
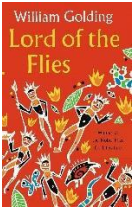





Drop Everything And Read – KS4 Book Choices

Book	Plot Summary	Themes & Suggested Reading Age
 <p>Let's Play Murder Kesia Lupo</p>	<p>Veronica wakes up trapped with four strangers in a sprawling manor house in a snow storm with a dead body, a mystery right out of an Agatha Christie novel. It feels so real - but it isn't. This is VR and this is THE Game; a rumoured Easter Egg hidden in other VR games that draws you into a competition for a prize beyond your wildest dreams. And there's no escaping the VR world until the Game is won.</p>	<p>Themes: Virtual reality, horror, thriller, conflict, dystopia</p> <p>Reading Age: 14+ Interest Age: 14+</p> <p>*Moderately frequent swearing</p>
 <p>Lord of the Flies William Golding</p>	<p>A plane crashes on a desert island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, they discover fantastic wildlife and dazzling beaches, learning to survive; at night, they are haunted by nightmares of a primitive beast. Orphaned by society, it isn't long before their innocent childhood games devolve into a savage, murderous hunt.</p>	<p>Themes: Evil, power, corruption, violence</p> <p>Reading Age: 13+ Interest Age: 13+</p>
 <p>S.T.A.G.s M.A. Bennett</p>	<p>Three 'misfit' teenagers are invited on a mysterious weekend away over half term break. Once there, it becomes apparent that who invited them is trying to either frighten or kill them.</p>	<p>Themes: Mystery, thriller, suspense</p> <p>Reading Age: 14+ Interest Age: 14+</p> <p>*Infrequent, moderate swearing</p>

 <p>Steady for This Nathanael Lassore</p>	<p>Shaun is a teenage protagonist who accidentally goes 'live' on social media sharing an embarrassing moment that goes viral. The novel deals with the serious impact of this but in a heart-warming, and humorous manner.</p>	<p>Themes: Coming-of-age, poverty, humor, friendship, mental illness</p> <p>Reading Age: 10+ Interest Age: 12+</p>
 <p>The Book Thief Markus Zusak</p>	<p>Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.</p>	<p>Themes: WW2, prejudice, friendship, identity, death</p> <p>Reading Age: 13+ Interest Age: 13-16</p>
 <p>The Fault in Our Stars John Green</p>	<p>Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.</p>	<p>Themes: Coming-of-age, bereavement, romance, relationships</p> <p>Reading Age: 13+ Interest Age: 14+</p>
 <p>The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>In Panem, harsh, dystopian rule culminates in the annual Hunger Games - from each District, one female and one male Tribute are forcibly selected for a terrifying reality TV game-show in which contestants literally fight to the death. But Katniss Everdeen is no ordinary Tribute: she's used to surviving in the wild and in the unpredictable, hostile arena, she's not giving up. This a compelling story of survival, which challengingly explores ideas about society, control and freedom.</p>	<p>Themes: Adventure, fantasy, dystopia, coming-of-age</p> <p>Reading Age: 13+ Interest Age: 13+</p>