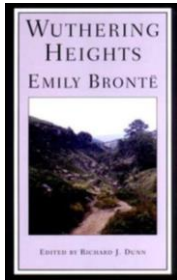


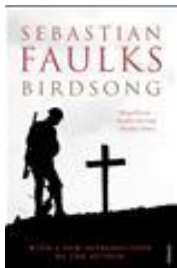


YEAR 9 CHALLENGE READS



Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

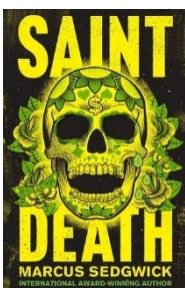
From the moment of his adoption by the Earnshaws, the foundling boy Heathcliff devotes himself to their young daughter Catherine. Growing up together the two share a love that blossoms into romance, until Catherine's hurtful betrayal. Embittered as an adult, Heathcliff vents his rage on his and Catherine's heirs, manipulating their lives under the influence of a passion that has curdled into obsession.



Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks

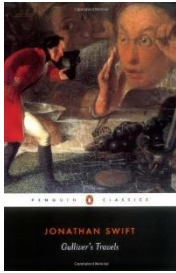
As the young Englishman Stephen Wraysford passes through a tempestuous love affair with Isabelle Azaire in France and enters the dark, surreal world beneath the trenches of No Man's Land.

The story of a love affair caught up in the horrors of the First World War, as well its effects on the following generations.



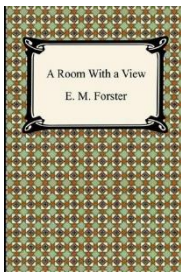
Saint Death by Marcus Sedgwick

Faustino smuggles his girlfriend and baby into the US, and needs Arturo's help to get back money he stole. Arturo must face the remorseless world of drug and human traffickers while contending with a murky past. Watching over them is Saint Death. Saint Death (or Santissima Muerte) - she of pure bone and charcoal-black eye, she of absolute loyalty and neutral morality, holy patron to rich and poor, criminal and police-chief. A folk saint, a rebel angel, a sinister guardian.



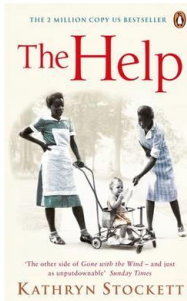
Gulliver's Travels: Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World by Jonathan Swift

Gulliver's Travels describes the four voyages of Lemuel Gulliver, a ship's surgeon. In Lilliput he discovers a world in miniature; towering over the people and their city, he is able to view their society from the viewpoint of a god. However, in Brobdingnag, a land of giants, tiny Gulliver himself comes under observation, exhibited as a curiosity at markets and fairs. In Laputa, a flying island, he encounters a society of speculators and projectors who have lost all grip on everyday reality; while they plan and calculate, their country lies in ruins. Gulliver's final voyage takes him to the land of the Houyhnhnms, gentle horses whom he quickly comes to admire - in contrast to the Yahoos, filthy bestial creatures who bear a disturbing resemblance to humans.



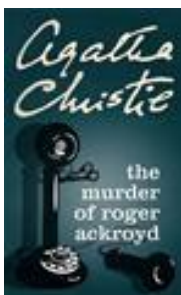
A Room with a View by E.M Forster

Lucy has her rigid, middle-class life mapped out for her, until she visits Florence with her uptight cousin Charlotte, and finds her neatly ordered existence thrown off balance. Her eyes are opened by unconventional characters. Lucy finds herself torn between the intensity of life in Italy and the repressed morals of Edwardian England, personified in her terminally dull fiancé Cecil Vyse. Will she ever learn to follow her own heart?



The Help by Kathryn Stockett

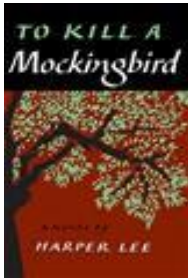
Enter a vanished and unjust world: Jackson, Mississippi, 1962. Where black maids raise white children, but aren't trusted not to steal the silver. There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from College, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared.



The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

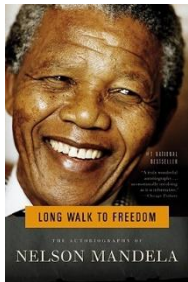
Village rumour hints that Mrs Ferrars poisoned her husband, but no one is sure. Then there's another victim in a chain of death. Unfortunately for the killer, master sleuth Hercule Poirot takes over the investigation.

The most perfect whodunnit.



To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, "To Kill A Mockingbird" takes readers to the roots of human behaviour - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humour and pathos.



The Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela

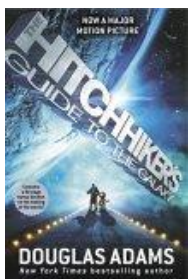
Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time: an international hero whose lifelong dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa won him the Nobel Peace Prize and the presidency of his country.



The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz

Once again, THE GAME'S AFOOT...

London, 1890. 221B Baker St. A fine art dealer named Edmund Carstairs visits Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson to beg for their help. He is being menaced by a strange man in a flat cap—a wanted criminal who seems to have followed him all the way from America. In the days that follow, his home is robbed, his family is threatened. And then the first murder takes place...



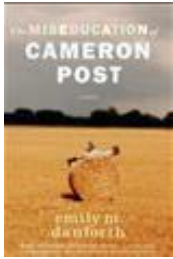
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

The insanely funny, satiric bestseller about the end of the world and the days that follow it. Arthur Dent must find a new home after the world is destroyed, to make way for the new hyperspatial express route.



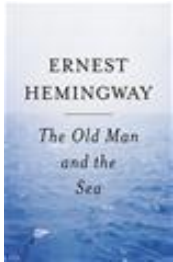
Witch Child by Celia Rees

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.



The Miseducation of Cameron Post by Emily M Danforth

In the early 1990s, gay teenager Cameron rebels against her conservative upbringing and her family decides she needs to change her ways by sending her to a gay conversion therapy centre.



The Old Man and The Sea by Ernest Hemingway

In this beautiful, symbolic story an old fisherman catches a giant marlin, only to have sharks strip it to the bone.