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**Summer 2022
Reading list for Y11 students**

READING IS ESSENTIAL

'Great books help you understand, and they help you to feel understood.'

John Green, author of *The Fault in our Stars*

At Oxford High School we understand that reading for pleasure is associated with numerous benefits - from improvements in reading achievement and comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and general knowledge to improved empathy and wellbeing. The more you read, the more information you pick up. This knowledge is then useful in a wide variety of classes and situations. For example, the teen who reads biographies may have a better understanding of important people studied in history classes.

The list below contains some great books to appeal to children and young adults aged 15-16 and a range of titles to cover all abilities. They provide a common foundation of literary experience on which you can continue to build. Try to read with an open and questioning mind and stop to think more about what things mean. Here are some ideas of how engaged, active readers read:

- They can predict what will happen next in a story using clues they gain from reading
- They create questions about the main idea, message or plot
- They monitor understanding of the sequence, context or characters
- They stop to clarify parts of the text that have confused them
- They connect events in the text to prior knowledge or experience.

I hope you'll find something here which inspires you - go beyond and try something different!

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- A Thousand Splendid Suns** Khaled Hosseini
- Oryx and Crake** Margaret Atwood
- How It All Blew Up** Arvin Ahmadi
- The Name of the Rose** Umberto Eco
- The Last Lecture** Jeffrey Zaslow and Randy Pausch
- East of Eden** John Steinbeck
- Out of Shadows** Jason Wallace
- Cosmos** Carl Sagan
- The Trial** Franz Kafka
- Looking for Alaska** John Green
- Carrie** Stephen King
- Don Quixote** Miguel de Cervantes
- Savage Her Reply** Deirdre Sullivan
- The War of the Worlds** H. G. Wells
- Fahrenheit 451** Ray Bradbury
- The Great Dune Trilogy** Frank Herbert
- Flowers for Algernon** Daniel Keyes
- Life of Pi** Yann Martel
- The House of the Spirits** Isabel Allende
- Boys Don't Cry** Malorie Blackman
- The Gormenghast Trilogy** Mervyn Peake
- Tales of Mystery & Imagination** Edgar Allan Poe
- Long Walk to Freedom** Nelson Mandela
- Brave New World** Aldous Huxley
- Captain Corelli's Mandolin** Louis de Bernières
- The Bluest Eye** Toni Morrison
- The Stranger** Albert Camus
- Madame Bovary** Gustave Flaubert
- White Teeth** Zadie Smith