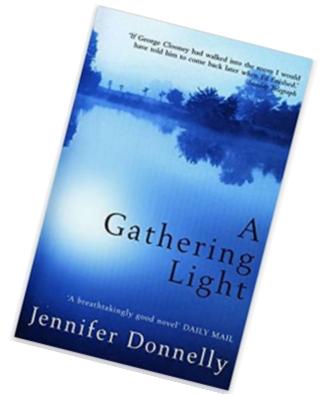
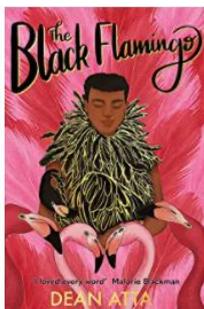


Welcome to Year 10 & 11: Summer Reading Recommendations



Very Contemporary Fiction

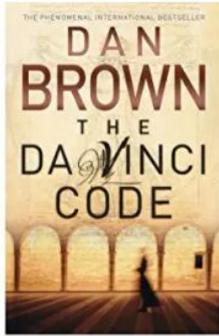
- **The Poet X:** Elizabeth Acevedo - powerful story of growing up in the USA.
- **On the Come Up:** Angie Thomas - dramatic novel by the author of the bestselling **The Hate U Give**.
- **The Black Flamingo:** Dean Atta - a boy growing up in London who has to come to terms with his racial and sexual identity.
- **Girl, Boy, Sea:** Chris Vick - a story of shipwreck and survival.
- **Long Way Down:** Jason Reynolds - Will's brother was shot by a member of a gang; now Will feels that it is his duty to avenge his death.
- **The Loop:** Ben Oliver - a dramatic young adult thriller, recommended for fans of **The Maze Runner** and **The Hunger Games**.
- **Burn:** Patrick Ness - a powerful story of revenge in 1950s America.
- **King of Scars:** Leigh Bardugo - magic, science and thrilling adventure...
- **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder:** Holly Jackson - compulsive murder mystery that keeps you guessing!
- **Nowhere on Earth:** Nick Lake - a surprising trio are on the run, for their lives.
- **The Gifted, the Talented and Me:** William Sutcliffe - a hilarious story of adolescence. Enjoyed by fans of **The Inbetweeners** tv series.
- **Patron Saints of Nothing:** Randy Ribay - a shocking story of uncovered secrets.
- **The Falcon of Sparta:** Conn Iggulden - a gripping adventure based on an epic true story.
- **Last Lesson:** James Goodhand - a star student's life has been transformed, and he is out for revenge...



Good Modern Novels

- **Red Joan:** Jennie Rooney - a gripping Cold War spy novel.
- **Trigger Mortis:** Anthony Horowitz - a new James Bond novel.
- **Under the Dome:** Stephen King - a riveting psychological drama.
- **Dark Matter:** Michelle Paver - modern gothic, ghostly story - a group of men go on an expedition to the Arctic and things go bump and scrape in the night.
- **The Book Thief:** Markus Zusak - WW2 story set in Germany.
- **Mister Pip:** Lloyd Jones - set on a lush tropical island, which is at war...
- **Atonement:** Ian McEwan - set during the build up to and action of World War One. A girl makes a terrible mistake one day...
- **Never Let Me Go:** Kazuo Ishiguro - set in the future, a dark future...
- **Purple Hibiscus:** Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie - a 15 year old girl's life in Nigeria is suddenly interrupted by a coup...
- **The Constant Gardener:** John le Carré - corruption, capitalism, murder and love in 20th Century Britain and Nigeria
- **White Rabbit, Red Wolf:** Tom Pollock - a teenage boy discovers terrifying truths about his mum and about himself...
- **Railhead, Station Zero and Black Light Express:** Philip Reeve - dramatic and action packed futuristic novels.
- **Salt to the Sea and Between Shades of Grey:** Ruta Sepetys - dramatic, gritty and powerful WW2 novels.
- **We Were Liars:** E. Lockhart - a group of American cousins holiday together on their family's island each summer; one year, it goes terribly wrong...
- **Northanger Abbey:** Val McDermid - humorous modern version of the classic Gothic novel.
- **The Da Vinci Code:** Dan Brown - the curator of the Louvre museum in Paris has been brutally murdered and Robert Langdon is called to investigate...
- **Sisterland:** Linda Newberry - a teenage girl begins to discover secrets about her German grandmother's past...
- **Things a Bright Girl Can Do:** Sally Nicholls - three courageous girls in WW1.
- **A Gathering Light:** Jennifer Donnelly - burned letters and a drowned friend send one girl on an unforgettable journey of discovery, set in Canada...

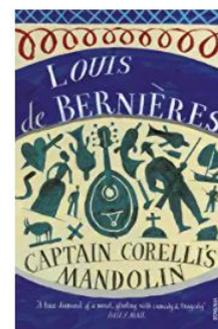
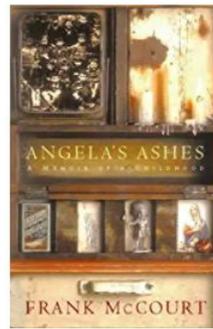
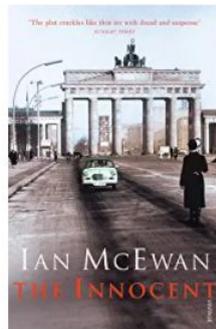




- **Birdsong:** Sebastian Faulks - a young man caught up in WW1 in France.
- **Charlotte Gray:** Sebastian Faulks - a female spy in WW2 France.
- **The Life of Pi:** Yann Martel - a young boy is caught up in an accident at sea, trapped in a lifeboat with some surprising companions...

Mid-20th Century Classics

- **I'm the King of the Castle** and **The Woman in Black:** Susan Hill - a tormented boy living with a new step-family and the haunting of a village.
- **Brighton Rock:** Graham Greene - an insight into the seedy side of Brighton and its criminal underworld of the mid-20th Century.
- **Chocolat:** Joanne Harris - a charming novel set in France.
- **Girl With a Pearl Earring:** Tracy Chevalier - a relationship develops between an artist and his model...
- **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie:** Muriel Spark - a powerful relationship develops between a teacher and a group of her pupils in 1930s Scotland.
- **Rebecca:** Daphne du Maurier - modern Gothic novel.
- **We Have Always Lived in the Castle:** Shirley Jackson - American Gothic.
- **I Capture the Castle:** Dodie Smith - a timeless and witty novel about growing up.
- **Captain Corelli's Mandolin:** Louis de Bernieres - a gritty story of love and war set in WW2 Greece.
- **Spies:** Michael Frayn - two young boys growing up in WW2 Britain, unaware of what they are really seeing as they decide to become spies...
- **Death on the Nile:** Agatha Christie - classic murder mystery!
- **Angela's Ashes:** Frank McCourt - a humorous and dark memoir of a young boy growing up in Ireland.
- **Brooklyn:** Colm Toibin - an Irish girl moves to America for a new life; is this the life that she really wants, however?



- **The Innocent:** Ian McEwan - dark deeds, spies and tunnels in post WW2 Berlin; don't read if you are squeamish!
- **Animal Farm** and **1984:** George Orwell - a powerful comment on communism and a dark dystopian classic.

Enjoyable Classics going a little further back in time...

- **Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities** and **David Copperfield:** Charles Dickens.
- **Jane Eyre:** Charlotte Bronte.
- **The 39 Steps:** John Buchan.
- **Little Women:** Louisa May Alcott.
- **Pride and Prejudice, Northanger Abbey** and **Emma:** Jane Austen.
- **The Hound of the Baskervilles** and **Other Stories:** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
- **The Woman In White:** Wilkie Collins.
- **Tess of the D'Urbervilles:** Thomas Hardy.
- **Treasure Island** and **Kidnapped:** Robert Louis Stevenson.
- **Frankenstein:** Mary Shelley.

