



5Y 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 2028. ** = Winner/Shortlisted for an award

AUTHOR	TITLE
Austen, Jane	Pride & Prejudice
Barker, Pat	* The Silence of the Girls
Buffini, Moira	* Songlight - Winner of the YA Book Prize 2025
Brontë, Anne	* The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Bronte, Emily	* Wuthering Heights
Bui, Thi	* The Best We Could Do
Donoghue, Emma	* Room
Du Maurier, Daphne	Rebecca
Garmus, Bonnie	* Lessons in Chemistry
Harvey, Samantha	** Orbital - Winner of the Booker Prize 2024
Ishiguro, Kazuo	Klara and the Sun
Jenkins Reid, Taylor	Atmosphere
Katouh, Zoulfa	As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow
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
O'Brien, Grainne	* Solo - Winner of the IES Teen & YA Book of the Year 2025
Owens, Delia	* Where the Crawdads Sing
Pineiro, Claudia	* Elena Knows
Ryan, Donal	* The Spinning Heart
Stoker, Bram	* Dracula
Tóibín, Colm	Brooklyn & Long Island
Weir, Andy	Project Hail Mary

Drama & Film

Miller, Arthur	* All My Sons
Cuarón, Alfonso	* Children of Men
Gerwig, Greta	* Barbie

Poetry

Dickinson, Emily	* The Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson (811/DIC)
Heaney, Seamus	* 100 Poems (811/HEA)