

"... books are yours,

Within whose silent chambers treasure lies"

William Wordsworth

	<p>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* Mark Haddon</p>	<p>A murdered dog, a 15-year-old boy, a broken family... lead to a very unusual detective adventure story with a twist. The 'detective' is a fifteen-year-old lad who will capture your interest from page one. If you enjoy this, you will surely also like Vernon God Little** by the curiously named DBC Pierre – it's been likened to the <i>The Osbournes</i> inviting <i>The Simpsons</i> round for root beer!</p>
	<p>The Life of Pi** Yann Martell</p>	<p>Yann Martell will tempt you to ponder life's big issues as you accompany an orang utan, zebra, tiger, and a sixteen-year-old Indian boy trapped in a lifeboat adrift on the Pacific Ocean... This is a wackily imaginative yet thought-provoking adventure story that is also, at times, rather gruesome and disturbing. You will want to try Sue Monk Kidd's The Secret Life of Bees** if you enjoyed having your thoughts provoked by this author!</p>
	<p>Lord of the Flies*** William Golding</p>	<p>A plane crashes on a desert island; all adults are killed; a group of teenage boys are forced to survive alone... All hell breaks loose. A very disturbing tale that has become a modern classic from one of our acknowledged best writers. If you enjoy this, a more challenging read that also delves into the dark side of human nature is Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness**** – an acknowledged world classic.</p>
	<p>The Lovely Bones** Alice Sebold</p>	<p>Now a major film. A murdered girl looks back on her family as they try to cope and uncover her murderer - genuinely gripping! If you enjoy harrowing autobiographical stories you'll want to read this author's other very popular novel, Lucky** – adult themes in both stories.</p>
	<p>Brighton Rock**** Graham Greene</p>	<p>Sunny Brighton as you've never known it! Greene's famous novel is a dark look at violent gangland. A classic from one of the greatest novel writers of the 20th century. If you enjoy sophisticated reading, you might easily find yourself hooked on Greene's style and want to try his other classics including The Heart of the Matter****, The Quiet American**** or his acknowledged masterpiece, The Power and the Glory****.</p>
	<p>The Godfather*** Mario Puzo</p>	<p>A big, exciting story about the Corleone family and their mafia lifestyle. Exciting reading that grips and entertains from beginning to end. Puzo is famous for his fast-paced writing. Make sure you see the three films, too – real entertainment. If you're hooked, try his Omerta***, another five-star crime story.</p>
	<p>Fever Pitch* Nick Hornby</p>	<p>A football obsessed bloke has difficulties dealing with relationships and life. Still a top seller. If you like Hornby's fast-paced style, you'll enjoy his other best seller, the "guy's novel", High Fidelity*.</p>
	<p>Heart of Darkness**** Joseph Conrad</p>	<p>A river-boat journey into Africa as a symbol for the darkness of the human soul. This is a subtle and sophisticated classic of English literature that offers good readers a challenge. When you've read it, be sure to see Apocalypse Now – the film based on Conrad's classic tale. If you like your reading to be this sophisticated, you might also enjoy James Joyce's The Dubliners**** – a classic and quite brilliant short-story collection by Ireland's famed writer.</p>
	<p>The Da Vinci Code*** Dan Brown</p>	<p>A page-turning adventure story that will provide food for thought – not to everyone's taste but a current best seller. Well plotted and with very short chapters make this a quick and easy read. If you like page-turners, you might also enjoy P J Tracy's Want to Play***.</p>

