

Key Stage 4 Recommended Reading List

These are some of the texts on the GCSE course. If you are looking to widen your reading in preparation for GCSE English, they are good starting points. Any reading you do from this list will help develop your ability and awareness of good writing.

My Polish Teacher's Tie	Helen Dunmore
When the Wasps Drowned	Claire Wigfall
Compass and Torch	Elizabeth Baines
On Seeing the 100% Perfect Girl	Haruki Murakami
The Darkness Out There	Penelope Lively
Anil	Ridjal Noor
Something Old, Something New	Leila Aboulela
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding
<i>Martyn Pig</i>	Kevin Brooks
<i>Touching the Void</i>	Joe Simpson
<i>The Woman in Black</i>	Susan Hill
<i>Under Milk Wood</i>	Dylan Thomas
<i>The Crucible</i>	Arthur Miller
<i>Kindertransport</i>	Diane Samuels
<i>An Inspector Calls</i>	J B Priestley
<i>Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA)</i>	Dennis Kelly
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck
<i>Mister Pip</i>	Lloyd Jones
<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee
<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Julius Caesar</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	Emily Brontë
<i>Great Expectations</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>The Withered Arm and other Wessex Tales</i>	Thomas Hardy
<i>Animal Farm</i>	George Orwell

In addition, the following writers come highly recommended and any of their texts would represent worthwhile reading:

Pre 20 th Century	20 th Century	Other Cultures
Matthew Arnold	Kingsley Amis	Chinua Achebe
Jane Austen	WH Auden	John Agard
William Blake	TS Eliot	Monica Ali
Charlotte Brontë	EM Forster	Moniza Alvi
Emily Brontë	Robert Frost	Maya Angelou
Robert Browning	William Golding	Isaac Bashevis Singer
John Bunyan	Graham Greene	James Berry
Lord Byron	Seamus Heaney	Edward Braithwaite
Geoffrey Chaucer	Ted Hughes	Anita Desai
William Congreve	Aldous Huxley	Emily Dickinson
John Clare	Elizabeth Jennings	F Scott Fitzgerald
Samuel Taylor Coleridge	James Joyce	Athol Fugard
Wilkie Collins	Philip Larkin	Jamila Gavin
Joseph Conrad	DH Lawrence	Nadine Gordimer
Daniel Defoe	Katherine Mansfield	Doris Lessing
Charles Dickens	Sean O'Casey	Arthur Miller
John Donne	George Orwell	Les Murray
John Dryden	Wilfred Owen	Beverly Naidoo
George Eliot	Harold Pinter	RK Narayan
Henry Fielding	Sylvia Plath	Grace Nichols
Elizabeth Gaskell	JB Priestley	Ruth Praver Jhabvala

Oliver Goldsmith Thomas Hardy George Herbert Robert Herrick Gerard Manley Hopkins Henry James John Keats Christopher Marlowe Andrew Marvell John Milton Alexander Pope William Shakespeare Mary Shelley Percy Bysshe Shelley RB Sheridan Edmund Spenser Robert Louis Stevenson Jonathan Swift Alfred Lord Tennyson Anthony Trollope Henry Vaughan HG Wells Oscar Wilde William Wordsworth Sir Thomas Wyatt	Siegfried Sassoon Peter Shaffer George Bernard Shaw RC Sherriff Stevie Smith Muriel Spark Dylan Thomas Edward Thomas RS Thomas William Trevor Evelyn Waugh Arnold Wesker John Wyndham WB Yeats.	Bali Rai Wole Soyinka John Steinbeck Meera Syal Mildred D Taylor Mark Twain Derek Walcott Walt Whitman Tennessee Williams Adeline Yen Mah Benjamin Zephaniah.
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