Suggested A Level reading list

Prose:
Kingsley Amis  Lucky Jim
Martin Amis The Rachel Papers; London Fields
Margaret Atwood The Handmaid’s Tale; Alias Grace; The Blind Assassin
Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice; Persuasion; Sense and Sensibility; Mansfield Park; Emma
J.G. Ballard Crash; Empire of the Sun
Alan Bennett Talking Heads
Anne Brontë The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Emily Brontë Wuthering Heights
Charlotte Brontë Jane Eyre
Albert Camus The Outsider; The Stranger [French]
Miguel de Cervantes Don Quixote [Spanish]
J.M. Coetzee Disgrace
Wilkie Collins The Woman in White; The Moonstone
Joseph Conrad Heart of Darkness; The Secret Agent
Daniel Defoe Robinson Crusoe; Moll Flanders
Charles Dickens Great Expectations; Bleak House; Our Mutual Friend; Little Dorrit; The Old Curiosity Shop; David Copperfield; A Tale of Two Cities
Fyodor Dostoevsky Crime and Punishment; The Idiot; The Gambler; The Brothers Karamazov [Russian]
Roddy Doyle Paddy Clarke Ha Ha; The Van
Umberto Eco The Name of the Rose [Italian]
George Eliot Middlemarch; Silas Marner; The Mill on the Floss; Adam Bede
Brett Easton Ellis American Psycho
William Faulkner The Sound and the Fury; As I Lay Dying; Absalom Absalom
Sebastian Faulks Birdsong; Engleby; On Green Dolphin Street
Henry Fielding Tom Jones
F. Scott Fitzgerald The Great Gatsby; Tender is the Night; This Side of Paradise; The Beautiful and the Damned
Gustave Flaubert Madame Bovary [French]
E.M. Forster A Room with a View; Howard’s End; A Passage to India; Maurice
John Fowles The French Lieutenant’s Woman
Elizabeth Gaskell Wives and Daughters; North and South
Stella Gibbons Cold Comfort Farm
George Gissing The Odd Women
William Golding Rites of Passage; The Inheritors; Lord of the Flies
Günter Grass The Tin Drum [German]
Graham Greene Brighton Rock; The Heart of the Matter; The End of the Affair; The Quiet American; Our Man in Havana; The Third Man; The Comedians
Mikhail Gulgakov The Master and Marguerita [Russian]
Mark Haddon The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time; A Spot of Bother
Thomas Hardy The Woodlanders; Jude the Obscure; Tess of the D’Urbervilles; Far from the Madding Crowd; The Mayor of Casterbridge; The Return of the Native
Nathaniel Hawthorne The Scarlet Letter
Joseph Heller Catch-22
Zoë Heller Notes on a Scandal
James Hogg The Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner
Alan Hollinghurst The Line of Beauty
Zora Neale Hurston Their Eyes Were Watching God
Aldous Huxley Brave New World
Kasuš Ishiguro Remains of the Day; When We Were Orphans; Never Let Me Go
Henry James Washington Square; The Portrait of a Lady; The Bostonians; The Ambassadors; The Golden Bowl
James Joyce  
Dubliners; A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man; Ulysses

Franz Kafka  
The Trial; The Metamorphosis [German]

Jack Kerouac  
On the Road; Big Sur

Ken Kesey  
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

Milan Kundera  
The Unbearable Lightness of Being

D.H. Lawrence  
Lady Chatterley’s Lover; Sons and Lovers; Women in Love; The Rainbow

Harper Lee  
To Kill a Mockingbird

Laurie Lee  
Cider With Rosie

Doris Lessing  
The Golden Notebook

Matthew Lewis  
The Monk

Hilary Mantel  
Wolf Hall

Yann Martel  
The Life of Pi

Gabriel García Márquez  
Love in the Time of Cholera; One Hundred Years of Solitude [Latin American]

Daphne Du Maurier  
Rebecca; Frenchman’s Creek; Jamaica Inn

Cormac McCarthy  
The Road; No Country for Old Men; Blood Meridian

Ian McEwan  
On Chesil Beach; Atonement; Enduring Love; Amsterdam; The Cement Garden

Herman Melville  
Moby Dick

John Milton  
Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained

Toni Morrison  
Beloved; Song of Solomon; Bluest Eye

Iris Murdoch  
The Sea, The Sea; The Bell; The Unicorn; An Accidental Man; A Severed Head

Vladimir Nabokov  
Lolita [Russian]

George Orwell  
1984; Down and Out in Paris and London; Animal Farm

Boris Pasternak  
Doctor Zhivago [Russian]

Sylvia Plath  
The Bell Jar

Edgar Allen Poe  
Collected Stories; Tales of Suspense

Marcel Proust  
In Search of Lost Time [French]

Anne Radcliffe  
The Mysteries of Udolpho

Jean Rhys  
Wide Sargasso Sea

Samuel Richardson  
Pamela; Clarissa

Philip Roth  
The Human Stain

Salman Rushdie  
Midnight’s Children

J.D. Salinger  
The Catcher in the Rye

Olive Schreiner  
Story of an African Farm

Mary Shelley  
Frankenstein

Dodie Smith/ Capture the Castle

Muriel Spark  
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie

John Steinbeck  
The Grapes of Wrath; Of Mice and Men

Laurence Sterne  
Tristram Shandy

Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Bram Stoker  
Dracula

Graham Swift  
Waterland

Jonathan Swift  
Gulliver’s Travels

Donna Tartt  
The Secret History; The Little Friend

W.M. Thackeray  
Vanity Fair

Hunter S. Thompson  
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

J.R.R. Tolkien  
The Lord of the Rings; The Hobbit

Leo Tolstoy  
Anna Karenina [Russian]

Anthony Trollope  
The Barchester Chronicles; The Warden

Mark Twain  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

John Updike  
The ‘Rabbit’ books

Alice Walker  
The Color Purple

Sarah Waters  
Fingersmith; Tipping the Velvet; The Night Watch; The Little Stranger

Evelyn Waugh  
Brideshead Revisited; Vile Bodies; Decline and Fall; Scoop

H.G. Wells  
The War of the Worlds, The Island of Dr Moreau

Edith Wharton  
The Age of Innocence; Ethan Frome; The Buccaneers
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