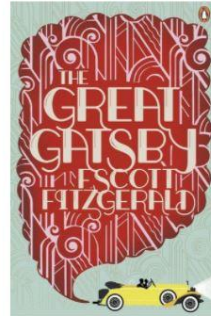


Miss Print's Favourite Book is...

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

I love the glamour and opulence of the roaring 20s and Gatsby's extravagant parties. It is a tragic story of hope and displaced spirituality beautifully written by a fantastic American writer.

"I was within and without, simultaneously enchanted and repelled by the inexhaustible variety of life."

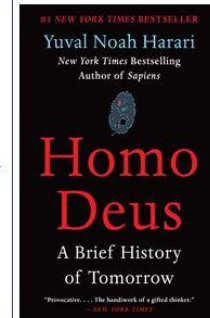


Ms Ladas' Favourite Book is...

Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow by Yuval Noah Harari

I personally love this book because it combines science, humanity, history and philosophy. It's thought provoking on so many levels and uses the past to put into context what the future may look like to us all. Whilst I don't agree with everything the author has to say, I'm still thinking about those weighty questions it raises.

"People are usually afraid of change because they fear the unknown. But the single greatest constant of history is that everything changes."

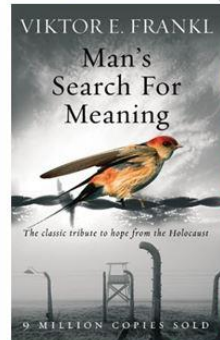


Mr Vildiz's Favourite Book is...

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl

This is a great book because it chronicles the author's experiences as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps during World War II, and describes his psychotherapeutic method for coping, which involved identifying a purpose in life to feel positive about, and then immersively imagining that outcome.

"Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how'."



Ms Okuyemi's Favourite Book is...

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

It's a historical novel about the colonisation of Africa and this novel retells the stories of the encounters of Nigerians with the Europeans in a way that was acceptable.

"The sun will shine on those who stand before it shines on those who kneel under them."

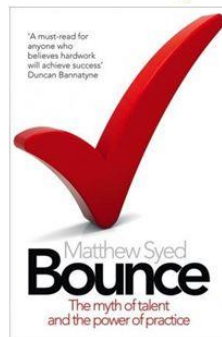


Mr Harcourt's Favourite Book is...

Bounce By Matthew Syed

I love this book as it teaches you that with sustained effort and practice you can become world class at almost anything. It also breaks down commonly held myths and shows you that despite some people making something look easy serious amounts of hard work have gone into it. It also has a focus on sport which is a passion of mine.

"The subversive idea at the centre of Ericsson's work is that excellence is not reserved for the lucky few but can be achieved by almost all of us."



Ms Varar's Favourite Book Series is...

The Mure Series By Jenny Colgan

I love all the books in the Mure series written by Jenny Colgan. Mure is an imaginary Scottish island where I would like to live with all the interesting characters. This is great escapism!

"But with the seasons changing, Flora must come to terms with past mistakes – and work out exactly where her future lies..."

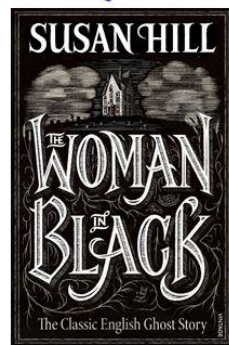


Ms Alan's Favourite Book is...

The Woman in Black By Susan Hill

This is the first ghost story I have read set in the Victorian era that had the unnerving, chilling effect of haunting me through imagination. The author is evocative and very skilful at creating atmospheric descriptions so you feel like you can see and feel what is happening through Arthur Kipp's eyes, the main character. I happened to have read this on a stormy rainy evening alone upstairs, unsuspecting of the mystery that this novel was going to slowly unfold, and then I couldn't come down anymore! But if you want to fully experience the tension build until you reach a heart-stopping conclusion for yourself I would recommend you do the same.

"For I see that then I was still all in a state of innocence, but that innocence, once lost, is lost forever."



Mr Deay's Favourite Book is...

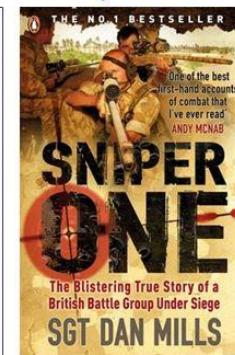
Sniper One By Dan Mills

Sniper One is the gritty, awe-inspiring true story that takes you right into the heart of the Iraq war.

This awe-inspiring account tells of total war in throat-burning winds and fifty-degree heat, blasted by mortars and surrounded by heavily armed militias. For six months, they fought alone: isolated, besieged and under constant enemy fire. Their heroic stand a modern-day Rorke's Drift.

Dan Mills served for 24 years as an Infantry Soldier reaching the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2. During his long military career he served on operations in Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Dan was awarded a 'Mention In Despatches' for Gallantry for his services during The Iraq War.

"We all saw it at once. Half a dozen voices screamed 'Grenade!' simultaneously. Then everything went into slow motion..."



Mr Kodjoe's Favourite Book is...

The Pelican Brief By John Grisham

Two Supreme Court Justices are dead, their murders unsolved.
But one woman might have found the answer – if she can live to tell it.

My favourite book is The Pelican Brief. In fact I just love anything written by John Grisham. The Pelican Brief draws you in with gripping and dangerous interactions on every page.

"He was neutral on prayer, skeptical of free speech, sympathetic to tax protestors...soft on criminals, and fairly consistent in his protection of the environment"

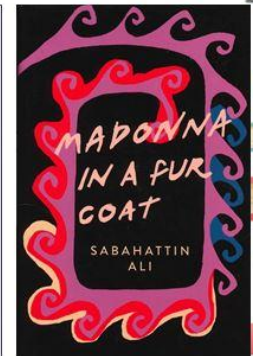


Ms Gunes' Favourite Book is...

Madonna in a Fur Coat by Sabahattin Ali

I am not very much a fan of love stories. Nonetheless, I loved this one, especially because it shows us how universal good storytelling is. A wonderful story of unfulfilled love and lost opportunities.

"The pain of losing something precious — be it earthly happiness or material wealth — can be forgotten over time. But our missed opportunities never leave us, and every time they come back to haunt us, we ache."

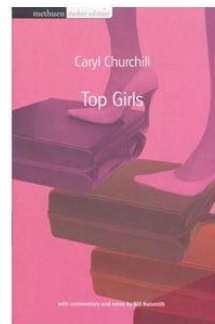


Ms Demir' Favourite Book/Play (2020) is...

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill

I love this book as it examines the roles available to women in modern society and what it means and takes for a woman to succeed.

"I put on this dress to kill my mother."



Ms Ireland's Favourite Book (2020) is...

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

I always tell you to make good choices - and for a reason. This novel explores the different choices one person can make and how it can effect so many. What's the best thing that could happen in your life? The worst? What do you dream of? Do we have any control over the outcome?

"If you aim to be something you are not, you will always fail. Aim to be you. Aim to look and act and think like you. Aim to be the truest version of you. Embrace that you-ness. Endorse it. Love it. Work hard at it. And don't give a second thought when people mock it or ridicule it. Most gossip is envy in disguise."



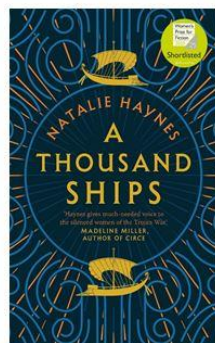
Ms Vuksel's Favourite Book (2020)

is...

A Thousand Ships by Nathalie Haynes

I really enjoyed the female retelling of the story of Troy. It is powerfully told and gives voices to the women who for so long were kept silent.

"But this is a women's war, just as much as it is the men's, and the poet will look upon their pain – the pain of the women who have always been relegated to the edges of the story."



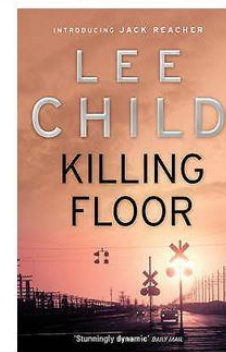
Mr Hurley's Favourite Book (2020)

is...

Killing Floor by Lee Child

The book introduces the character of Jack Reacher for the first time, as the tough ex-military cop of no fixed abode. Trained to think fast and act faster, he is the perfect action hero for men and women alike.

"I had to decide how to use that pressure. I had to decide whether it was going to crush me or turn me into a diamond."

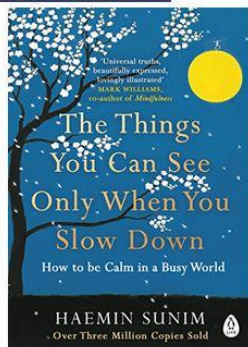


Mrs Hernandez-Rivas' Favourite Book is...

The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down by Haemin Sunim

It is my favourite book because it makes me happy and helps me reflect on a busy day. I do agree with Sunim's philosophy and would recommend any of his books. Even if you just look at the illustrations, they will give you a sense of peace and tranquility.

"Life teaches us through our mistakes."



Mrs Rudolph's Favourite Book (2020)

is...

The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

This is a great book which helps promote understanding and compassion, whatever your gender or race. Bold and brave. A great read in a poetic format.

"How to come out as gay"
Don't.

Don't come out unless you want to.
Don't come out for anyone else's sake.

Don't come out because you think society expects you to.
Come out for yourself.
Come out to yourself."



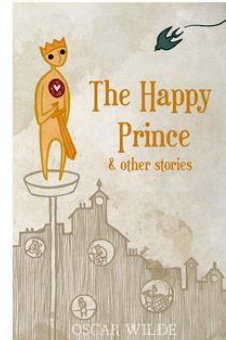
Shortlisted for
the CILIP
Carnegie Medal
2020!

Ms Khan's Favourite Book is...

The Happy Prince by Oscar Wilde

My favourite book is The Happy Prince by Oscar Wilde because no matter how often I read this book, it makes me cry every time. It's the ultimate story of self-sacrifice and love.

"Surely Love is a wonderful thing. It is more precious than emeralds, and dearer than fine opals. Pearls and pomegranates cannot buy it, nor is it set forth in the marketplace. It may not be purchased of the merchants, for can it be weighed out in the balance for gold."

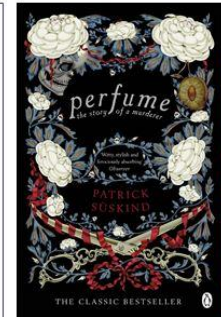


Miss Montfort's Favourite Book is...

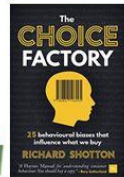
Perfume: The Story of a Murderer by Patrick Süskind

It was hard to choose just one favourite book! Süskind takes his readers on an adventure which is not only visual but also olfactory, creating a book in which all five senses are reunited. We see, we hear, we touch, we taste and, most importantly, we smell as we follow Jean Baptiste Grenouille--a craftsman of a new genre, a highly-skilled perfumer--wandering in the streets of Paris in the 18th century.

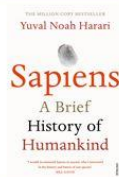
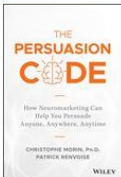
"He who rules scent ruled the hearts of men."



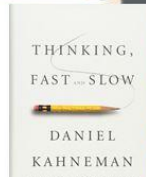
Mr Shipton's Favourite Books are...



For many marketing magic methods



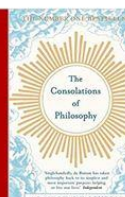
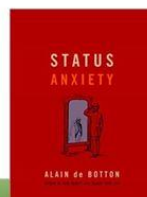
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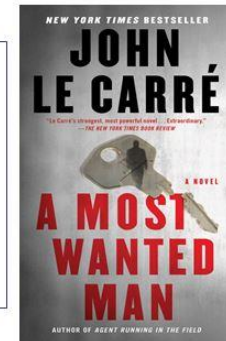
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Mr Alaimo's Favourite Book is...

A Most Wanted Man by John le Carré

It is my favourite book because it is a novel that deals with moral and political concerns. It is about a man who has inherited a doomed private British bank and develops into intrigue and mystery.

"The fact that you can only do a little is no excuse for doing nothing."



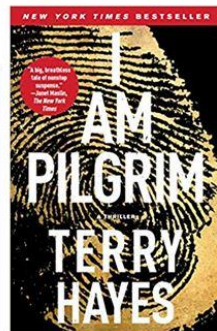
Mr Berkun's Favourite Book is...

I am Pilgrim By Terry Hayes

An exciting terrorist thriller plot about a former CIA agent called back into action to stop a deadly virus and save the world. Gripping and has you turning pages so quickly that the 891 pages go by in a flash!

"If you take the final betrayal out of it," he said, "he was a fine agent - one of the best."

I stared at him. "That's one way of putting it," I replied. "If you take the bomb out of it, 6 August was probably a nice day in Hiroshima."

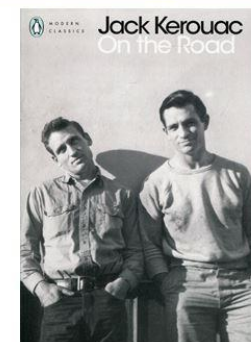


Mr. Turner's Favourite Book is...

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

A stream of consciousness. Kerouac recounts his travels to and fro across 1950s America in gripping style.

"the only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn..."



Mr Shepherd's Favourite Book is...

Seveneves By Neal Stephenson

It is an extraordinarily good book about a World destroying event and the lengths that people will go to to save humanity.

It is great science and a cracking story which spans from the current day to 5000 years in the future.

"THE MOON BLEW UP WITHOUT WARNING AND FOR NO APPARENT reason. It was waxing, only one day short of full. The time was 05: 03: 12 UTC. Later it would be designated A + 0.0.0, or simply Zero."

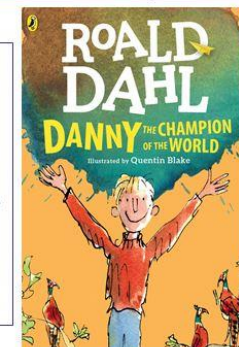


Mr Purrier's Favourite Book is...

Danny the Champion of the World By Roald Dahl

I loved reading this as a child and then sharing it with my own children. It is the charm and sense of adventure of the main characters that make it so special. Everyone should have read this book at least once.

"Most of the really exciting things we do in our lives scare us to death. They wouldn't be exciting if they didn't."

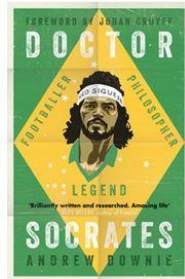


One of Mr Pieri's favourite books...

Doctor Socrates: Footballer, philosopher, legend

A brilliant book telling the extraordinary story of a talented footballer who wanted a simple life but through the power of his morals led one that was anything but. My first memories of Socrates were of a teammate of my favourite player of the fabled 1982 Brazil team, Zico, and while I was enchanted by Zico's skills I could not ignore the gangly, long haired star and of course that goal v Russia. The chapters about the 1982 World Cup team before, during and after are great and allowed more than a few moments to reminisce the first time I shed a tear over football (I was 8 btw!) As a book there is plenty to enjoy - so many stories and quotes. A fantastic read that gives you an insight into Brazilian club football and Socrates' role in instilling democracy to football in an era when this was alien to the Brazilian people.

"For the first time in Brazil's history, a sportsman had a megaphone and fans were listening,"



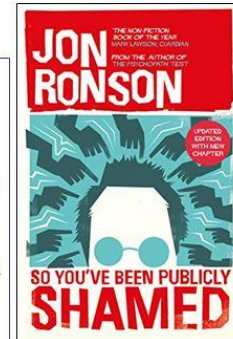
Mr Findlay's Favourite Book is...

So you've been publicly shamed

By Jon Ronson

This is a terrifying series of tales about people who have had their lives and reputations ruined by the modern day return of public shaming through the internet, social media and Twitter. Jon Ronson interviews several people who have experienced this and delves into the reasons why being 'tarred and feathered' has made such a comeback.

"I suppose that when shamings are delivered like remotely administered drone strikes nobody needs to think about how ferocious our collective power might be."



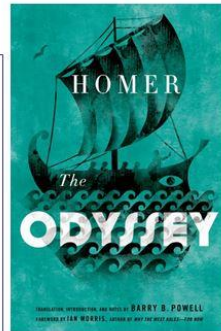
Ms Foxley's Favourite Book is...

The Odyssey

By Homer

This book is a real page turner, following Odysseus' journey as he struggles against the odds (and Gods) to get back home to his wife and son.

"Men are so quick to blame the gods: they say that we devise their misery. But they themselves, in their depravity, design grief greater than the griefs that fate assigns."



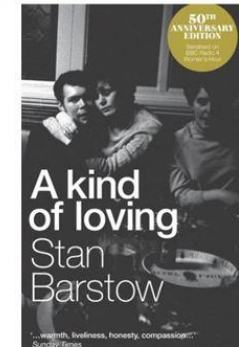
Mrs Broadley's Favourite Book is...

A Kind of Loving

By Stan Barstow

It is set in West Yorkshire, where I was born and brought up. It is written from the point of view of Vic Brown, a young man who finds himself cornered into 'doing the right thing' and the consequences of that decision which reverberate throughout his life. It is part of a trilogy and I loved reading all three books. It evoked the 'Grim North' as it was in the 1950s/60s and showed the realities of relationships with families, loved ones and colleagues.

"...a bloke can have six cars and holidays in the south of France every year and it's still what's inside him what counts."

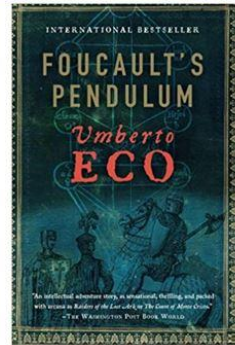


Mr Lamb's Favourite Book is...

Foucault's Pendulum By Umberto Eco

I love this book. Eco is a genius and intertwines a murder mystery with historical conspiracy theories beautifully.
LOVE IT!!

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."



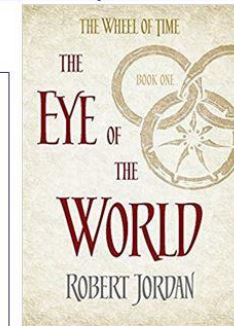
Mr Clare's Favourite Book Series is...

The Wheel of Time (Books 1-14) By Robert Jordan

The wheel of time is my favourite series of books, and I am yet to find any other that has given me the deep connection to the protagonists that this series has.

Set in a fantasy setting the story follows a group of characters from their humble beginnings in the Two Rivers and how they deal with war, change, destruction and hope, the books are highly engaging and kept me up many a late night.

"The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass, leaving memories that become legend. Legend fades to myth, and even myth is long forgotten when the Age that gave it birth comes again."



Book 1

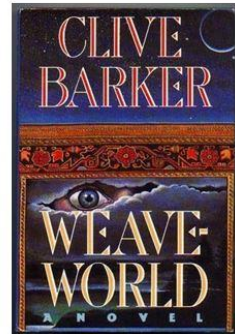
Mr Leverno's Favourite Book is...

Weaveworld By Clive Barker

Its an epic horror fantasy adventure of the imagination. It a dark fantasy tale that contains quirky characters and a rollercoaster ride of a story. Great descriptive writing with twists at every turn.

A world set in carpet what's not to love!

"Maybe the man had taken the wrong turning, but at least he'd travelled some extraordinary roads."



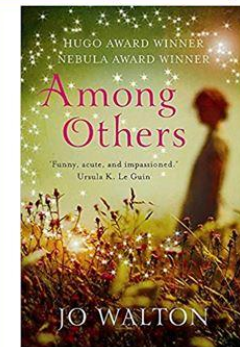
Dr Currie's Favourite Book is...

Among Others By Jo Walton

This is a new favourite of mine. It tells the story of a young girl called Mori who is struggling to fit in at her new boarding school. She's left her home following the death of her twin sister and a falling out with her mother. She now has to navigate a new school, a new place, getting to know her dad and a life changing injury. She finds solace in books and the friends she makes through reading them.

"Among others" has a mixture of magic, emotion and reality which stays with you long after you've finished reading it. The lines between reality and fantasy, magic and everyday actions, are blurred which leads the reader to engage with the world through the eyes of Mori.

"I'm going to grow up and she isn't... Living for someone else isn't possible"



Mr Monk's Favourite Childhood Book was...

The Witches By Roald Dahl

I really loved how Roald Dahl brought the characters of the witches to life with his vivid descriptions. You can imagine exactly how they looked in your head.

"A witch never gets caught. Don't forget that she has magic in her fingers and devilry dancing in her blood."

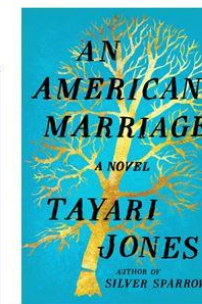


Ms Faverjon's Favourite Book is...

An American Marriage By Tayari Jones

The book is about the tragic story of a young African-American couple in modern times whose husband has been wrongly convicted. It is about mass incarceration in America and the impact on relationships. It is about class inequality and racial injustice. And it is also about love. This book will become a classic in American literature.

"Sometimes when you like where you end up, you don't care how you got there."

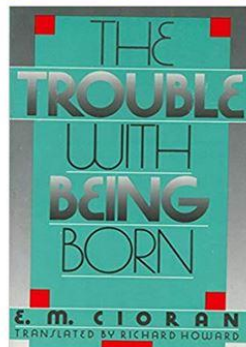


Mr Khan's Favourite Book is...

The Trouble with Being Born By E.M. Cioran

I love it because *it* found *me* and changed my life. It is the reason I have a degree in Philosophy and in Theology as well as the reason I am a teacher of philosophy, religion and ethics. The author shamelessly exposes the reality that none of us asked to be born and then necessarily have to die. He highlights the predicament we are all forced into... and out of.

"There was a time when time did not yet exist. ... The rejection of birth is nothing but the nostalgia for this time before time."

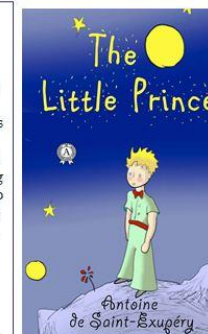


Ms Gray's Favourite Book is...

The Little Prince By Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

The 'Little Prince' is a quirky and beautiful story that is centred around an airplane pilot who crashes in the Sahara Desert. Whilst in the desert, he discovers a child 'Prince' that has come from another planet. The Prince tells him stories about his upbringing and his adventures across the galaxy. Whilst this book was written for children, the messages that it conveys are important for people of all ages. The book explores the importance of looking deeper below the surface to find the real truth and meaning of things. It also emphasises the beauty that can be found in the mundane and ordinary, the joy that can be bought about by something as simple as a rose. Ultimately, Saint-Exupéry argues that it is love that gives meaning to all existence. Without love, mankind is as lost and alone as the pilot was when he was stranded in the desert at the beginning of the story, before meeting The Little Prince.

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."



Ms Paraskeva's Favourite Book Series is...

The Jack Reacher Series (Books 1 – 23) By Lee Child

A righteous avenger for our troubled times.

From 'The Midnight Line' one favourite reference was the fact that Jack Reacher is referred to as Bigfoot throughout the book.

"And standing in the middle of the room was Bigfoot. No doubt about it. The guy was huge. Not quite seven feet, but close."

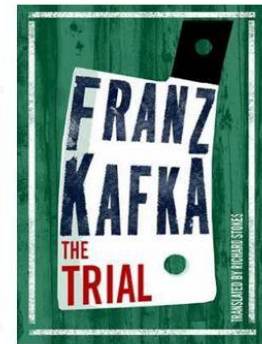


Ms Szlagor – Zdunczyk's Favourite Book is...

The Trial By Franz Kafka

It is a genius metaphor of totalitarianism and an allegorical tale about a lonely man who faces omnipotent state and bureaucracy.

"They are talking about things of which they don't have the slightest understanding, anyway. It's only because of their stupidity that they are able to be so sure of themselves."

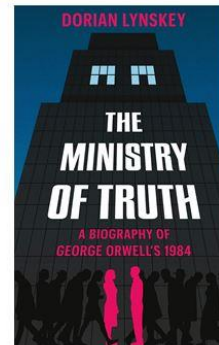


Mr Kearney's Favourite Book is...

The Ministry of Truth By Dorian Lynskey

In this age of fake news and relativity with the truth, this book is about objectivity and political manipulation. The truth is still out there if we are willing and industrious enough to find it.

"You can fool some of the people some of the time; all of the people some of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." *Abraham Lincoln*

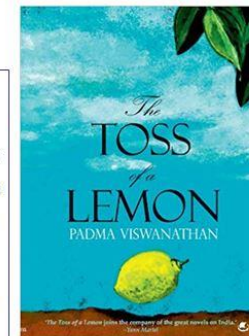


Ms Mageswaran's Favourite Book is...

The Toss of a Lemon By Padma Viswanathan

The book looks at the relationship between three generations of a family through turbulent first half of the twentieth century, as India endures great social and political change. It really makes the reader understand but also question the social norms and systems that still exist around the world. It was so far removed yet very relatable as a South Asian woman living in a changing world.

"She had always thought of her life as a series of submissions to God. What if she has been making her own decisions all along?"

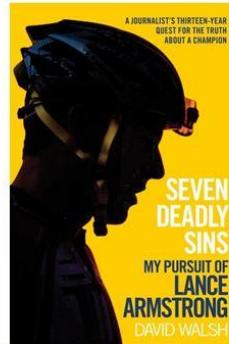


Mr Kendrick's Favourite Book is...

Seven Deadly Sins: My Pursuit of Lance Armstrong By David Walsh

The definitive account of the author's twelve-year quest to uncover and make known the truth about Lance Armstrong's long history of performance-enhancing drug use, which ultimately led to the cyclist's being stripped of his seven Tour de France titles.

"I wanted to tell him that the problems of the more recent past were in part down to journalists being too gullible. And to remind him of the role journalists and newspapers had played in the creation of the Tour de France... Journalists are sentimental creatures and the success of the Tour is built on emotion and memory."



Mrs Leahy's Favourite Book is...

The Land of Green Ginger By Noel Langley

A present for my daughter which I couldn't help but read too!
It's clever, funny and gets the imagination going; taking me to another world.

"When a Lady chooses to change her mind," said the Mouse with a touch of hauteur, 'a Gentleman would consider it no more than her privilege, and not badger her about it."



Ms Dakin's Favourite Book is...

Animal Farm By George Orwell

Orwell had an exceptional insight over 70 years ago into the strategies that the Media and governments can use to control people. Animal Farm is more relevant now than it was at the time that it was written. It is a skill to be able to condense decades of complicated history into a novella, as his aim was to ensure that everyone had access to this information.

Once you have read it, it makes you question all embedded meta-narratives; every time I read it again, I learn something new which is the sign of a great book.

"If liberty means anything at all it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

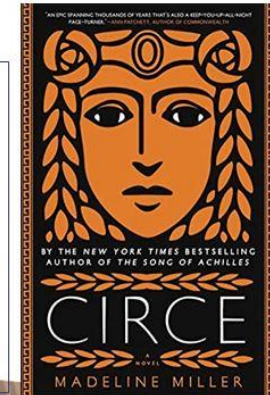


Miss Print's Favourite Book (2020) is...

Circe by Madaline Miller

I studied Classical Literature at university so Greek mythology will always have a special place in my heart. This retelling of an episode in Odysseus' journey home from Troy is from the female perspective of Circe, and gave me a new interpretation of this classic story.

"Humbling women seems to me a chief pastime of poets. As if there can be no story unless we crawl and weep."

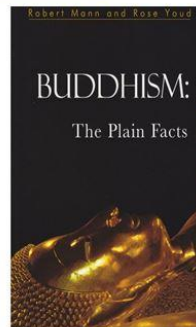


Mr Hurley's Favourite Book is...

Buddhism: The Plain Facts by Robert Mann and Rose Youd

Without having the distractions of the modern world through: mindless TV, pointless Social Media and the Wild West that is the Internet, you can find simple pleasure and insight from reading.

"In a world of increasing complexity and shifting values – a world where hedonism is promoted and self responsibility discouraged – the way of the Buddha is as relevant and effective as ever."

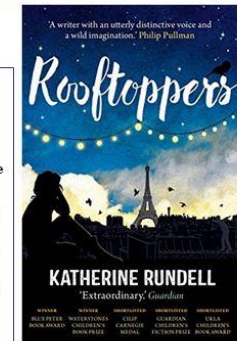


Mrs Rudolph's Favourite Book is...

Rooftoppers By Katherine Rundell

I absolutely love this story because it is a story about the power of hope! Lose yourself in a book where you will start an adventure in London and finish in Paris, meet feral youths called 'Rooftoppers' and fight the 'Garriers'. The story is set around 1900, is whimsical, (the humour is wonderful) and poetic. Will eccentric Charles the scholar and Sophie be successful in finding her mother?

"Never ignore a possible."

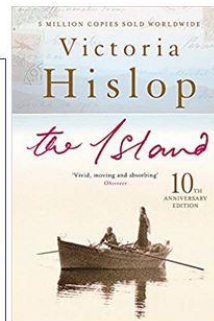


Ms Vuksel's Favourite Book is...

The Island by Victoria Hislop

The background to this story is so well researched that you feel as if it is a truthful account of events surrounding the lives of those suffering from leprosy in Crete during the Second World War, and their families and friends. There is love and tragedy, betrayal and loyalty, deceit and courage. You can even visit the island of Spinalonga to really immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the book!

"The sun rose, the moon saturated the night sky with its silver light and the stars blazed, indifferent to the events happening below them."

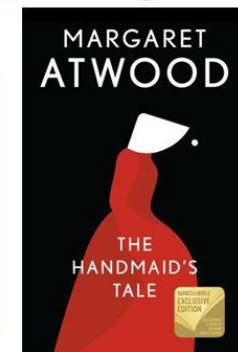


Ms Demir's Favourite Book is...

The Handmaid's Tale By Margaret Atwood

I love this book, as it explores extreme views associated with religion and sexism. Harrowing and heart-breaking.

"When we think of the past it's the beautiful things we pick out. We want to believe it was all like that."

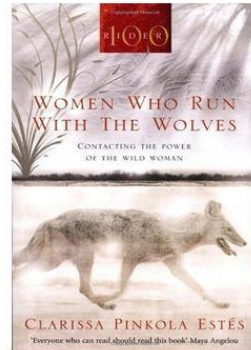


Ms Ireland's Favourite Book is...

Women Who Run with the Wolves By Clarissa Pinkola Estés

A set of aboriginal tales that men and women can seek comfort and challenge in.

"Sometimes there are no words to help one's courage. Sometimes you just have to jump."

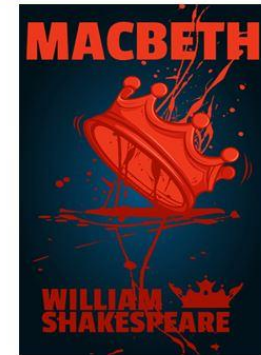


Ms Wynne's Favourite Book is...

Macbeth By William Shakespeare

My favourite book (play) is Macbeth because it is a simple, but timeless and universal tale. The play brilliantly presents the horror that can result from the single-minded pursuit of power. Macbeth has the most extraordinary language, including the greatest metaphor ever written: Macbeth's claim that his bloody hands will: "the multitudinous seas incarnadine."

*"Is this a dagger which I see before me,
The handle toward my hand?"*



Mr Taylor's Favourite Book is...

I, Robot By Isaac Asimov

Riveting Reading!

PROGRAMMING:

First Law

A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

Second Law

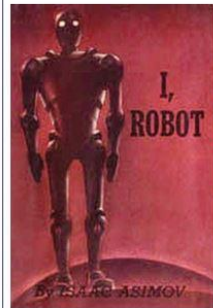
A robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.

Third Law

A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG ... ?

"You are the only one responsible for your own wants."



Mr Ladomatos' Favourite Book is...

Animal Farm By George Orwell

A gripping novel which describes every human society: capitalism, socialism, fascism and communism. Depicting the path from revolution to corruption.

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

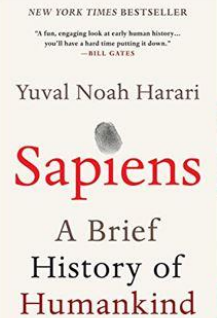


Mr Jeffrey's Favourite Book is...

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind By Yuval Noah Harari

This is an extremely thought-provoking, fascinating book, examining the journey of humans, and how we came to dominate the planet. It shows us how short our time on Earth has been, and how we are still learning how our interaction with the world works.

"Happiness does not really depend on objective conditions of either wealth, health or even community. Rather, it depends on the correlation between objective conditions and subjective expectations."

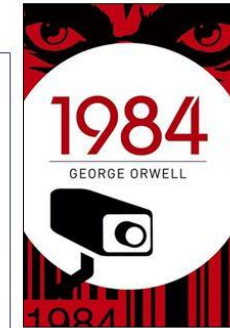


Ms Igboke's Favourite Book is...

1984 By George Orwell

Orwell is one of Britain's greatest authors. 1984 is a book that warns against the dangers of authoritarianism. He envisions a dystopian state named Oceania and offers us a frightening look into a world where saying what you think and disobeying the rules of this bleak society have the gravest of consequences. Ever relevant and a window into the dark side of government.

"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."



Mrs Holmes' Favourite Book Series is...

Harry Potter (books 1-7) By J.K. Rowling

They transport me way from the hum drum of life to a place that's different and exciting, fresh and interesting.

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."



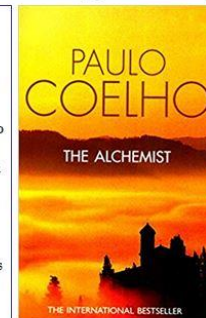
Mr Gomez's Favourite Book is...

The Alchemist By Paulo Coelho

I first read this book as a young teenager and it really changed my life and vision of the world. The book is not only full of adventure and thrilling mystery, but it is also filled with great symbolism and deep meaningful quotes and passages that make you reflect about life, all involved in great suspense and even a hilarious sense of humour.

The main thing about the book for me, is how it helps you to believe in yourself, in your dreams and in not giving up doing whatever you believe in and in what it is right for you and your life at a particular moment in time, no matter what other people say or think. It also makes you realize that the best to come may be just around the corner or even closer that you think.

"The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times."



Ms Demetrious's Favourite Book

is...

The Book Thief By Markus Zusak

An interesting perspective of Munich during the second World War. Interestingly, the narrator of this novel is Death. Each chapter begins with a thought provoking caption... thoroughly unique.

"Even death has a heart."

