

Suggested Reading for Upper Fourth 2008-09

Eight sunny weeks of holiday reading ahead!

Below are some books that we think you will enjoy now and throughout the year.

<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglas Adams	(Science fiction that sends itself up. When Earth is destroyed, Arthur Dent goes travelling through space.)
<i>PS, I Love You</i>	Cecelia Ahern	(A modern love story, a modern tragedy, told in letters.)
<i>The Uncommon Reader</i>	Alan Bennett	(The Queen takes up reading in later life.)
<i>Being</i>	Kevin Brooks	(Is Robert human, or not? And how is he to know?)
<i>The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid</i>	Bill Bryson	(Entertaining portrayal of growing up in 1960s Iowa.)
<i>Junk</i>	Melvin Burgess	(A still controversial, prize-winning look at adolescence.)
<i>Bound Feet and Western Dress</i>	Pang-Mei Natasha Chang	(Early twentieth century China and modern America collide in this true story of one immigrant.)
<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	Tracey Chevalier	(Life in the household of Vermeer, the seventeenth century Dutch painter.)
<i>A Swift Pure Cry</i>	Siobhan Dowd	(A heartbreakingly beautiful tale of loss, love and desperate secrets in a small Irish community)
<i>Diary of an Ordinary Woman</i>	Margaret Forster	(Millicent King kept this diary for over eighty years, and she was far from being an ordinary woman!)
<i>The Queen's Fool</i>	Philippa Gregory	The story of Hannah, caught up in the power struggle between Mary Tudor and her sister, Elizabeth.
<i>Chocolat</i>	Joanne Harris	(Vianne, an exotic stranger, befriends and alienates in equal measure the villagers of a small French community. And who could ever resist chocolate?)
<i>The Ghost</i>	Robert Harris	(A ghost writer helps a recently retired PM to write his memoirs – but all is not quite what it seems.)
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>	Khaled Hosseini	(A harrowing tale of Afghanistan women in wartime struggling with lost lovers and arranged marriages.)
<i>Schindler's Ark</i>	Thomas Keneally	(How hundreds of Jews were saved from the gas chambers by a single German.)
<i>44 Scotland Street</i>	Alexander McCall Smith	(The stories of those who live at this Edinburgh address, especially Bertie, a child prodigy and his pushy mother.)
<i>Twilight</i>	Stephanie Meyer	(The powerful love story of an American high school girl and a vampire: gripping and believable.)
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	Sue Monk Kidd	(American Civil Rights Movement, 1960s. A runaway black girl and her foster mother move in with three black sisters who farm bees for wax and honey.)
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult	(Anna was born to save her chronically ill sister, Kate. Now she wants to reclaim her right to her own body.)
<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J D Salinger	(Classic story of a mixed-up American adolescent told in his own distinctive voice.)
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F Scott Fitzgerald	(Who <i>is</i> Gatsby, and what drives him?)
<i>The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner</i>	Alan Sillitoe	(1950s classic - and very short. A Borstal boy tells his story as he trains for a race.)

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