



Anglais : Conseils de lecture - Entrée en 3^e

I. Very Easy – Easy (Fictions/novels)

Fictions featuring child characters

1. *The House of Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros --set in Chicago, easy to read with short chapters
2. *Holes* by Louis Sachar -- young kids find an adventure after digging holes for punishment
3. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan -- deals with Mexican immigration to the USA
4. *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel -- two young people learn to appreciate life from an old man
5. *Frannie and Zooey* by J.D. Salinger -- the story of a young brother and sister
6. *Superfudge* by Judy Blume -- a young boy's adventures and troubles, a very funny book
7. *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie -- a funny book with cartoons
8. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald DAHL -- the inspiration of two different movies
9. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald DAHL -- a small orphan boy has many magical adventures
10. *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli -- a story of young boys and peer pressure
11. *Bridge to Terebithia* by Katherine Paterson -- a sweet story about a friendship
12. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton -- a story of friendship, murder, gangs and social status
13. *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck -- a Mexican folk tale about a poor fisherman and a pearl
14. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell -- a 12 year-old girl survives on an island
15. *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery - Anne, an 11-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm

Fiction featuring animal characters

1. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell -- a political satire starring farm animals
2. *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White -- simple, beautiful and sad story starring animals
3. *Mrs. Fisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien -- a mother mouse attempts to move her family

II. Moderate difficulty/Extreme Popularity (Novels/ Fantasy series)

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins -- a girl fights to save her family and her country (3 books)
2. *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer -- Team Edward or Team Jacob, who will win Bella's heart? (4 books)
3. *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis -- four siblings travel to a magical world called Narnia (7 books)
4. *Harry Potter series* by J.K. Rowling -- you might have heard of this magical boy (7 books)
5. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan -- a good way to learn about mythology (5 books)
6. *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Brett Helquist - 3 kids with bad luck (13 books)
7. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
8. *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green
9. *Paper Towns* by John Green
10. *An Abundance of Katherines*, by John Green
11. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon -- an Autistic boy tries to solve the mystery of who killed his dog.
12. *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio- how a young boy wants to be treated normally but make other kids run away from him because of his abnormality. Funny and touching.

III. Moderate to Challenging (Fictions / novels)

Novels which deal with American or international history

1. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee -- deals with racism in America, a great book! A must read!
2. *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger -- the quintessential coming-of-age novel
3. *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak -- Death is the narrator of this story of a German family in WW2
4. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald -- deals with wealth and social status during the Roaring 1920s
5. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker -- empowering story of a poor black girl in the South of the US
6. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck -- a story of two brothers in desperate times in the US
7. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry -- a WW2 inspired story about the evacuation of Jews from Denmark of Sweden

8. *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith – the fictional journal of a young girl whose poor family is living in an old English castle.
9. *Farewell to Arms*, by E. Hemingway- a masterpiece, a love story of immense drama and uncompromising passion, set in WW1 in Italy.
10. *For Whom the Bell tolls*, by E. Hemingway- another masterpiece, set during the Spanish Civil War, High in the pine forests of the Spanish Sierra, a guerrilla band prepares to blow up a vital bridge.
11. *The Help*, by K. Stockett- Mississippi, 1962, how black maids raising white children in segregated US tell their extraordinary story together
12. *The Hate You Give*, by A. Thomas- Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping novel about one teenage girl's struggle for justice

Contemporary teenage novels

1. *The Thief of Always*, by C. Barker
2. *The Name of this Book is Secret*, by P. Bosch
3. *Kindred*, by O.E Butler
4. *Out of My Mind*, by S. Draper
5. *The Midnight Library*, by M. Haig
6. *A Mango Shaped Space*, by W. Mass
7. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by D. Owens
8. *Such a Fun Age*, by K. Reid
9. *Stargirl*, by J. Spinelli
10. *Dear Martin*, by N. Stone

Science Fiction/ Utopian Novels

1. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury- about the role of books and knowledge in a society
2. *1984* by George Orwell- a scary vision of the future. He invented the term “Big Brother”
3. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry – a “perfect” world with no war, poverty, crime and suffering, etc.

Detective / Mystery Novels

1. *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie – a classic murder mystery on the train
2. *And then there were none* by Agatha Christie – also known as ‘Ten little niggers’
3. *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler – a crime novel set in Los Angeles, in the 1930s
4. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle – one of his most famous novels

“Other” novels

1. *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel – a boy and a tiger on a boat in the middle of the ocean
2. *Little Women* by Louisa May Ascot – the story of four sisters
3. *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles – the story of two college friends

Short Stories

1. *The Best American Short Stories* edited by Katrina Kenison
2. *The Elephant vanishes* by Haruki Murakami – a famous Japanese author writes about loss and loneliness
3. *Complete Tales and Poems* by Edgar Allen Poe – scary poems and stories by an American master of the art
4. *The Umbrella Man and other stories* by Roald Dahl – twisted short stories, very dark humor
5. *Hills like White Elephants and The Snows of Kilimanjaro* by Ernest Hemingway – America’s master

Graphic Novels

1. *The Watchmen* by Alan Moore -when superheroes go bad
2. *MAUS* by Art Spiegelman – a story about Nazis and Jews during WW2, a Pulitzer Prize winner

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