

Summer Reading Recommendations

from the

ENGLISH BOOK CLUB



Enjoy a recap of the English Book Club's
Books of the Month from January to June
2025, with comments from satisfied readers!

DYSTOPIAN FICTION



○ Collins, Suzanne: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES

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"I'd recommend it for the sheer roller coaster of emotions it puts you through. The characters have depth & feel like real people. The story is provoking, keeps you on edge & wanting more."

"Great prequel to the Hunger Games world showing the villain as human, because the narratives set don't reflect the realities of surviving the needless systemic violence & oppression for all. A+"

"I think the novel is a great choice for everyone who likes to think about human nature and why humans act the way they do."

"The novel surprised me but in a good way. I think anyone who likes dystopian fiction will find it an interesting read."

○ Brown, Pierce: RED RISING

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○ Ness, Patrick: THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO

leposlovjeA 82-312.9 NESS

○ Dashner, James: THE MAZE RUNNER

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○ James, Lauren: THE QUIET AT THE END OF THE WORLD

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Other books
from the
genre

Classics



○ **Stoker, Bram:** **DRACULA**

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"A great classic that reads like a mystery and detective novel wrapped in horror. Must read to understand the prototypical vampire myth that's still reinterpreted today, w/ interesting characters."

"It's not the easiest reading. It's still an interesting reading, and worth it."

"A classic of the Gothic genre. Makes for an interesting read for anyone interested in vampires and the supernatural."

It is a classic, a must read to enjoy so many different cultural references.

○ **Salinger, J. D.:** **THE CATCHER IN THE RYE**

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○ **Melville, Herman:** **MOBY DICK**

leposlovjeA 82-311.3 MELVILLE

○ **Woolf, Virginia:** **MRS DALLOWAY**

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○ **Austen, Jane:** **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**

leposlovjeA 82-311.2 AUSTEN

Other
English
Classics

Historical Fiction



○ Zusak, Markus: **THE BOOK THIEF**

leposlovjeA 82-311.2 ZUSAK

"Made me relate to the humanity of the characters, the importance of books, hope, resistance, and history. Would recommend it to everyone, especially young people, who'd benefit from knowing history."

"I would definitely recommend this book, it has helped me to learn more about how normal people live during WWII."

"It was a lovely book, at no point was I bored and even though it is intended for a younger audience it is worth reading as an adult."

"I absolutely loved the language and the way death is narrating the story. The characters are well developed and charming and the story flows very well."

○ Towles, Amor: **A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW**

leposlovjeA 82-311.6 TOWLES

○ Mantel, Hilary: **WOLF HALL**

leposlovjeA 82-311.6 MANTEL

○ Doerr, Anthony: **ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE**

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○ Clavell, James: **SHŌGUN**

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Other books
from the
genre

Science Fiction



○ Liu, Cixin: THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM

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"Very compelling and engaging ideas represented by a hard SF setting with a mystery flair. Set in China, it also blends history with questions about the human condition. Great start/end to a trilogy."

"I adored the scientific part of the story. The story itself was quite difficult to follow for me, but still very cool."

"An interesting concept that the author intertwines with Chinese history. I had trouble keeping up with the characters and the story at first, but then you get sucked in and can't stop reading."

"A fun but in no way easy to comprehend romp."

○ Adams, Douglas: THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

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○ Weir, Andy: PROJECT HAIL MARY

leposlovjeA 82-312.9 WEIR

○ Miéville, China: EMBASSYTOWN

leposlovjeA 82-312.9 MIÉVILLE

○ Klune, T. J.: IN THE LIVES OF PUPPETS

leposlovjeA 82-312.9 KLUNE

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genre

Fantasy



○ Stroud, Jonathan: **THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND**

leposlovjeA 82-312.9 STROUD

"A funny and imaginative fantasy novel that deviates from standard expectations for young adult fantasy novels (at least those I had). Definitely recommend it to everyone who enjoys fantasy!"

"Introduces the premise and its main characters wonderfully in a grimy London with flair."

"I liked the interactions between the two main characters, they spiced up the entire story and made it a lot funnier and unique. Recommended because of the characters."

"I definitely enjoyed it and plan to read the rest of the trilogy. It's intriguing and original and I definitely want more."

○ Bardugo, Leigh: **THE FAMILIAR**

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○ Gillig, Rachel: **ONE DARK WINDOW**

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○ Shannon, Samantha: **THE PRIORY OF THE ORANGE TREE**

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○ Rothfuss, Patrick: **THE NAME OF THE WIND**

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Contemporary Fiction



○ Murata, Sayaka: **CONVENIENCE STORE WOMAN**

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"A wonderful tale of a person who discovered their purpose long ago and structured their life around it to the detriment of her peers and (Japanese) social expectations. Very relatable. A+ writing."

"I liked the fact how it showed a perspective on humanity and society. I would definitely recommend it to others."

"Yes, I would definitely recommend. It is a short but meaningful book that makes you think about what's important in life, especially peace and a sense of purpose."

"This was a fun and simple read. Lots to unpack but also a great beach book."

○ Mellors, Coco: **BLUE SISTERS**

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○ Kuang, Rebecca: **YELLOWFACE**

leposlovjeA 82-311.2 KUANG

○ Napolitano, Ann: **HELLO BEAUTIFUL**

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○ Allende, Isabel: **THE WIND KNOWS MY NAME**

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