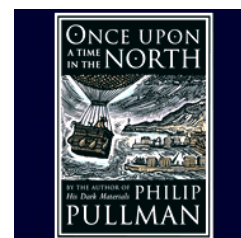


INTERNATIONAL SECTION READING LIST for Collège students



Recent Reads

Book title	Author	Genre	Comment
The Earthsea Trilogy	Ursula le Guin	Fantasy	Life-changing, brilliant fantasy.
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman	Fantasy	Imaginative, accessible but very intelligent. Theological.
Thursday's Child	Sonya Hartnett	Historical Realism	Endearing tale of Irish farmers
War Horse / Twist of Fate	Michael Morpurgo	Realism	Imaginative historical tales written beautifully
A Village by the Sea	Anita Desai	Realism	Set in India. Gorgeous, accessible, short
The Savage	David Almond	Realism	Very recent graphic novel, gorgeously illustrated and accessible to all readers
Raven's Gate	Anthony Horowitz	Sci Fi	Brilliantly imaginative technological spy worlds
The Chocolate War	Robert Cormier	Realism	For anybody who didn't like school
Power of One	Bryce Courtney	Realism	True story of a South African boy who changed the face of politics by boxing

Classics

Title	Author	Genre	Comment
Fairytales	Oscar Wilde	Fairytales	Brilliantly sophisticated morals to these tales, to share as a family
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Adventure	Unmissable adventure story for a holiday
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Ghost Story	Discover London with Dickens
Kiss Kiss	Roald Dahl	Short Stories	For all reading levels
White Fang	Jack London	Adventure	Wolves and forests in a dark, dangerous past.
The Pearl	John Steinbeck	Realism	Set in New Mexico, a brilliantly tense manhunt
Lord of the Rings	J.R Tolkien	Fantasy	Gollum. Need I say more?
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	Fantasy Realism	Imaginative take on childhood
The Diary of Ann Frank	Ann Frank	Diary	Poignant experience of a young Jewish girl during Nazi occupation
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Adventure realism	Boys stuck on an island begin to form tribes
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Fantasy	Surreal but beautiful world of a young girl, crammed with crazy poetry.

Non-Fiction

Title	Author	Genre	Comment
Born to Run	Christopher Mc Dougall	Biography	A fascinating tale of running in Mexico
Twin Ambitions	Mo Farah	Biography	A tale of Mo's extraordinary background and athletics
Pole to Pole	Michael Palin	Travel	Palin's hilarious account of his travels around the world
Open	André Agassi	Biography	

I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	Biography	
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International Section Lycee reading list

Dear OIB students,

Please go to Foyle's bookshop on Tottenham Court Road if you get the chance. It's such a wonderful experience in buying and enjoying books in London, and you simply won't get it elsewhere. Also, check book events in your local library and let me know if there's something which might benefit the group.

Enjoy!

20th Century novels which will change your life (read these for fun, they won't specifically help with your exam)

Title	Author	Genre
Possession	A S Byatt	Contemporary Victoriana
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Science Fiction at its best
The Unbearable Lightness of Being	Milan Kundera	Realism, set in post-communist Czech Republic
Broken Verses	Kamilla Shamsie	Realism, set in Pakistan.
New York Trilogy	Paul Auster	Detective novel about detectives writing detective novels. Brilliant.
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	Dystopia. Unmissable.
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Magical Realism. Revenge and murder. Great stuff

The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy	Realism, set in India
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Midnight's Children	Salman Rusdie	Magical Realism
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Perfume	Patrick Suskind	Disturbing Murder Mystery
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The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	More on migrant farmers, but far more beautiful and disturbing than Of Mice and Men!
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Great Essays/ non-fiction

Title	Author	Topic
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- De Profundis - Pen, Pencil and Poison - The Soul of Man Under Socialism - The House Beautiful	Oscar Wilde	Aesthetics, philosophy
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(Various essays) Down and Out in Paris and London Burmese Days The Road to Wigan Pier	George Orwell	Philosophy, politics
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- <i>The Renaissance</i> (just the conclusion; the rest is very dry)	Walter Pater	Aesthetics, relevance of aesthetics to contemporary life
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<i>Beyond Good and Evil</i>	Friedrich Nietzsche	A history of both concepts, arguing they are founded on notions of power
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A Vindication of the Rights of Women	Mary Wollestonecraft	A landmark essay for the development of women's rights
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Must-read 19thC prose

Title	Author	Genre
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Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	19 th c realism denouncing poverty and class hypocrisy
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Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	19 th c revisiting of British empire
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The Ballad of Reading Gaol	Oscar Wilde	Wilde's last work; a poem composed in prison
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Orlando	Virginia Woolf	Early 20 th c England
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Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	19 th century Victorian dark love story
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Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	19 th century Victorian dark love story
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Tales of Mystery and Imagination	Edgar Allen Poe	19 th century gothic fiction
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Late 19th C Drama

Title	Author	Genre
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Pygmalion	George Bernard Shaw	Late 19th century play on language and class set in London
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The Importance of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde	19 th century comic drama
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If you're in a dry spot, read some well-written biographies for entertainment

Title	Author	Country
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Dreams from my Father	Barack Obama	USA
The Audacity of Hope		

The Long Way Round	Ewan McGregor, Charlie Boorman	Many
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The Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X	USA
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