



6Y Reading List 2026/2027

Here is a list of suggestions for reading for pleasure during the school year. These and many other good books are available in the school library. * = Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2027. ** = Shortlisted for an award

AUTHOR	TITLE
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi,	* Purple Hibiscus
Barker, Pat	* The Silence of the Girls
Barrett, Colin	* Young Skins
Brontë, Anne	* The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Brontë, Emily	Wuthering Heights
Bui, Thi	* The Best We Could Do
Buffini, Moira	* Songlight - Winner of the YA Book Prize 2025
Doerr, Anthony	All the Light We Cannot See
Du Maurier, Daphne	Rebecca
Ganeshanathan, V.V.	** Brotherless Night - Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2024
Garmus, Bonnie	Lessons in Chemistry
Harvey, Samantha	** Orbital - Winner of the Booker Prize 2024
Hardy Thomas	* The Mayor of Casterbridge
Ishiguro, Kazuo	Klara and the Sun
Jenkins Reid, Taylor	Atmosphere
Keegan, Clare	** Small Things like These – Winner of the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction 2022
Kuang, R. F	Babel
Mara, Andrea	** It Should Have Been You – Winner of the Book Centre Crime Fiction Book of the Year 2025
O'Farrell, Maggie	* Hamnet – Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020
Owens, Delia	* Where the Crawdads sing
Pineiro, Claudia	* Elena Knows
Ryan, Donal	* The Spinning Heart
Whitehead, Colson	* The Underground Railroad
Winterson, Jeanette	* Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal

Drama & Film

Shakespeare, William	* Othello
Johnson, Rian (Dir.)	* Knives Out
Gerwig, Greta (Dir.)	* Barbie

Poetry

Bishop, Elizabeth	* Complete Poems (821/BIS)
Yeats, W.B.	* Yeats: selected poems (811/YEA)