love. Unfortunately, it is with her cousin, Edmond.



Saskia's Journey Breslin, Theresa:

When Saskia visits her great aunt Alessandra, she uncovers her family's dark history and resolves to spend her life by the sea.



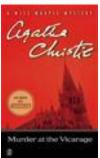
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close Foer, Jonathan Safran

This book follows nine-year-old Oskar Schell as he encounters a number of interesting characters in his search for information about his father who died in the World Trade Tower and tries to find the lock that fits the mysterious key his father had.



The Humans Haig, Matt

An alien takes over a professor's body with the intention of killing those who know of his mathematical breakthrough. However, he soon grows fond of living as a human and begins to rebel against his own kind.



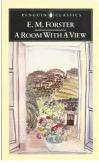
Murder at the Vicarage Christie, Agatha

Miss Marple is on the trail of a killer with something to hide.



The Monstrous Child Simon, Francesca

Meet Hel, an ordinary teenager - and goddess of the Underworld. Why is life so unfair? Hel tries to make the best of it, creating gleaming halls in her dark kingdom and welcoming the dead who she has to host for eternity. Until eternity is threatened.



A Room with a View Foster, E.M.

A witty observation of the English Middle classes s they holiday abroad in Florence. One of these tourists is Lucy Honeychurch, a young girl whose "undeveloped heart" is awakened by her experiences in Italy and by her encounter with the unconventional George Emerson.



The Go-Between Hartley, L.P.

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there."

Summering with a fellow schoolboy on a great English estate, Leo, the hero of L. P. Hartley's finest novel, encounters a world of unimagined luxury. But when his friend's beautiful older sister enlists him as the unwitting messenger in her illicit love affair, the aftershocks will be felt for years.

... a richly layered, spellbinding story about past and present, naiveté and knowledge, and the mysteries of the human heart.