

# The Eastwood Academy



## Recommended Reading List

*Ages 11-16*

# Key Stage 3 Recommended Reading List



## City of Stolen Magic by Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

*A thrilling adventure fused with Indian folklore which sees magnificent heroine Chompa journey from rural India to Victorian London as she searches for her mother.*

## The Kingdom Over the Sea by Zohra Nabi

*A rich, magical world that any child would love to get lost in.*

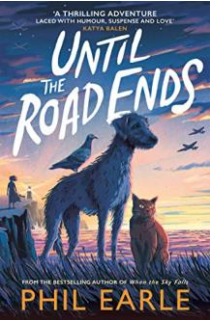
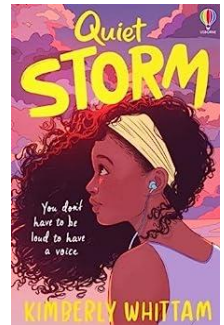


## Until the Road Ends by Phil Earle

*A touching story of love and devotion in the midst of war as heroic dog Beau begins an epic journey to reunite with his owner.*

## Quiet Storm by Kimberly Whittam

*When the shy and reserved Storm breaks a school athletics record she is thrust reluctantly into the limelight in this tender and compassionate tale of finding your voice.*

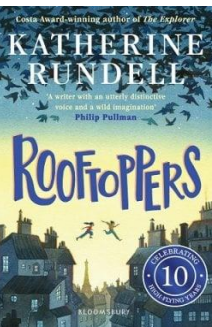


## Rooftoppers by Kathrine Rundell

*This former Waterstones Children's Book of the Year spins a magical tale of a quirky orphan who takes up with a gang of urchins who scavenge on the rooftops of Parisian buildings.*

## Swarm Rising by Tim Peake and Steve Cole

*This exciting action-adventure book from astronaut Tim Peake and Steve Cole is based on space-age science and technology.*



## The Case of the Lighthouse Intruder by Keren Getten

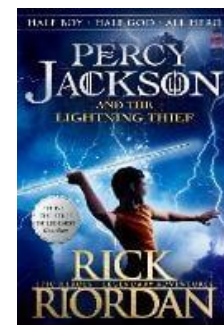
*The electrifying opening instalment of the Di Island Crew series finds budding detective Fayson and friends investigate a mysterious shadow appearing in the island's lighthouse.*

## Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

*Half boy. Half Greek God. ALL Hero.*

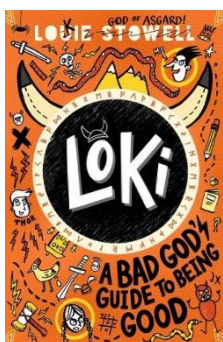
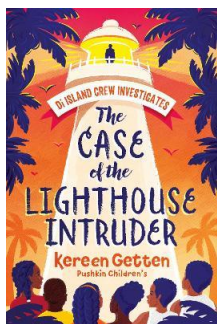
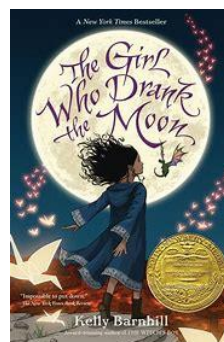
## Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good by Louie Stowell

*This doodle-heavy diary follows trickster god, Loki after he is banished to Earth in the body of an eleven-year-old boy.*



## The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

*A fairy tale with a difference, this is about finding your power and what it means to belong, captured in a beautiful fantasy world.*



# Advanced Key Stage 3 Recommended Reading List

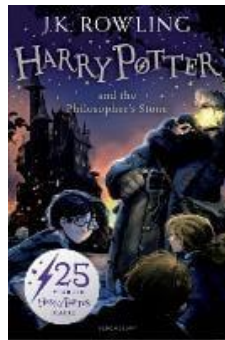


## **Threads That Bind by Kika Hatzopoulou**

*Follow the descendants of Greek Gods as they decide upon the fates of the mortals in this fantasy-based fiction that brims with romance and danger.*

## **The Immortal Games by Annaliese Avery**

*A thrilling, fast-paced, and brutal tale of revenge, loyalty, courage, and friendship.*



## **Harry Potter by JK Rowling**

*A wide-eyed young wizard is drawn into an old-fashioned battle between good and evil.*

## **The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins**

*Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called The Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed.*



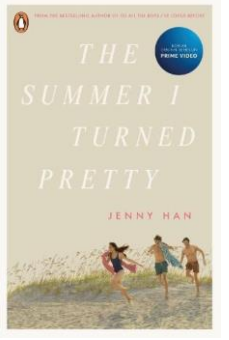
## **Divergent by Veronica Roth**

*A dystopian novel of suspense and mystery that you least expect. Be prepared to sit on the edge of your seats!*



## **The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han**

*Romance, friendship and the perfect beach setting meet in Han's indulgent summer novel about growing up and coming to terms with who you are.*



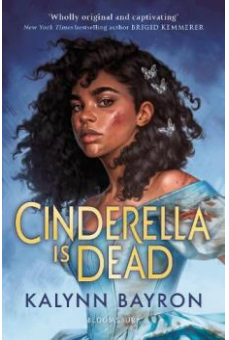
## **Overemotional by David Fenne**

*Whatever emotion Steven Percival experiences manifests as magical powers, with consequences ranging from the disastrous to the hilarious.*



## **Cinderella Is Dead by Kalynn Bayron**

*A pulsating twist on the story of Cinderella which proves that happy ever after definitely does not depend on Prince Charming.*



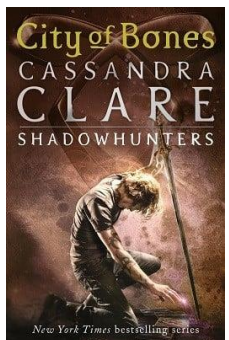
## **Bad Influence by Tasmin Winter**

*A powerfully real and funny new story about first kisses, learning to be true to yourself and how one click can last for ever.*



## **The Mortal Instrument: City of Bones by Cassandra Clare**

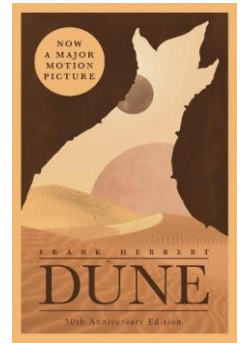
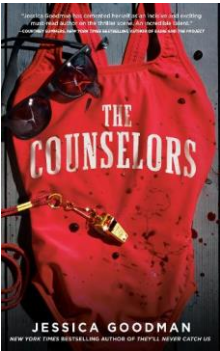
*Love. Blood. Betrayal. Demons.*



# Key Stage 4 Recommended Reading List

## The counsellors by Jessica Goodman

*A twisty new thriller about three best friends, one elite summer camp, and the dark secrets that lead to a body in the lake.*

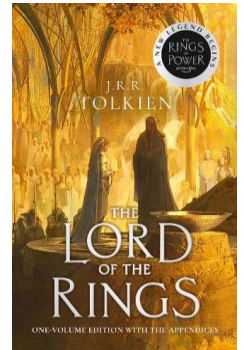


## Dune by Frank Herbert

*Frank Herbert's sand-blasted epic details the battles for control of the desert planet Arrakis and its precious resource, 'spice'.*

## Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

*Willowdean Dixon, the fearless, funny, and totally unforgettable heroine who takes on her small town's beauty pageant.*

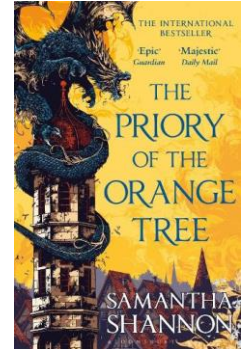
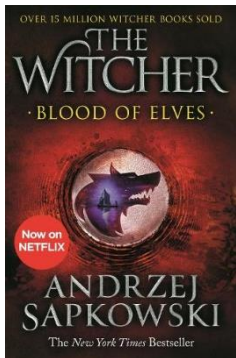


## The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien

*Timeless classic.*

## The Witcher: Blood of Elves by Andrzej Sapkowski

*In this first gripping novel of the epic saga, Geralt the Witcher protect a child of prophecy upon whose strange gifts the world's future depends.*

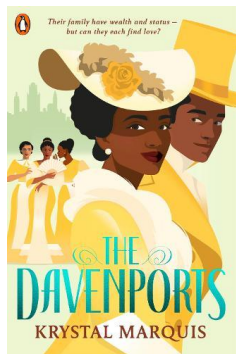


## The Priory of the Orange Tree by Samantha Shannon

*Set in an impeccable world of dragons, warring factions and underground rebellion, The Priory of the Orange Tree has all the hallmarks of a fantasy classic.*

## The Davenports by Krystal Marquis

*The Davenports follows four determined and passionate young Black women as they discover the courage to steer their own path in life-and love.*

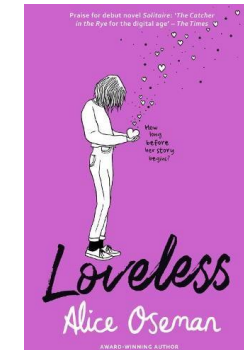
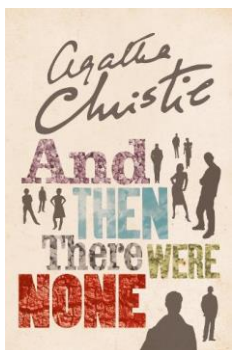


## Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

*Toshikazu Kawaguchi's moving story explores the age-old question: what would you change if you could travel back in time?*

## And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

*Christie places an assortment of guests on a remote island and then picks them off one by one.*



## Loveless by Alice Osman

*This wise, warm and witty story of identity and self-acceptance and the idea that true love isn't limited to romance.*

# Advanced Key Stage 4 Recommended Reading List



## Thinner by Stephen King

*The iconic bestseller which pulsates with evil and will have you on the edge of your seat.*



## Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow

*Charting the story of three generations of women from a family in Memphis, Stringfellow's evocative debut delivers an epic yet intimate history of Black womanhood.*



## Under the Whispering Door by T J Klune

*A whimsical, warm-hearted fantasy that suggests it is never too late to make a positive change in life - or afterwards.*



## Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender

*Felix Love has never been in love—and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone.*

## The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

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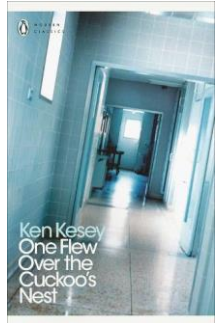


## Classic Ghost Stories by Charles Dickens, H.G. Wells and many more

*As the winter nights draw in and you settle in front of a cosy fire, it's the perfect time for a dash of the supernatural...*

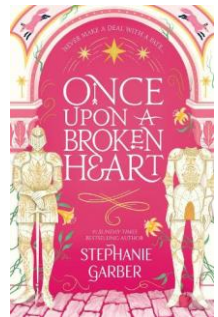
## When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Barnhill

*In a world where girls and women are taught to be quiet, the dragons inside them are about to be set free...*



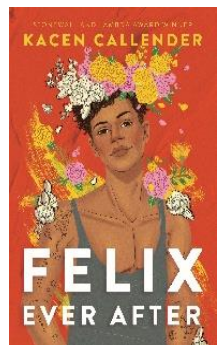
## One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

*An extraordinary battle between cruel authority and a rebellious free spirit.*



## Once Upon a Broken Heart by Stephanie Garber

*A bewitching new world to immerse yourself in, as a young woman makes a dangerous bargain with the manipulative Prince of Hearts to snare the one she loves.*



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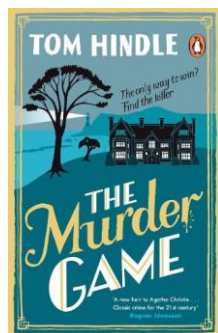
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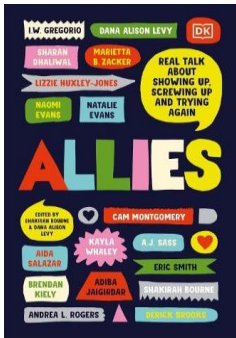
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## The Murder Game by Tom Hindle

*One house. Nine guests. Endless motives for murder...*

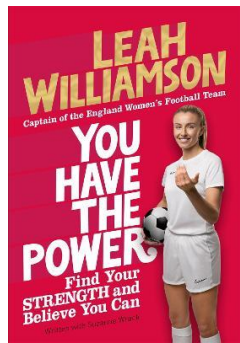
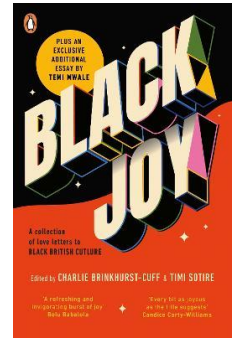


# Non-Fiction Recommended Reading List



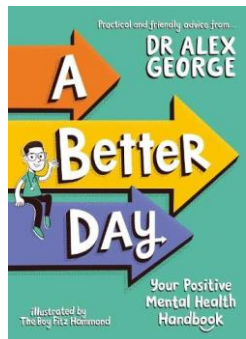
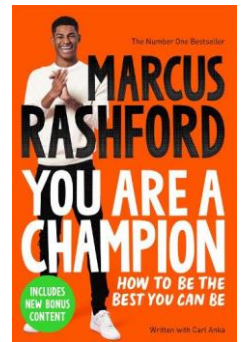
**Allies by Shakirah Bourne and Dana Allison Levy**  
*17 critically acclaimed and bestselling YA authors get real about being an ally, needing an ally, and showing up for friends and strangers.*

**Black Joy by Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff**  
*This must-read anthology is a true celebration of Black British culture in all its glory.*



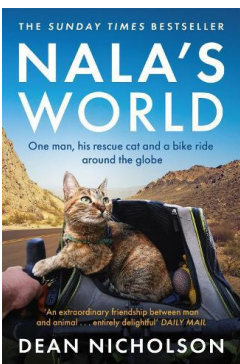
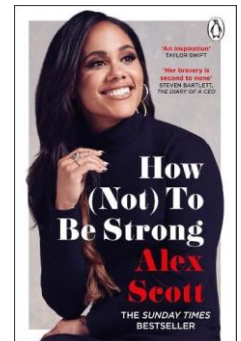
**You Have the Power by Leah Williamson**  
*Triumphant England football captain Leah Williamson delivers an empowering guide for young girls to build resilience and follow their dreams.*

**You Are A Champion by Marcus Rashford**  
*Marcus Rashford delivers an inspirational volume to help develop the game-changers and ethical crusaders of tomorrow.*



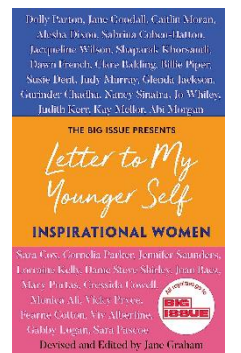
**A Better Day by Dr Alex George**  
*The Youth Mental Health Ambassador presents his first book for children and young people, providing readers with the tools required to overcome mental health struggles.*

**How (Not) To Be Strong by Alex Scott**  
*Part-sporting memoir and part-self-help manual, reports Alex Scott's journey with candour and heart, revealing a vulnerable side to the driven athlete that the public seldom sees.*



**Nala's World by Dean Nicholson**  
*Dean Nicholson reveals the full story of his life-changing friendship with rescue cat Nala and their inspiring adventures together on a bike journey around the world.*

**Letter to My Younger Self: Inspirational Women by Jane Graham**  
*This is a collection of 70 inspiring, moving and honest interviews from a variety of women.*



# The Classics Recommended Reading List

## Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

*Louisa May Alcott has created four of American literature's most beloved women.*

## Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

*Frankenstein is a haunting novel about the dangers and temptations of scientific progress and an enduring investigation into what it means to be truly human.*

## Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell

*This dystopian masterpiece is perhaps the most pervasively influential book of the twentieth century.*

## Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

*One of the greatest gothic love stories of all time, Jane Eyre tells of a lowly, plain governess who falls in love with the dashing Mr Rochester - who hides a terrible secret.*

## Beloved by Toni Morrison

*Toni Morrison's novel tells the story of a former Kentucky slave haunted by the trauma of her past life.*

## Dracula by Bram Stoker

*A Gothic tale of fear and love.*

## Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

*Jean Rhys's masterpiece tells the story of Jane Eyre's 'madwoman in the attic', Bertha Rochester.*

## All Quiet on the Western Front by Eric Maria Remarque

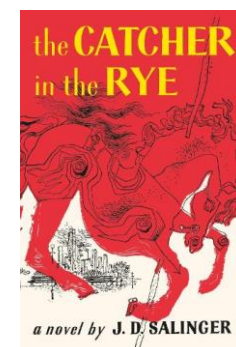
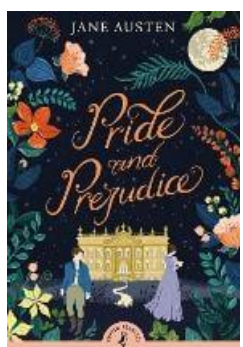
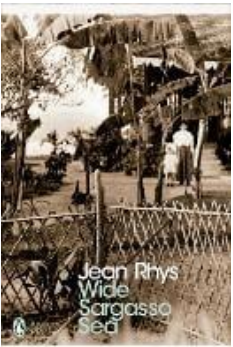
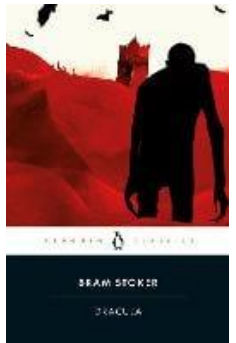
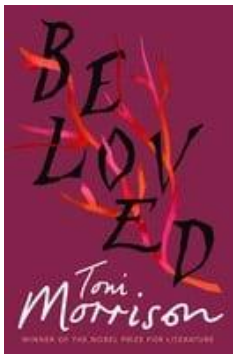
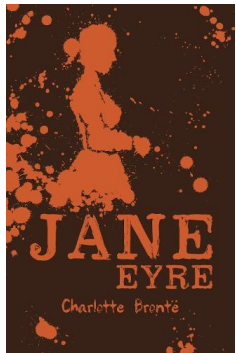
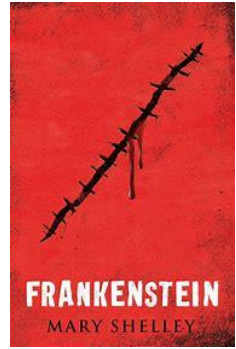
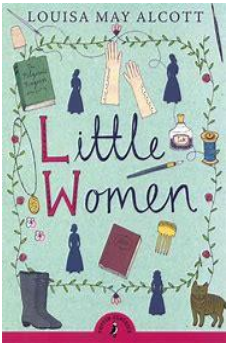
*Based on the author's own experiences – this classic of the genre, told from the German perspective, is a harrowing, unflinching depiction of the horrors of trench conflict.*

## Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

*Pride and Prejudice remains one of the jewels in the crown of English literature.*

## The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

*Witty, wise and bittersweet, The Catcher in the Rye is the ultimate American coming-of-age novel - a timeless classic.*



# Graphic Novel Recommended Reading List

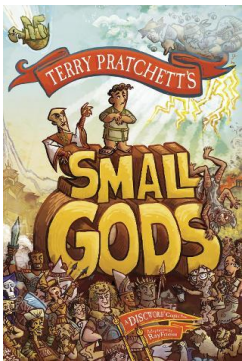
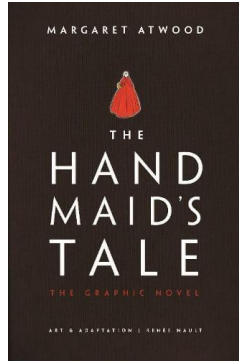


## Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

*Oseman's pioneering queer graphic novel series has become a modern classic of YA literature.*

## The Handmaid's Tale: The Graphic Novel Edition by Margret Attwood

*The gorgeous illustrations bring the dystopian Gilead to life in a vivid and fascinating way.*



## Small Gods by Terry Pratchett

*Fans of Sir Terry Pratchett will love this stunning graphic novel adaptation of his bestselling standalone Discworld novel Small Gods.*

## Lore Olympus BY Rachel Smythe

*Rachel Smythe's smart webcomic brings readers the first volume of her modern take on the Persephone myth.*



## Lumberjanes by Stevenson, Ellis, Watters and Allen

*A hilarious and feelgood tribute to friendship, which centres on a quintet of rad teenage girls at a very unusual summer camp.*



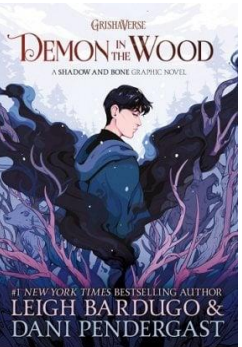
## Star Wars: The Mandalorian by Rodney Barnes

*Prepare for a gritty adventure through the Star Wars universe featuring mercenaries, Blurrgs, mudhorns and more!*



## Demon in the Wood by Leigh Bardugo

*Bardugo's phenomenally successful Shadow and Bone series gets a vibrantly illustrated graphic novel prequel that tells the thrilling origin story of the Darkling.*



## Black Adam: Theogony by Christopher Priest

*'Mighty Adam' began as a hero of humanity, but then allowed his power to corrupt his ideals. Now, Black Adam returns in the modern day as an enemy to Earth's heroes.*



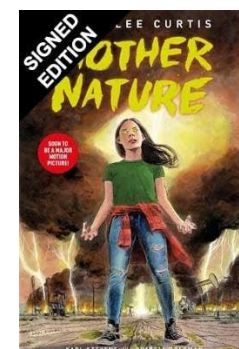
## Middlewest by Skottie Young

*When a violent storm levels his sleepy Midwest town, Abel and Fox, must hastily flee into a world of bridge trolls, endless forests and forgotten children.*



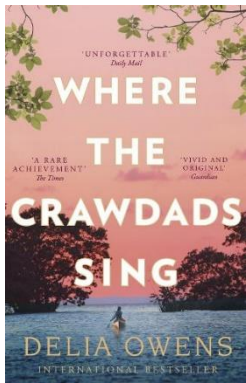
## Mother Nature by Jamie Lee Curtis

*Perfect for fans of Stranger Things, this debut novel sees a bereaved girl uncover the true horror that a sinister oil corporation has wreaked on her New Mexico hometown.*





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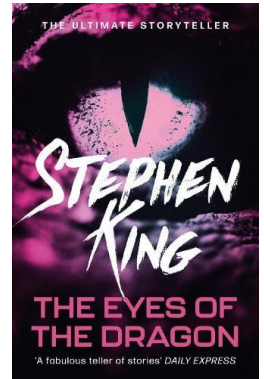
## **Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens**

*An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heart-breaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.*

**Miss Malliff -**

## **The Eyes of the Dragon by Stephen King**

*A captivating tale of heroic adventure, of dragons and princes, of mysterious mice and men from the pen of the master storyteller.*



**Miss Marchant -**

## **Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo**

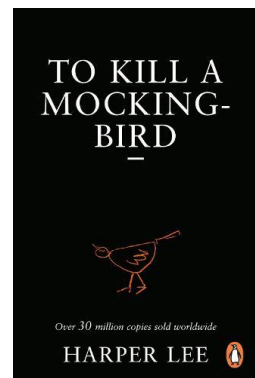
*Full of vivid detail and engrossing atmosphere, leading to a dramatic and moving conclusion, Private Peaceful is both a compelling love story and a deeply moving account of the First World War.*



**Mr Pearl -**

## **To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee**

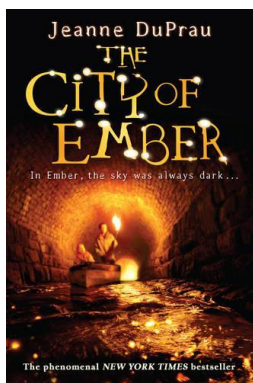
*To Kill a Mockingbird is a coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.*



**Mr Danson -**

## **The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau**

*Such a tense book, wondering whether or not the kids will save the city from eternal darkness!*



**Mr Howard -**

## **The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness**

*An amazing science-fiction story that manages to encompass the questions of equality, society and the power of standing up for the truth, no matter what the consequences.*

