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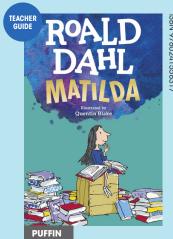


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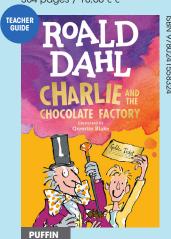
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We help teachers foster a love of reading and learning in English language. The books below are our selection of worldwide best-sellers, page-turners and classics that will soon become your students' favourite reads for a lifetime. Enjoy!



Matilda Roald Dahl 384 pages / 10,60 € € Matilda is the world's most famous bookworm, no thanks to her ghastly parents. Her father thinks she's a little scab. Her mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And her headmistress, Miss Trunchbull? She's the worst of all. Despite these beastly grownups trying to push her down, Matilda is an extraordinary girl with a magical mind. And she's had enough. So all the terrible adults had better watch out, because she's going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget!

'Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this Gold Ticket from Mr Willy Wonka! Tremendous things are in store for you!'. Charlie Bucket is one of the five kids who wins a visit to Mr Wonka's chocolate factory and this will change his life forever. With a chocolate river, delectable confectionery and mysterious Oompa Loompas, Mr Wonka's factory is the most wondrous, fun - and even dangerous - place Charlie has ever seen.



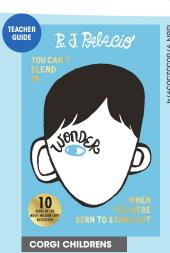
Charlie and the Chocolate ROALD DAHL 336 pages / 10,25 €

> new school where undersize weaklings share the corridors with kids who are taller, meaner and already shaving. The first book in the global phenomenon from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney - 250 million copies of the series sold worldwide!

'Let me get something straight: this is a JOURNAL, not a diary... The other thing I want to clear up right away is that this was MOM's idea, not mine'. Things aren't going well for Greg Heffley. He's been thrust into a

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Diary Of A Wimpy Kid JEFF KINNEY 224 pages /10,60 €



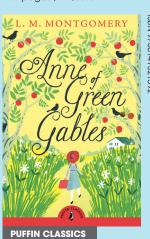
R. J. PALACIO 320 pages / 12,50 €

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse'. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school and all he wants is to be accepted. A funny, frank, astonishingly moving debut - and a true global phenomenon - to read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.



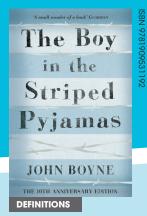
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time MARK HADDON 288 pages / 12,50 €

A murder mystery novel like no other! Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's, a form of autism. He knows a great deal about maths and little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.



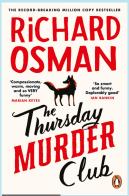
Anne of Green Gables L. M. MONTGOMERY 464 pages / 11,95 €

'Isn't it splendid to think of all the things there are to find out about? It just makes me feel glad to be alive-it's such an interesting world. It wouldn't be half so interesting if we knew all about everything, would it?'. Anne of Green Gables is a classic children's story about knowing your worth, the power of imagination, and finding your family. Much beloved by readers for generations, the novel has also inspired the Netflix Original series Anne with an E.



This book is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the cover, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading. We think it is important that you start without knowing what it is about. If you do start, you will go on a journey with a nineyear-old boy called Bruno. And sooner or later vou will arrive with Bruno at a fence. We hope vou never have to cross such a

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas JOHN BOYNE 256 pages / 12,15 €



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The Thursday Murder Club RICHARD OSMAN 400 pages / 13,20 €



**Animal Farm GEORGE ORWELL** 112 pages / 13,95 €



1984

**GEORGE ORWELL** 336 pages / 12,50 € In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

'All animals are equal. But some animals are more equal than others'. Animal Farm tells the story of a rebellion and how it goes wrong. First published in 1945, this unique political allegory is George Orwell's brilliant satire on the corrupting influence of power. An author and journalist, Orwell was one of the most prominent and influential figures in twentieth-century literature.

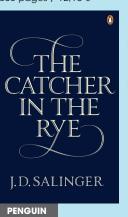
First published in 1949, 1984 is George Orwell's terrifying vision of a totalitarian future in which everything and everyone is slave to a tyrannical regime. Winston Smith works for the Ministry of Truth in London, in a time when Big Brother stares out from every poster and the Thought Police uncover every act of betrayal. When Winston finds love with Julia, he discovers that life does not have to be dull and starts questioning the Party. Yet Big Brother will not tolerate dissent -even in the mind. For those with original thoughts



Little Women LOUISA MAY ALCOTT 576 pages / 10,85 €



One Of Us Is Lying KAREN M. MCMANUS 368 pages / 12,15 €



The Catcher in the Rye J. D. SALINGER 240 pages / 9,30 €

'If you really want to hear about it, the first thing you'll probably want to know is where I was born and what my lousy childhood was like, and how my parents were occupied and all before they had me, and all that David Copperfield kind of crap, but I don't feel like going into it, if you want to know the truth'. The first of J. D. Salinger's four books to be published, The Catcher in the Rye is one of the most widely read and beloved American novels.



JANE AUSTEN

PENGUIN CLASSICS

Pride and Prejudice JANE AUSTEN 448 pages / 9,30 €

Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth - four 'little women' enduring hardships and enjoying adventures in Civil War New England. The charming story of the March sisters, Little Women has been adored by generations. Future writers have found inspiration in Jo's devotion to her writing. In this simple, enthralling tale, both parts of which are included here, Louisa May Alcott has created four of American literature's most beloved women.

Only four leave alive. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them. One of Us is Lying is the international bestselling young adult thriller by acclaimed author, Karen M. McManus, now a major Netflix series.

Five students go to detention.

With its 'light and bright and sparkling' dialogue, its romantic denouement and its lively heroine, Pride and Prejudice is Jane Austen's most perennially popular novel. The love story of Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy, who misjudge, then challenge and change each other, is also a novel about the search for happiness and selfknowledge in a world of strict social rules, where a woman must marry well to survive.



they've invented Room 101...



**Brave New World** ALDOUS HUXLEY 288 pages / 12,75 €

Far in the future, the World Controllers have created the ideal society of happy consumers through genetic engineering and brainwashing. Yet Bernard Marx feels at odds and eks to visit one of the few re maining Savage Reservations where the old, imperfect way of life still continues. Brave New World is one of the most important novels of the twentieth century -a dystopian classic which is also witty, thrilling and still uncannily prophetic.

The Old Man and the Sea **ERNEST HEMINGWAY** 112 pages / 11,25 €

Set in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Havana, Hemingway's magnificent fable is the tale of an old man, a young boy and a giant fish. This story of heroic endeavour won Hemingway the Nobel Prize for Literature. It stands as a unique and timeless vision of the beauty and tragedy of man's struggle against the elements.





Of Mice and Men JOHN STEINBECK 144 pages / 13,95 €

Drifters in search of work, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie, have nothing in the world except each other - and a dream. A dream that one day they will have some land of their own. Tackling universal themes of friendship and shared vision, and giving a voice to America's lonely and dispossessed, Of Mice and Men remains Steinbeck's most popular work.

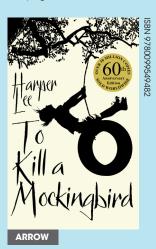


The Handmaid's Tale MARGARET ATWOOD 320 pages / 10,85 €

'I believe in the resistance as I believe there can be no light without shadow; or rather, no shadow unless there is also light'. Discover the dystopian novel behind the award-winning TV series. Masterfully conceived and executed, this haunting vision of the future places Margaret Atwood at the forefront of dystopian fiction.



**Wuthering Heights** EMILY BRONTË 384 pages / 10,85 € Lockwood, the new tenant of Thrushcross Grange on the bleak Yorkshire moors, is forced to seek shelter one night at Wuthering Heights, the home of his landlord. There he discovers the history of the tempestuous events that took place years before: of the intense passion between the foundling Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, and her betrayal of him.



To Kill A Mockingbird HARPER LEE 320 pages / 9,30 €

This bestselling, Pulitzer prizewinning classic is a comingof-age story and a historical drama. Through the eyes of two little boys, Harper Lee explores the issues of race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s with compassion and humor. She also creates one of the great heroes of literature in their father, whose lone struggle for justice pricks the conscience of a town steeped in prejudice and hypocrisy.

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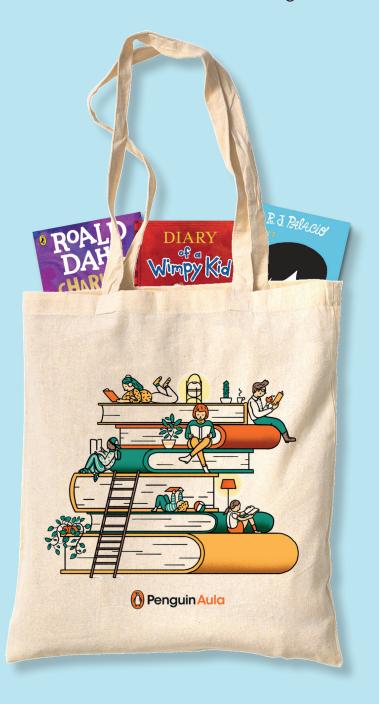
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