101 Books to Read Before You ...Leave School!

Below you will find a list of suggested books. You will not find all of these within the school library and will have to look further afield. Those indicated with a (k) can be purchased free of charge on Amazon Kindle and many more can be purchased for under £1.

1. Birdsong by Sebastian Faulkes
2. Captain Corelli’s Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres
3. Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
4. The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
5. His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
6. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (k)
7. Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell
8. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (k)
9. Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier (k)
10. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
11. Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne
12. Harry Potter by JK Rowling
13. Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (k)
14. A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
15. The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
16. One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
17. Treasure Island by RL Stevenson (k)
18. A Town Like Alice by Nevil Shute
19. The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald (k)
20. The Count of Monte Christo by Alexandre Dumas
21. Animal Farm by George Orwell
22. Farenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
23. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (k)
24. A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth
25. Lord of the Flies by William Golding
26. Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
27. The Happy Prince and other stories by Oscar Wilde – short stories (k)
28. Lanark by Alasdair Gray
29. Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by RL Stevenson (k)
30. The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
31. The Baron in the Trees by Italo Calvino
32. One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest by Ken Kesey
33. The Invisible Man by HG Wells (k)
34. Gulliver’s Travels by Jonathan Swift (k)
35. All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
36. Dubliners by James Joyce
37. The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
38. Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
39. The Time Machine by HG Wells (k)
40. Dracula by Bram Stoker (k)
41. Bridget Jones’s Diary by Helen Fielding
42. Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
43. Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe (k)
44. Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (k)
45. Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte (k)
46. Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackery (k)
47. Moby Dick by Herman Melville (k)
48. David Copperfield by Charles Dickens (k)
49. War of the World by HG Wells
50. Little Women by Louisa M Alcott (k)
51. Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
52. Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (k)
53. The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (k)
54. The Call of the Wild by Jack London (k)
55. The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graham (k)
56. The Thirty Nine Steps by John Buchan
57. As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
58. Malone Dies by Samuel Beckett
59. The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien
60. Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis
61. The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark
62. Atonement by Ian McEwan
63. The Tin Drum by Gunter Grass
64. The Quiet American by Graham Green
65. The Man in the Iron Mask by Alexandre Dumas
66. Sons and Lovers by DH Lawrence (k)
67. A Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (k)
68. The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman (k)
69. Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert (k)
70. Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (k)
71. The Secret Garden by Burnett (k)
72. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum (k)
73. The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling (k)
74. Heath Introduction to Fiction compiled by John Clayton - Short Stories
75. The Complete Grimm’s Fairy Tales by the Brothers Grimm – Short stories (k)
76. The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Anderson – Short Stories (k)
77. The Fairy Tales by Charles Perrault – Short Stories (k)
78. Aesop’s – The Complete Fables – Short Stories (k)
79. Skin and Other Stories by Roald Dahl – Short Stories
80. The Fall of the House of Usher and other Tales by Edgar Allan Poe – Short Stories
81. Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carrol (k)
82. Imagined Selves by Willa Muir
83. The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
84. Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle
85. The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks
86. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hossini
87. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
88. Secret History by Donna Tartt
89. Bernard McLaverty Selected Stories – Short Stories
90. Once in a House on Fire by Andrea Ashworth
91. Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson
92. After you’d gone by Maggie O’ Farrell
93. Wild Swans by Jung Chang
94. Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden
95. The New York Troligy by Paul Auster
96. The Time Traveller’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
97. A Tale of Two Cities by Dickens (k)
98. Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne (k)
99. Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain (k)
100. Three Muskateers by Alexandre Dumas (k)
101. Persuasion by Jane Austen (k)
102. Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (k)
103. Far From the Maddening Crowd by Thomas Hardy (k)
104. Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (k)
105. The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne (k)
106. The Legends of King Arthur and his Knights by Sir James Knowles (k)
107. The Railway Children by Nesbit (k)
108. Les Miserables by Victor Hugo (k)
109. North and South by Gaskell (k)
110. Bleak House by Dickens (k)
111. Incidents in the Life of a Slave: Written by Herself by Harriet Ann Jacobs (k)
112. Five Children and It by Nesbit (k)
113. The Old Curiosity Shop by Dickens (k)
114. Beowulf: Anon (k)
115. The Divine Comedy by Dante (k)
116. The Turn of the Screw by Henry James (k)
117. Kidnapped by RL Stevenson (k)
118. The Arabian Nights by Lang (k)
119. The Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle (k)
120. Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott (k)
121. Pollyanna by Porter (k)
122. Grey Friar’s Bobby by Atkinson (k)

Drama

1. A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennese Williams
2. Antigone by Sophocles (k)
3. Misdummer Night’s Dream by Shakespeare (k)
4. Othello by William Shakespere (k)
5. The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter (k)
6. Lovers by Brian Friel
7. The Crucible by Arthur Miller
8. Mary Queen of Scots Got her Head Chopped Off by Liz Lochhead
9. Black Watch by Gregory Burke
10. A Midsummer Nights Dream by William Shakespeare (k)
11. The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov (k)
12. Angels in America by Tony Kushner
13. Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett
14. Spring Awakening by Wedekind
15. Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen (k)
16. Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf by Edward Albee
17. Tartuffe by Moliere (k)
18. She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith (k)
19. Miss Julie by Stringberg
20. When I was a girl I used to scream and shout by Sharman MacDonald
21. Men Should Weep by Ena Lamont Stewart
22. The Steamie by Tony Roper
23. The Slab Boys by John Byrne
24. The Ducky by DC Jackson
25. Shakers by John Godber
26. The House of Bernarda Alba by Lorca
27. Collected Grim Tales by Carol Anne Duffy
28. Be My Baby by Amanda Whittington
29. War Horse (New Oxford Playscripts) By Michael Morpurgo
30. Yellow Moon by David Greig
31. Iron by Rhona Munro
32. Our Bad Magnet by Douglas Maxwell
33. The Monster in the Hall by David Greig
34. Perfect Days by Liz Lochhead
35. Passing Places by Stephen Greenhorn
36. Tally’s Blood by Ann Marie di Mambro
37. DNA by Dennis Kelly
38. Bondagers by Sue Glover
39. A Chorus of Disapproval by Alan Ayckbourn
40. The Wall by DC Jackson
41. The Cheviot, the Stag and the Black, Black Oil by John McGrath
42. Elizabeth Gordon Quinn by Chris Hannan
43. Educating Rita by Willy Russell
44. The Mouse Trap by Agatha Christie
45. What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton
46. Equus by Peter Shaffer
47. The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde (k)
48. Medea by Euripides (k)
49. Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abaire
50. Arcadia by Tom Stoppard
51. Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel
52. Our Country’s Good by Wertenbaker Timberlake
53. Plenty by David Hare
54. Bouncers by John Godber
55. Glengarry Glen Ross by David Mamet
56. Top Girls by Caryl Churchill
57. Noises Off by Michael Frayn
58. Educating Rita by Willy Russel
59. Abigail’s Party by Leigh Mike
60. The Accidental Death of an Anarchist by Dario Fo
61. What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton
62. A Day in the Death of Joe Egg by Peter Nichols
63. Rosencrantz and Guildernstern are Dead by Tom Stoppard
64. Entertaining Mr Sloane by Joe Orton
65. ‘The Marat Sade’ by Peter Weiss
66. Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolfe? By Edward Albee
67. Happy Days by Samuel Beckett
68. A Man for All Season by Robert Bolt
69. A Taste of Honey by Delaney Shelagh
70. The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter (k)
71. Look Back in Anger by John Osbourne
72. The Crucible by Arthur Miller
73. The Chairs by Eugene Ionesco
74. Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
75. The Caucasian Chalk Circle by Berlot Brecht
76. A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennesee Williams
77. An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestly
78. Mother Courage and her Children by Bertolt Brecht
79. The House of Bernarda Alba by Feberico Garcia Lorca
80. Mourning Becomes Electra by Eugene O’Neill
81. The Seagull by Anton Chekhov (k)
82. The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde (k)
83. Ghosts by Henrik Ibsen (k)
84. The School for Scadal by Sheridan (k)
85. The Rivals by Sheridan (k)
86. She Stoops to Conquer by Goldsmith (k)
87. Doctor Faustus by Marlowe (k)
88. Oedipus Rex by Sophocles (k)
89. Medea by Euripedes (k)
90. The Oresteia by Aeschylus (k)
91. Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee
92. Miss Evers’ Boys by David Feldshuh
93. Topdog/Underdog by Suzan-Lori Parks
94. Titus Andronicus by William Shakesperare (k)
95. True West by Sam Shephard
96. The Last Days of Judas Iscariot by Stephen Adly Guirgis
97. Red by John Logan
98. Hamlet by Shakespeare (k)
99. Gods of Carnage by Yasmina Reza
100. No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre
101. Tribes by Nina Raine

Poetry

1. Poems in Two Volumes by William Wordsworth (k)
2. Ballad of Reading Gaol by Oscar Wilde (k)
3. Poetical Works of Matthew Arnold (k)
4. WH Auden (Poet to Poet) (k)
5. Poetical Works of Elizabeth Barret Browning (k)
6. Collected Poem of John Betjeman
7. John Keats: Poems Published in 1820 (k)
8. Poems of William Blake (k)
9. The works of Lord Byron: Letters and Journals (k)
10. Poems and Songs of Robert Burns (k)
11. New Selected Poems: 1984 – 2004 by Carol Ann Duffy (Current poet laureate)
12. Phil Larkin: The Whitsun Weddings
13. Selected Poems of Simon Armitage
14. The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry by Brian Patten
15. The Complete Fictional Writings of Lewis Carroll (k)
16. The Complete Poetical Works of Samuel Taylor Coleridge (k)
17. EE Cummings Selected Poems
18. Roald Dahl: Songs and Verse
19. Carol Anne Duffey – New Selected Poems: 1984 – 2004
20. Helen Dunmore: Out of the Blue: 1975-2001
21. TS Eliot’s Old Book of Practical Cats
22. Robert Frost – The Road not Taken and Other Selected Poems
23. Robert Graves – Goodbye to All That
24. Thomas Hardy – Complete Poetical Works
25. Seamus Heaney – Opened Ground: Poems 1966 – 1996
26. Poems of Gerald Manley Hopkins (k)
27. Ted Hughes (Poet to Poet)
28. Gunga Din and Other Favourite Poems by Rudyard Kipling
29. Complete Poetry of D.H. Lawrence
30. The Choosing: The Selected Poems of Liz Lochhead
31. Selected Poetry by Hugh MacDiarmid
32. Collected Poems of Roger McGough
33. AA Milne: When We Were Very Young
34. The Complete Wilfred Owen: The Collected Poetic Works
35. Sylvia Plath – Selected Poems
36. Edgar Allan Poe – Complete Tales and Poems
37. Theodore Roethke – The Collected Poems
38. Siegfried Sassoon – Counter Attack and Other Poems (k)
39. Sir Walter Scot: The Works (k)
40. The Sonnets of William Shakespeare (k)
41. Percy Bysshe Shelley: Poetry (k)
42. Alfred Tennyson: Poetry (k)
43. Poems by Walt Whitman (k)
44. Fairy & Folk Tales of Irish Peasantry by Yeats (k)