

Suggested Reading List for Senior Cycle Students

Below you will find a list of titles recommended for senior cycle students. There are a variety of reading levels included. Please encourage your child to choose at least one title to read over the summer holidays. A consistent engagement in reading is proven to help students succeed academically, and indeed, serves as a form of relaxation and time away from technology.

There are, of course, many other titles your child/young adult may choose. The titles below are novels that have been popular with our students previously or have appeared on the Leaving Cert English prescribed list. As these titles are for senior students, most novels contain adult content. Please look into titles to ensure you are happy for your child to read the chosen book.

Title	Author	Genre
Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë	Classic literature
The Girl with the Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier	Historical fiction
Room	Emma Donoghue	Thriller
Brooklyn	Colm Tóibín	Drama
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Dystopian
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Horror
Educated	Tara Westover	Non-fiction
Silas Marner	George Elliot	Classic literature
Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro	Dystopian/Fantasy
Persuasion	Jane Austen	Classic literature
Open	Andre Agassi	Non-fiction /Sport
1984	George Orwell	Dystopian
The Road	Cormac McCarthy	Dystopian
The Spinning Heart	Donal Ryan	Drama
The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris	Historical fiction
All the Bright Places	Jennifer Niven	Young adult
Toffee	Sarah Crossan	Young adult

A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khaled Hosseini	Historical fiction
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas	Young adult/ social justice
The Midnight Library	Matt Haig	Drama/Mental health
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo	Taylor Jenkins Reid	Drama
Thirteen	Steve Cavanagh	Thriller
Oh My God, What a Complete Aisling series	Sarah Breen/Emer McLysaght	Comedy/romance
The Hearts Invisible Furies	John Boyne	Drama
When All is Said	Anne Griffin	Drama
One of Us is Lying	Karen M.McManus	Young adult
The Thing about December	Donal Ryan	Drama
The Nightingale	Kristin Hannah	Historical fiction
The Help	Kathryn Stockett	Drama
Bad Day in Blackrock	Kevin Power	Crime/drama
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gail Honeyman	Drama
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman	Young adult
All These Beautiful Strangers	Elizabeth Kiehl	Young adult
The Immortalists	Chloe Benjamin	Drama
It Ends With Us	Coleen Hoover	Romance
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Classic literature
Normal People	Sally Rooney	Drama
All the Light we Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Historical fiction
Throne of Glass series	Sarah J Maas	Fantasy
An Absolutely Remarkable Thing	Hank Green	Sci fi

We Were Liars	E.Lockhart	Thriller
They Both Die at the End	Adam Silvera	LGBTQ+ romance
The Song of Achilles	Madeline Miller	Ancient Greek/LGBTQ+
The Inheritance Games	Jennifer Lynn Barnes	Mystery/fantasy
Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream	HG Bissinger	Sport/American Football
Turtles All the Way Down	John Green	Mental health

For students with Dyslexia or struggling readers, Chapters Bookstore has a collection of Dyslexia friendly titles for adults. These titles are printed on cream paper, using larger print and Dyslexia friendly font and spacing.

Happy reading!