



The Mandeville School's English Department:

Reading at Home



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Popular Recommendations

Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman	In an alternative world the issues of racism are tackled in a society which has only two types of people: "noughts" and "crosses". This novel is about friendship that goes beyond these barriers. The sequel set a generation later is also an absolute knock out.
Basilisk	NM Browne	A wonderful blend of myths, history and archaeology in this great novel set in the caves of a dark world.
Innocent	Anne Cassidy	Great junior novel from Cassidy, as Charlie tries to prove the innocence of her older brother Brad.
Silverfin	Charlie Higson	The first in a popular new series about James (Young Bond Series) Bond when he was still at school.
The Outsiders	SE Hinton	Stunning study of hate, violence, loyalty and friendship set in the violent ganglands of New York. One of the very best teenage novels ever written.
Wind on Fire Trilogy	William Nicholson	Breath-taking trilogy about a society governed by exams. But what happens when you rebel? Read to find out. A truly excellent trilogy.
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	Thrilling adventure about the survival of a 12-year-old boy after a plane crash. Also has great sequels.
Survival	Chris Ryan	The ultra tough and realistic novels of Chris Ryan are a must for youngsters seeking excitement and thrills. This "Alpha Force" novel is the start of a gripping new series.
Bootleg	Alex Shearer	Great novel about chocolate being made illegal and the underground resistance movement that forms. Highly original.
Flash Flood	Alex Shearer	London is in chaos and anarchy after the collapse of the Thames Barrier! A great page turner
Storm Thief	Chris Wooding	Fast paced, exciting and in a fantasy world so well-crafted this is the first book in a fabulous series!



Conflict Recommendations

Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson	An orphaned schoolgirl's journey to South America with her tough-as-old-boots nanny. Already very popular and destined to become a modern classic.
How I Live Now	Meg Rosoff	Odd and dreamy novel set in the backdrop of a undisclosed war with an American teenage girl getting to know her family in England. Now regarded as a modern classic.
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	Brilliant and brave novel about a teenager
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson	Twin girls have trouble with their new stepmum. Another great book by Jacqueline Wilson
Face	Benjamin Zephaniah	Face Benjamin Zephaniah Realistic story of how a boy is disfigured in a car accident and must start living a new life with his disfigurement.



Classic Recommendations

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Classic autobiography of a young black girl struggling against the brutal American race discrimination in the 1930s.
Seagull	Jonathan Livingston	Uplifting story of a young seagull's bid to live its life as free as possible. A beautifully crafted short read.
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Jane falls in love with her rich employer, only to find out he has a dark secret.... Classic stuff that has thrilled generations.
Charlotte Sometimes	Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes Penelope Farmer Dream-like novel where Charlotte, whilst sleeping, somehow slips back in time to 1919 and becomes Clare...
King Solomon's Mines	H Rider Haggard	An exciting yarn about an explorer who was the inspiration for the Indiana Jones films.
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	Great novel of first love, with an eccentric family of sisters living in a dilapidated castle.
Treasure Island	R.L. Stevenson	Sea adventure and the search for lost treasure. The wonderful characters make this yarn as fun as ever.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer & Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Adventure, freedom and excitement are in abundance in these two novels set in the American deep south during the great depression.
Walkabout	J. Vance Marshall	In the Australian desert, two children, survivors of an air crash, make their journey across the harsh landscape, aided by an Aboriginal boy on "walkabout".



Fantasy Recommendations

Looking Glass Wars	Frank Beddor	Challenging novel which develops the characters from “Alice in Wonderland” creating a whole new fantasy adventure.
The Wish List	Eoin Colfer	Funny novel in which Lowrie has to complete 4 idiotic tasks to get into heaven. By the writer of the Artemis Fowl series.
Sea of Trolls	Nancy Farmer	A sweeping Viking novel with 2 young children being held captive by the evil half-troll king Ivar the Boneless.
Narnia series	CS Lewis	Perhaps the ultimate battle between Good and Evil? Classic tale of children trying to awaken an animal world from eternal winter. 7 books in series.
Shadow of the Minotaur	Alan Gibbons	Computer game virtual reality becomes reality in this compulsive read. Highly recommended.
Eragon & Eldest	Chris Paolini	Wonderful quest first-novel by a 16 year old author whose main character begins his destiny is to be a Dragon Rider.
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman	One of the most brilliant children’s trilogies of the last 20 years. Has more surprises, scares and twists that you can cope with!
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeves	Superb fantasy novel where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester are thrown from their beloved “London” and try to get back onboard!



Scary Recommendations

Dead Gorgeous	Malorie Blackman	After moving to the countryside, Nova befriends a dead boy with too many problems of his own. The only problem for Nova is that the ghost is also very, very cute!
Coraline	Neil Gainman	Stunning novel about a warped alternative universe hidden behind a door. Very weird and altogether creepy.
Dusk	Susan Gates	Fast paced SF horror novel about the dangers of genetic engineering and mutations.
Red Velvet	Carol Hedges	Nasty things begin to happen to Elly when she finds the skeleton of a dead girl wearing a red dress in an old house.
Breathe: A Ghost Story	Cliff McNish	A true ghost story. The kind that says its cold fingers on you grips tight and doesn’t let you go under the last pages have been turned. Wonderfully spine-chilling



More Scary Recommendations

Witch Child Sorcoress	Celia Rees	Interesting read about the daughter of a woman accused of being a witch in 18th century England. Beautifully written and asks many intelligent questions and now followed by a great sequel.
My Swordhand is Singing	Marcus Sedgwick	Chilling vampire tale set in 17th Century Europe, inspired by the original Transylvanian Vampire folk takes. Scary stuff!
The Mirror Image Ghost	Catherine Storr	Now classic suspense horror novel. Wonderfully written with a timeless appeal.
Haunting of Alaizabel Cray:	Chris Wooding	Great atmospheric crossover fantasy novel about two young wych-hunters seeking for a beast that lurks in the sewers of old London. Very exciting and an exceptional read



Humour Recommendations

The Bish Bash Bosh	M E Allen	A group of teenage boys discover a lotion which makes them irresistible to girls. Hilarious chaos follows!
Bindi Babes Bollywood Babes	Narinder Dhami	Hilarious novel about 3 Anglo-Asian sisters who have great fun bossing their dad around until their tough, traditional aunty from India comes to stay. Great sequel also out now.
Dial A Ghost	Eva Ibbotson	Funny story of hiring ghosts to scare people you don't like!
Johnny Maxwell	Terry Pratchett	A brilliant trilogy. Johnny has special powers which help him see the world in a slightly different way from other boys.
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sacher	Another highly entertaining (and funny) tale from the writer of Holes. Has much to identify with.
The Magic of Pants	K Poskitt	Offbeat and quirky light read about the colourful history of underwear.
Thank you for your Application:	John Kirkbridge	Quite exceptional novel about a would-be writer who works as a typist. Has truly hilarious consequences. Comedy of the highest order and really, really funny.
When Mum Threw Out the Telly!	E F Smith	Telly-addict Jeff's life is turned upside down when his mum throws out the TV. But his new life is only just beginning.



Mystery Recommendations

Dream Travellers	Sherry Ashworth	Children are stalked in their dreams by a mysterious stranger who arrives in their sleepy town
Angel Factory	Terrance Blacker	Dark and delicious tale of what happens when a curious boy hacks into his father's computer. A really powerful read.
Investigations	Eion Colfer	After completing a dodgy online course 10 year old Fletch reckons he's a fully-fledged detective! Chaos follows in this great thriller.
Millions	F. Cottrell-Boyce	Imagine the scenario: Britain is about to join the Euro, you find 250K and have 10 days to spend it before it becomes obsolete.
Horace	Chris D'Lacey	Funny thriller in which a teenage finds a valuable teddy-bear in a skip. Suddenly, when rich, life becomes much more complicated.
Dark Henge	Catherine Fisher	Mystery. Myth and Magic! This intriguing novel combines sibling rivalry and Celtic mythology. Highly entertaining.
Roman Mysteries	Caroline Lawrence	Multi book series about four amateur children detectives in Ancient Rome. Engaging and historically accurate.
Butterfly Tattoo	Philip Pullman	The agony of first love inspires this book, but tragedy and violence are soon to follow. For the mature reader.
Ruby in the Smoke	Philip Pullman	Exceptional mystery yarn, about a girl trying to find out why her father was murdered. Has two sequels with the same characters, which are also excellent.
The Stolen	Alex Shearer	A nail-biting and supernatural tale of old people taking over the bodies of young people. A gripping mystery.
The Lost	Alex Shearer	Tremendous thriller about the search for a boy who disappeared 2 years previously whilst cycling. As the book develops great clues are thrown in. But beware the many red-herrings!
Tersias	G P Taylor	Bewitching and exciting yarn of the hunt for a boy who has the power to see into the future in 19th Century England.



Science Fiction Recommendations

Dream Travellers	Sherry Ashworth	Children are stalked in their dreams by a mysterious stranger who arrives in their sleepy town
Tripods	John Christopher	(series): Classic series in which giant robots takeover the Earth.
Hex Trilogy	Rhiannon Lassiter	Totally believable SF set in the far future about mutant genes that can be passed through computers into people.
The Aldous Lexicon	Michael Lawrence	Imaginative SF yarn with complex alternative realities which cross over into our own world.
Sleepwalking	Nicola Morgan	Hypnotic and challenging novel about a people dominated by a huge psychic presence which controls their minds.
Floodland	Marcus Sedgwick	Gripping story of global warming and the pockets of survivors who live in the “High Lands” near Norwich
Time Snatch	Robert Swindells	Superb time travel novel by Swindells. Very exciting.
Hacker	Malorie Blackman	One of Blackman’s most popular books. Two computer whizz kids try to prove their father is innocent of bank theft. A gripping read.