



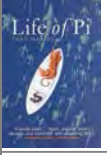
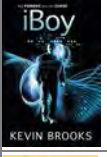


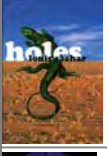

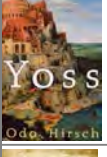



The Englishbiz Reading List

READING KEY: * = straightforward to read; ***** = challenging to read.

	<p>Martyn Pig** <i>Kevin Brooks</i></p>	<p>A fairly new novel by English writer, Kevin Brooks. If you enjoy novels that bring you to consider moral issues and the ambiguities inherent in life, this is for you.</p>
	<p>The Hunger Games <i>Suzanne Collins</i></p>	<p>Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever. A top seller – and for a good reason: gripping.</p>
	<p>The Alchemist* <i>Paul Coelho</i></p>	<p>Life affirming? Well, it's an out and out best seller; but it seems to be one you'll either love or hate. Check the Amazon reviews to find out why.</p>
	<p>Stormbreaker** <i>Anthony Horowitz</i></p>	<p>A book list without an Alex Ryder novel would not be a good book list. Horowitz is surely one of the best writers for teenagers up to, maybe 15? Yet lots of adults read these books too! Alex is a 14-year-old James Bond – or something like that.</p>
	<p>The Life of Pi*** <i>Yann Martell</i></p>	<p>A boy is marooned with a tiger on a lifeboat: top-selling, prize-winning... what more needs be said?</p>
	<p>iBoy** <i>Kevin Brooks</i></p>	<p>Imagine waking up after an accident and finding you can know and see far more than anyone else; this 16-year-old boy did. And the result is a fascinating tale – All down to embedded fragments of an iPhone that smashed into his brain!</p>
	<p>The Bean Trees*** <i>Barbara Kingsolver</i></p>	<p>Kingsolver now has a major worldwide following, so you could choose any of her books and likely find you have an absorbing read in your hands. This was her first and it soon became a best seller.</p>
	<p>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** <i>Mark Haddon</i></p>	<p>Murdered dog, fifteen-year-old boy, difficult family...! A must read book that is unbelievably straightforward to read, yet entirely gripping. You'll not want to put this down.</p>
	<p>Holes*** <i>Louis Sachar</i></p>	<p>An intricate story that is a best seller and now a movie. It's adventure and a mystery, with moments of high suspense, all neatly tied-off with a truly satisfying ending.</p>
	<p>Skellig** <i>David Almond</i></p>	<p>You're a young lad and you do an angel a good turn and get your reward. Sounds like the stuff for a good story? Well, this is not your average angel. For angel, read disgusting heap of vermin-ridden tramp who Michael finds in the far corner of a derelict garage... This is a best-seller for a very, very good reason.</p>
	<p>Yoss** <i>Odo Hirsch</i></p>	<p>Before Yoss sees with the eyes of a man he will have been a robber and a slave and a beggar ... A story of life on the dark side.</p>
	<p>The Book Thief*** <i>Markus Zusak</i></p>	<p>The story of a young girl who steals books; but she has a reason. Set in wartime Germany this will grip you and move you. One not to be missed.</p>

	The Scavenger's Tale** <i>Rachel Anderson</i>	If you like to read about a world gone wrong, this truly awful view of the future is for you. Set in London after some terrible war called the "Great Conflagration"...
	Kit's Wilderness** <i>David Almond</i>	A powerful story told in such a quiet voice that the effect is spellbinding. Kit returns to Stoneygate, where the roots of his family grow deep; he finds a natural affinity not only with his old grandfather, but also the other ancient rooted families and the very earth itself...
	Northern Lights*** <i>Philip Pullman</i>	Do you enjoy a story with big themes to ponder over, all set within an enthralling quest for Good against Evil? This book – and the two others in the trilogy, <i>The Subtle Knife</i> and <i>The Amber Spyglass</i> are three of the best selling books of recent years.
	Daydreamer* <i>Ian McEwan</i>	Weird how this apparently simple series of short stories tap into your mind and hook you. Are these stories dreams... or reality? You decide.
	Fahrenheit 451*** <i>Ray Bradbury</i>	451°F is the temperature at which paper burns: this is classic modern American science fiction.
	The Martian Chronicles*** <i>Ray Bradbury</i>	In the distant future, we colonise Mars, the red planet. A collection of brilliant and untypical sci-fi short stories from one of America's greatest writers.
	The Colour of Magic*** <i>Terry Pratchett</i>	Zany, intelligent reading: the book that started the seemingly never-ending "Discworld" cult.
	Redshift*** <i>Alan Garner</i>	A strange and challenging read at times, set in three time zones – ancient Rome, 17 th century England and the present day. Three stories run at the same time with a common thread: an ancient axe head possessed by the characters; and in each story, a young couple having a difficult relationship.
	Huckleberry Finn*** <i>Mark Twain</i>	The "world's most read" American novel – growing up in Mississippi is not all fun for Huck. A classic read.
	Brighton Rock**** <i>Graham Greene</i>	Gang warfare in sunny Brighton: a dark view of the shady side of life that has become a modern classic from this greatest of British writers.
	Lord of the Flies*** <i>William Golding</i>	A plane crash on a remote island; no adults left alive – only a group of boys... and all hell breaks loose...
	The Godfather**** <i>Mario Puzo</i>	A big book but this is truly exciting, fast-paced reading. One of the fastest selling and <i>fastest moving</i> books ever written. A real "page-turner". The Corlone family and their mafia lifestyle. Adult themes.