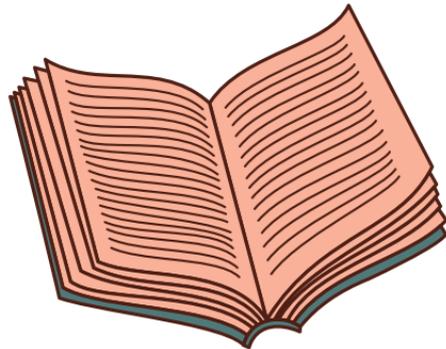


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The Magnus Canon



Year 10 Guide



Welcome to the Magnus Canon

This is a list of books we have created for you to read throughout your time at Magnus, helping to develop a broad perspective of the world around you, increase and improve your vocabulary and give you the chance to unwind with a great story.

The wide range of books on the list will count towards your Magnus Graduation target. Genres include Science Fiction, Mystery, Historical, Dystopian, and Fantasy. The list has some amazing BAME authors, a great selection of Non Fiction titles as well as some wonderful play scripts – there really is something for everyone.

Some of these books will be read during Prep sessions or studied in your English lessons, these are highlighted in this guide.

We want to challenge you to read as many books off this list as possible before Graduation in the Summer.

There will be short quizzes for you to complete with Mrs Jackson in the Library, so make sure you take your time, really enjoy each story and get the most out of each book.

Here is the full Year 10 list...

Nineteen Eighty Four – George Orwell

To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee (Prep text)

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

The Crucible – Arthur Miller

Boys Don't Cry – Malorie Blackman

Pygmalion – Bernard Shaw (Prep text)

Heroes – Robert Cormier

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson (Prep text)

Looking for JJ – Anne Cassidy

Lord of the Flies – William Golding (Prep text)

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

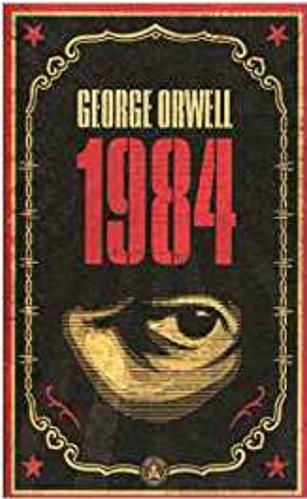
Animal Farm – George Orwell (Prep text)

Chinglish – Sue Cheung

An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley (Studied in English)

The Fault in Our Stars – John Green

Have a look at the following pages for more information on each book. For more details on how to complete The Magnus Canon for graduation, see your English teacher or Mrs Jackson.



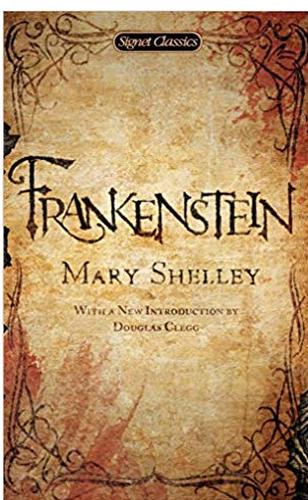
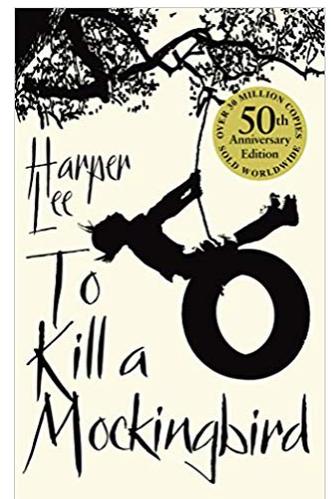
Winston Smith works for the Ministry of Truth in London, chief city of Airstrip One. Big Brother stares out from every poster, the Thought Police uncover every act of betrayal. When Winston finds love with Julia, he discovers that life does not have to be dull and deadening, and awakens to new possibilities. Despite the police helicopters that hover and circle overhead, Winston and Julia begin to question the Party; they are drawn towards conspiracy. Yet Big Brother will not tolerate dissent - even in the mind. For those with original thoughts they invented Room 101. . .

Dystopian / Science fiction

'Shoot all the Bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a Mockingbird.'

A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel - a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the thirties. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice. But the weight of history will only tolerate so much.

Prep text / Bildungsroman



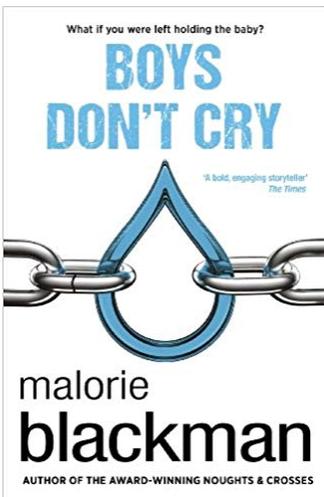
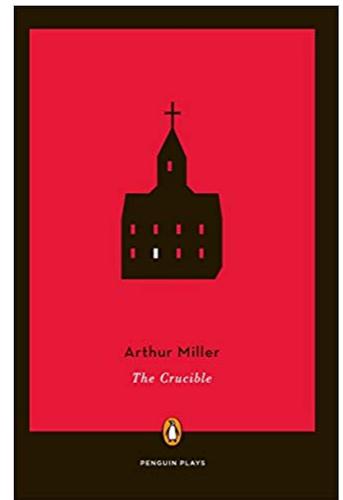
Victor Frankenstein driven by the mad dream of creating his own creature, experiments with alchemy and science to build a monster stitched together from dead remains. Once the creature becomes a living breathing articulate entity, it turns on its maker and the novel darkens into tragedy.

Dual Narrative / 19th Century / Fantasy



The story of how the small community of Salem is stirred into madness by superstition, paranoia and malice, culminating in a violent climax, is a savage attack on the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusations.

Drama text



What if YOU were left holding the baby?

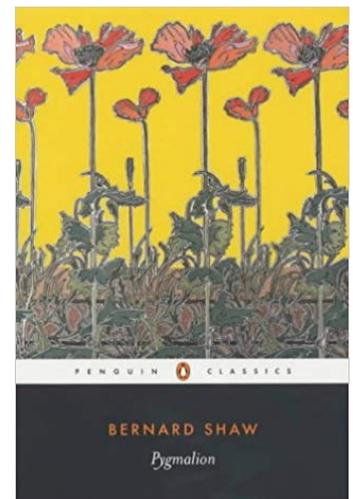
You're waiting for the postman – he's bringing your A level results. University, a career as a journalist – a glittering future lies ahead. But when the doorbell rings it's your old girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby.

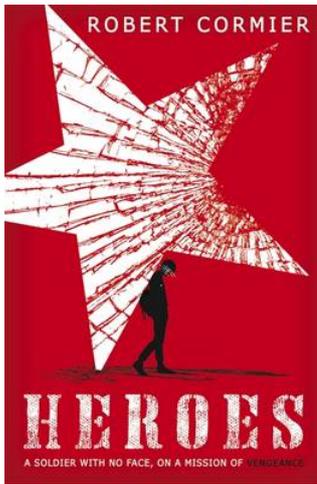
You're fine to look after it, for an hour or two, while she does some shopping. Then she doesn't come back and your future suddenly looks very different...

BAME author / Topical issues

Professor Henry Higgins, a linguistic expert, takes on a bet that he can transform an awkward cockney flower seller into a refined young lady simply by polishing her manners and changing the way she speaks. In the process of convincing society that his creation is a mysterious royal figure, the Professor also falls in love with his elegant handiwork.

Drama text / Prep text





Maimed and disfigured while fighting in the war, young Francis Cassavant must hide both his face and his identity when he goes back home to Frenchtown.

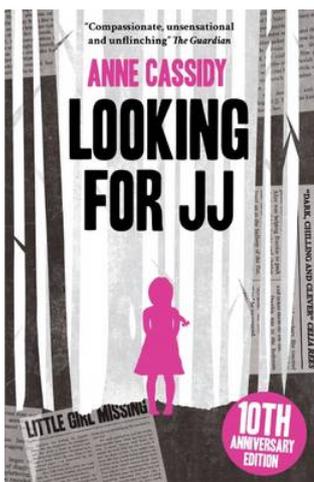
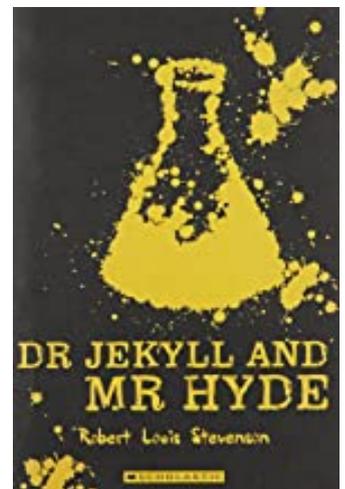
For his past holds a bitter secret that he can resolve through his final, desperate plan: to destroy the man who betrayed him as a boy, bringing Francis dishonour and guilt.

Left now without a face or a future, Francis watches. He thinks of the gun in his duffle bag and waits, alone, for the return of another supposed hero.

Historical fiction

The story of respectable Dr Jekyll's strange association with 'damnable young man' Edward Hyde; the hunt through fog-bound London for a killer; and the final revelation of Hyde's true identity is a chilling exploration of humanity's basest capacity for evil.

Prep text



Three children walked away from the edge of town one day – but only two of them came back...

Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that Spring day six years ago, although it's still hard for her to believe it's real.

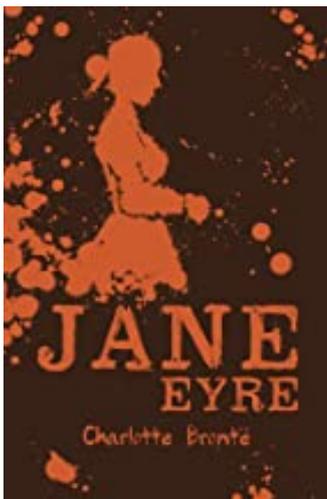
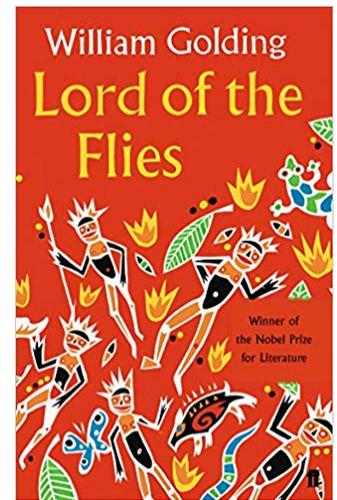
She's making a go of things, putting all that behind her at last – but Alice's past is dangerous and violent, and sad, and it's about to rip her new life apart.

Family / Mystery



A plane crashes on a deserted island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they discover fantastic wildlife and dazzling beaches, learning to survive; at night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast. Orphaned by society, it isn't long before their innocent childhood games devolve into a savage, murderous hunt...

Prep text / Adventure



The loneliness and cruelty of Jane's childhood strengthens her natural independence and spirit, which prove invaluable when she takes a position as a governess at Thornfield Hall. But after she falls in love with her sardonic employer, her discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a heart-wrenching choice.

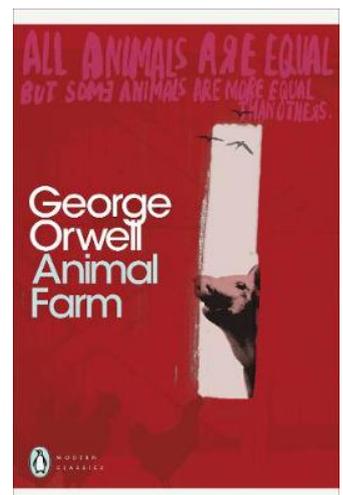
19th Century

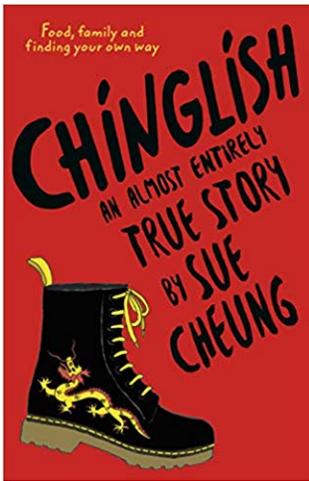
All animals are equal - but some are more equal than others.

When the downtrodden animals of Manor Farm overthrow their master Mr Jones and take over the farm themselves, they imagine it is the beginning of a life of freedom and equality. But gradually a cunning, ruthless elite among them, masterminded by the pigs Napoleon and Snowball, starts to take control.

Soon the other animals discover that they are not all as equal as they thought, and find themselves hopelessly ensnared as one form of tyranny is replaced with another.

Dystopian / Prep text





Jo Kwan is a teenager growing up in 1980s Coventry with her annoying little sister, too-cool older brother, a series of very unlucky pets and utterly bonkers parents. But unlike the other kids at her new school or her posh cousins, Jo lives above her parents' Chinese takeaway. And things can be tough - whether it's unruly customers or the snotty popular girls who bully Jo for being different. Even when she does find a BFF who actually likes Jo for herself, she still has to contend with her erratic dad's behaviour. All Jo dreams of is breaking free and forging a career as an artist.

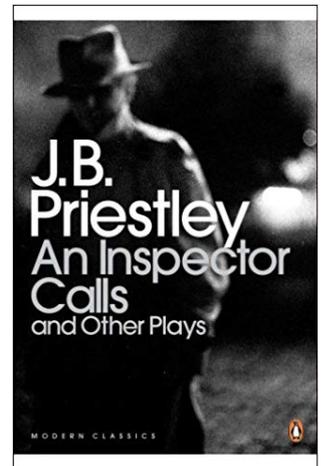
Family

April 1912, at the home of the prosperous Birling family.

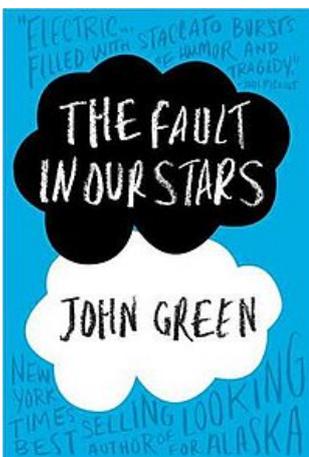
Arthur Birling, his wife Sybil, their daughter Sheila and son Eric are in the drawing room just after dinner celebrating Sheila's engagement to Gerald Croft, son of Sir George Croft, and heir to the most successful family business in the North of England.

Their cosy celebration is suddenly interrupted when Edna, the parlour maid, announces the unexpected arrival of 'Police Inspector Goole'. The Inspector has come to the Birling home as part of an inquiry into the death of a young woman.

As the Inspector's investigation unfolds, we discover that they each have secrets linking them to the tragedy. His startling revelations not only shatter the very foundations of their lives but challenge us all to examine our consciences.



Drama text / Studied in English



Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis.

But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Family



Animal Farm

Waterstones.com - <https://www.waterstones.com/book/animal-farm/george-orwell/malcolm-bradbury/9780141182704>

Boys Don't Cry

Malorieblackman.co.uk - <https://www.malorieblackman.co.uk/boys-dont-cry-3/>

The Crucible

Penguin - <https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/570/57018/the-crucible/9780141182551.html>

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Penguin - <https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/184009/dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde/9780141389509.html>

The Fault in our stars

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fault-Our-Stars-John-Green/dp/0141345659>

Frankenstein

Wordsworth Classics- <https://wordsworth-editions.com/collections/classics/frankenstein>

Heroes

Penguin (Puffin Teen fiction) - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Heroes-Puffin-Teenage-Fiction-Cormier/dp/0141302003>

An Inspector Calls

Aninspectorcalls.com - <https://www.aninspectorcalls.com/about-the-show/plot>

Jane Eyre

Penguin Random House - <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/18823/jane-eyre-by-charlotte-bronte/>

To Kill a Mockingbird

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Kill-Mockingbird-Harper-Lee/dp/0099549484>

Looking for JJ

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Looking-JJ-Anne-Cassidy/dp/140713809X>

Lord of the flies

Amazon - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lord-Flies-William-Golding/dp/0571191479>

Nineteen Eighty-Four

Penguin - <https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/564/56487/1984/9780141036144.html>

Pygmalion

Good reads.com - <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7714.Pygmalion>