

Suggested Reading for A-Level

Pre-1900 Novels

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy
The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
The Turn of the Screw by Henry James
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
La Bete Humaine by Emile Zola

Novels 1900-1960

A Room with a View by E.M.Forster
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
1984 by George Orwell
Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger
The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh
Dubliners by James Joyce
The Outsider by Albert Camus
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

Modern Novels

The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks
Slaughterhouse 5 by Kurt Vonnegut
Saturday by Ian McEwan
Waterland by Graham Swift
Quarantine by Jim Crace
We need to talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver
Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell
The Kite Runner by Khaled Housseini
The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

The Little Stranger by Sarah Waters
Life after Life by Kate Atkinson
The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx
The Siege by Helen Dunmore
Oranges are Not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson
The Robber Bride by Margaret Atwood
Knowledge of Angels by Jill Paton-Walsh
Room by Emma Donoghue
The Grass is Singing by Doris Lessing
Once in a House on Fire by Andrea Ashworth
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
Half a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Science Fiction/Dystopia/Visions of the Future

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
High Rise by JG Ballard
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
The Inverted World by Christopher Priest
Starmaker by Olaf Stapledon
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Historical Novels

Regeneration Trilogy by Pat Barker
Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor
The Last Testament of Oscar Wilde by Peter Ackroyd
Lady's Maid by Margaret Forster
Quarantine by Jim Crace
The History of the Kelly Gang by Peter Carey
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusack
Wolf Hall/Bring out the Bodies by Hilary Mantel

Detectives and Thrillers

Strangers on the Train by Patricia Highsmith
The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco
Aberystwyth Mon Amour by Malcolm Price
Talking to the Dead by Helen Dunmore
The Death of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie
One Good Turn by Kate Atkinson
Death in Holy Orders by PD James
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
The Thirty Nine Steps by John Buchan
The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler

Humorous novels

The Wrong Boy by Willy Russell
The Van by Roddy Doyle
The Loony by Spike Milligan
Notes From A Small Island by Bill Bryson
Wilt by Tom Sharpe
The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson