

# The Harden Library

## Form 4 Reading List 2019-2020

**The trouble with a book is that you never know what's in it until it's too late+(Jeanette Winterson)**

Transition Year is a great time to get back into the habit of reading just for pleasure. The books below are Book Club recommendations interspersed with some comparative texts to add more value to your reading. (\* = on LC 2021 comparative text list.) (\*\* Great Reads Award shortlisted or winners).

### **Classics**

*Persuasion* \* by Jane Austen  
*Wuthering Heights* \* by Emily Brontë  
*Silas Marner* \* by George Eliot

For classical mythology try the *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan as an introduction.

### **Modern classics**

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams  
*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*Nineteen Eighty Four* \* by George Orwell  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray* \* by Oscar Wilde

### **Fantasy / Dystopia**

*The Handmaids Tale* \* by Margaret Atwood  
*The Loneliest Girl in the Universe* by Lauren James  
*Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Maas  
*Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin

### **Contemporary Fiction including Book Club recommendations**

*The Poet X* \*\* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*The Burning* \*\* by Laura Bates  
*S.T.A.G.S.* \*\* by M. A. Bennett  
*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky  
*All the Light We Cannot See* \* by Anthony Doerr  
*Room* \* by Emma Donoghue  
*I am Thunder* \*\* by Muhammad Khan  
*Foster* by Claire Keegan  
*Orangeboy* \*\* by Patrice Lawrence  
*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart  
*Night of the Party* \*\* by Tracey Mathias  
*One of Us is Lying* \*\* by Karen M. McManus  
*Asking for it* by Louise O'Neill  
*The Luras* \* by Sarah Taylor  
*The Hate U Give* \*\* by Angie Thomas  
*The Art of Being Normal* \*\* by Lisa Williamson  
*Rayne and Delilah's Midnite Matinee* by Jeff Zentner  
*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

### **Biography**

*It's Not Yet Dark* \* by Simon Fitzmaurice  
*Noel Fitzpatrick : Becoming the Supervet* by Noel Fitzpatrick  
*Nowhere's Child* by Kari Rosvall & Naomi Linehan  
*Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson  
*Do No Harm* by Henry Marsh

### **Short Stories**

*A Game of Chess and other stories* by Stefan Zweig

All of the above titles and many more are available in the school library.

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