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Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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Would you like to join the
Younger Teens Reading
Group at Orpington Library?

If you would like to join, please contact us by
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Meetings are once a month on a Monday from
5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-
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We look forward to seeing you!

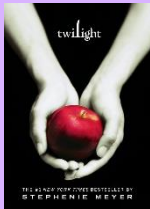
National Twilights Day

National Twilights Day is celebrated on September 13th to honour the worldwide fan community of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series, the town of Forks, Washington (where the story is set), and the impact the books and movies have had. When *Twilight* was first published in 2005, it became an instant hit—not just with teenage girls like the main character Bella Swan, but with fans of all ages and genders. The success of the Twilight movies boosted tourism in Forks, where locals embraced fans by offering tours and creating places like Lepell's Flowers, Gifts and Twilight Central. The *Twilight* fan community has grown into a global group that even takes part in charity work, including helping cancer patients. The holiday was created in 2019 by April Tinnes, Patsy Harrison, Twyla Moore, and Cindy Stapp. Fans celebrate by visiting Forks, enjoying events, or showing their Twilight pride online by wearing themed clothing and posting pictures.

Fun Fact: September the 13th is both Bella Swan's and Stephenie Meyer's birthday! To find out more of Twilights Day, [click here](#).

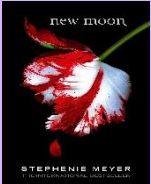
Twilight #1 by Stephenie Meyer

When Isabella Swan moves to the gloomy town of Forks and meets the mysterious, alluring Edward Cullen, her life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. With his porcelain skin, golden eyes, mesmerizing voice, and supernatural gifts, Edward is both irresistible and impenetrable. Up until now, he has managed to keep his true identity hidden, but Bella is determined to uncover his dark secret. What Bella doesn't realize is that the closer she gets to him, the more she is putting herself and those around her at risk. And it might be too late to turn back ...



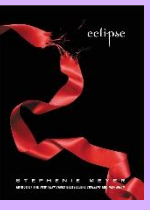
New Moon #2 by Stephenie Meyer

For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning ...



Eclipse #3 by Stephenie Meyer

As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. During it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob - knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which?



"It was a beautiful bright autumn day, with air like cider and a sky so blue you could drown in it." – Diana Gabaldon, *Outlander*

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Sunrise on the Reaping #0.5 by Suzanne Collins

As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honour of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves. When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker, and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight ... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.



My Hero Academia Vol.6 by Kohei Horikoshi

What would the world be like if 80% of the population manifested superpowers called 'Quirks'? Heroes and villains would be battling it out everywhere! Being a hero would mean learning to use your power, but where would you go to study? The Hero Academy of course! But what would you do if you were one of the 20% who were born Quirkless? In the aftermath of the sports festival, the Class 1-A student's being their internships. Midoriya goes to study under Gran Torino, who was once All Might's mentor. Gran Torino appears to be a washed-up nutjob, but the old hero still has more moves than a football team, and Midoriya has a lot to learn! Elsewhere, the League of Villains enacts another sinister plot and unleashes a terrifying new enemy!

Minority Report by Philip K. Dick (Recommended for older readers)

In the world of *The Minority Report*, Commissioner John Anderton is the one to thank for the lack of crime. He is the originator of the Precrime System, which uses precogs—people with the power to see into the future—to identify criminals before they can do any harm. Unfortunately for Anderton, his precogs perceive him as the next criminal.

Little White Lies by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Eighteen-year-old auto mechanic Sawyer Taft did not expect her estranged grandmother to show up at her apartment door and offer her a six-figure contract to participate in debutante season. And she definitely never imagined she would accept. But when she realizes that immersing herself in her grandmother's "society" might mean discovering the answer to the biggest mystery of her life - her father's identity - she signs on the dotted line and braces herself for a year of makeovers, big dresses, bigger egos, and a whole lot of bless your heart. The one thing she doesn't expect to find is friendship, but as she's drawn into a group of debutantes with scandalous, dangerous secrets of their own, Sawyer quickly discovers that her family isn't the only mainstay of high society with skeletons in their closet. There are people in her grandmother's glittering world who are not what they appear, and no one wants Sawyer poking her nose into the past. As she navigates the twisted relationships between her new friends and their powerful parents, Sawyer's search for the truth about her own origins is just the beginning.

Bungo Stray Dogs Vol. 6 by Kafka Asagiri

Ryuunosuke Akutagawa pits his Rashomon against Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* as the war between the Armed Detective Agency, the Guild, and the Port Mafia escalates. While each side tries to outwit and outflank the other, Chuuya Nakahara suddenly appears, ready to make a deal with the Agency. Can Nakahara's 'diplomacy' be trusted, or will he lead the Agency into even greater peril...?

National Literacy Day

International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on September 8th to highlight the importance of literacy in creating a fair, peaceful, and sustainable world. Literacy is a basic human right that helps people gain knowledge, understand their rights, and live better lives. Despite progress, hundreds of millions of people around the world still can't read or write well, and many children are out of school. In 2025, the theme is "Promoting literacy in the digital era." While technology can improve learning, it can also leave some people further behind if they don't have access or skills. This day is a chance to reflect on how we teach and learn literacy in today's digital world and to celebrate efforts that help make learning available to everyone.

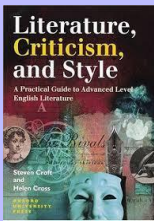
Literature in Context by Rick Ryland

This book examines a key topic in modern literary studies. Contextual factors shape our perception of how literary texts are made, and how they are read. Their understanding is fundamental to the study of English at undergraduate level and is becoming increasingly important at 'A' Level. This book contains accessible essays by leading scholars on the contextual understanding of works of literature from Chaucer to the present day. The writers and texts chosen are central in 'A' Level and undergraduate syllabuses.



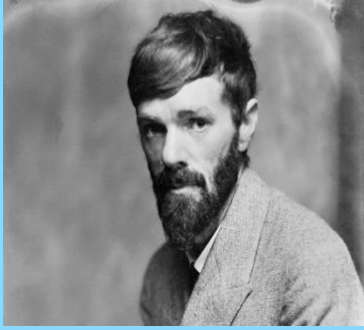
Literature, Criticism, and Style: A Practical Guide to Advanced Level English Literature by Steven Craft

Literature, Criticism, and Style is arranged in three sections to give coverage from induction to A-Level English Literature through to the final revision period. It provides approaches to different genres of literature; the study of key authors and texts; developing critical views on literature; improving written style; practical criticism and unseen; coursework assessment; revision and examination preparation.



On This Day... D.H. Lawrence Was Born September 11th, 1885

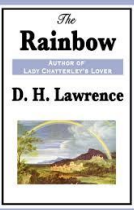
D.H. Lawrence (1885–1930) was an important English writer known for his novels, poems, and essays that explored deep themes like love, family, sexuality, and the struggle between individual freedom and society. Born in a working-class mining town, his personal life—especially his parents' troubled relationship—inspired much of his work. After an early illness forced him to stop working, he turned to writing, encouraged by his friend Jessie Chambers. His novels *Sons and Lovers*, *The Rainbow*, *Women in Love*, and *Lady Chatterley's Lover* brought him fame and controversy, especially because of their honest portrayals of relationships and sexuality, which led to censorship and bans during his lifetime.



Lawrence travelled widely with his partner Frieda Weekley, drawing inspiration from different cultures. Despite health problems, he continued to write until his death in France in 1930. Today, Lawrence is remembered as a bold and influential writer who challenged social norms and expanded the boundaries of modern literature.

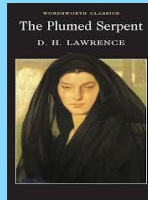
The Rainbow by D.H. Lawrence

Set in the rural Midlands, *The Rainbow* chronicles the lives of three generations of the Brangwen family over a period of more than 60 years, setting them against the emergence of modern England. When Tom Brangwen marries a Polish widow, Lydia Lensky, and adopts her daughter Anna as his own, he is unprepared for the conflict and passion that erupts between them. All are seeking individual fulfilment, but it is Ursula, Anne's spirited daughter, who in her search for self-knowledge, becomes the focus of Lawrence's examination of relationships and the conflicts they bring, and the inextricable mingling of the physical and the spiritual. Suffused with Biblical imagery, *The Rainbow* addresses searching human issues in a setting of precise and vivid detail.



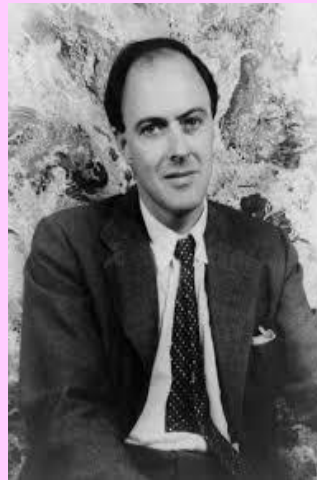
The Plumed Serpent by D.H. Lawrence (recommended for older readers)

The novel has a contemporary setting during the period of the Mexican Revolution. It opens with a group of tourists visiting a bullfight in Mexico City. One of them, Kate Leslie, departs in disgust and encounters Don Cipriano, a Mexican general. Later she meets his friend, an intellectual landowner Don Ramón, and travels to Sayula, a small-town set on a lake. Ramón and Cipriano are leading a revival of a pre-Christian religion and Kate becomes drawn into their cult.



On This Day... Roald Dahl Was Born September 13th, 1916

Roald Dahl was a famous British author best known for writing dark and imaginative children's books like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*, which were later turned into popular movies and plays. Before becoming a writer, Dahl lived an adventurous life. After finishing school, he travelled to Newfoundland and later worked in Africa. When World War II started, he joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) as a fighter pilot and was seriously injured in a crash. He later worked as a spy in the U.S., where he began writing stories based on his wartime experiences.



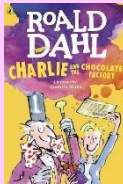
The BFG by Roald Dahl

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie and the BFG set out to save the world from nine other man-gobbling giants.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Mr Willy Wonka is the most extraordinary chocolate maker in the world. And do you know who Charlie is? Charlie Bucket is the hero. The other children in this book are nasty little beasts, called: Augustus Gloop - a great big greedy nincompoop; Veruca Salt - a spoiled brat; Violet Beauregarde - a repulsive little gum-chewer; Mike Teavee - a boy who only watches television. Clutching their Golden Tickets, they arrive at Wonka's chocolate factory. But what mysterious secrets will they discover? Our tour is about to begin. Please don't wander off. Mr Wonka wouldn't like to lose any of you at this stage of the proceedings...



Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Every time Mr. Fox steals a chicken from the farm, Farmers Boggis, Bunce, and Bean grow wild with rage. They're the nastiest crooks in the valley, and they've concocted a cunning plan to dig him out of his hole once and for all. But it never occurs to them that Mr. Fox has a fantastic plan of his own.



International Sudoku Day

International Sudoku Day is celebrated on September 9 (9/9) because Sudoku is played on a 9x9 grid. The goal is to fill the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9 with no repeats. So, 9/9 is the perfect day to celebrate this brain-boosting game!

Sudoku's history goes way back to 1892 when a French newspaper printed a similar puzzle. But the modern version was created in 1979 by Howard Garns, an architect from Indiana. It was first called "Number Place". The game really became popular in Japan, where it got the name Sudoku. Then in 1997, a judge from Hong Kong named Wayne Gould made a computer program to create Sudoku puzzles and helped spread it worldwide. Now, Sudoku is found in newspapers, magazines, apps, and even game shows. It became so popular that in 2013, the World Puzzle Federation made September 9 the official day to celebrate it.

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You can find sudoku puzzles on the library desk. New puzzles everyday!