



Books for intermediate level

Looking for a good book, suitable for your level?

We recommend the books below:

Title	Theme	Age	Pages	Intro
The hunger games - Suzanne Collins	Fantasy, adventure, friendship	12-16y	374 pages	<p>The nation of Panem is a country that consists of a wealthy Capitol region and 12 poor districts. A rebellion led by a 13th district against the Capitol resulted in the creation of the annual event known as the Hunger Games. As a punishment, each district must send one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18. There they are forced to fight to the death, leaving only one survivor to claim victory. When Katniss's younger sister is selected, she volunteers. She must compete against bigger, stronger teenagers, some of whom have trained for this their whole lives. But Katniss has been close to death before. For her, survival is second nature</p> <p>https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2767052-the-hunger-games</p>
1984 - George Orwell	Fantasy, post modern politics	15-18y	328 pages	<p>Published in 1949, the book offers political satirist George Orwell's nightmare vision of a totalitarian, bureaucratic world and one poor stiff's attempt to find individuality. The brilliance of the novel is Orwell's prescience of modern life--the ubiquity of television, the distortion of the language--and his ability to construct such a thorough version of hell.</p> <p>https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/5470.1984</p>
Animal farm - George Orwell;	Animals, war, historical	15-18y	122 pages	<p>'All animals are equal. But some animals are more equal than others.' Mr Jones of Manor Farm is so lazy and drunken that one day he forgets to feed his livestock. The ensuing rebellion under the leadership of the pigs Napoleon and Snowball leads to the animals taking over the farm. Vowing to</p>

eliminate the terrible inequities of the farmyard, the renamed Animal Farm is organised to benefit all who walk on four legs. But as time passes, the ideals of the rebellion are corrupted, then forgotten. And something new and unexpected emerges ...

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7613.Animal_Farm

To kill a
mockingbird
- Harper Lee

Historical,
family, drama,
crisis

14-18y 2006

Scout Finch lives with her brother, Jem, and their widowed father, Atticus, in the sleepy Alabama town of Maycomb. Maycomb is suffering through the Great Depression, but Atticus is a prominent lawyer and the Finch family is reasonably well off in comparison to the rest of society.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2657.To_Kill_a_Mockingbird

All the light we
cannot see
- Anthony Doerr

Word war II,
friendship,
adventure,
handicap,
trauma

13-18y 531 pages

Marie-Laure lives in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where her father works. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and they flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where her great uncle lives. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable jewel. In a mining town in Germany, Werner Pfennig, an orphan, grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio that brings them news and stories from places they have never seen or imagined. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing and is enlisted to use his talent to track down the resistance.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18143977-all-the-light-we-cannot-see>

Americanah
- Chimamanda
Ngozi Adichie

Racism, love,
friendship,
career,
immigration

14-18y 477 pages

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a new democratic Nigeria.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15796700-americanah>

Noughts and
crosses
- Malorie Blackman

Racism,
friendship,
love,
terrorism,
prejudice

14-18y 490 pages

Sephy is a Cross -- a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a Nought -- a "colourless" member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood, but that's as far as it can go. In their world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum -- a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger. Can they possibly find a way to be together?

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/714902.Noughts_Crosses

Everything Everything - Nicolo Yoon	Illness, love, friendship, dreams, family	12-18y	307 pages	My disease is as rare as it is famous. Basically, I'm allergic to the world. I don't leave my house, have not left my house in seventeen years. The only people I ever see are my mom and my nurse, Carla. But then one day, a moving truck arrives next door. I look out my window, and I see him. He's tall, lean and wearing all black. He catches me looking and stares at me. I stare right back. His name is Olly. Maybe we can't predict the future, but we can predict some things. For example, I am certainly going to fall in love with Olly. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18692431-everything-everything
Tell the wolves I'm home - Carol Rifka Brunt	Art, friendship, family, drama, impossible love	13-18y	360 pages	1987. There's only one person who has ever truly understood fourteen-year-old June Elbus, and that's her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. Shy at school and distant from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company. So when he dies of a mysterious illness her mother can barely speak about, June's world is turned upside down. But Finn's death brings a surprise acquaintance into June's life—someone who will help her to heal, and to question what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart. He just might be the one she needs the most. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12875258-tell-the-wolves-i-m-home
Of mice and men - John Steinbeck	Friendship, poverty, mental handicap, loneliness, historical	14-18y	112 pages	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. Eventually they find work on a ranch in California's Salinas Valley, but their hopes are doomed as Lennie, struggling against extreme cruelty, misunderstanding and feelings of jealousy, becomes a victim of his own strength.. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/890.Of_Mice_and_Men
Uncle Tom's cabin - Harriet Beecher Stowe	Poverty, slavery, historical, family, drama, abuse	15-18y	438 pages	While being transported by boat to auction in New Orleans, Tom saves the life of Little Eva, whose grateful father then purchases Tom. Eva and Tom soon become great friends. Always frail, Eva's health begins to decline rapidly, and on her deathbed she asks her father to free all his slaves. He makes plans to do so but is then killed, and the brutal Simon Legree takes Tom. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/46787.Uncle_Tom_s_Cabin
Great expectations - Charles Dickens	Dreams, historical, love, rivalry	15-18y	505 pages	Orphaned Pip is apprenticed to the dirty work of the forge but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman — and one day, under sudden and enigmatic circumstances, he finds himself in possession of "great expectations." In this gripping tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward, the compelling

characters include Magwitch, the fearful and fearsome convict; Estella, whose beauty is excelled only by her haughtiness; and the embittered Miss Havisham, an eccentric jilted bride.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2623.Great_Expectations

Frankenstein - Mary Wollenstonecraft Shelly	Fantasy, monsters, murder, loneliness	14-18y	288 pages	Victor Frankenstein, obsessed with discovering the cause of generation and life and bestowing animation upon lifeless matter, Frankenstein assembles a human being from stolen body parts but; upon bringing it to life, he recoils in horror at the creature's hideousness. Tormented by isolation and loneliness, the once-innocent creature turns to evil and unleashes a campaign of murderous revenge against his creator, Frankenstein.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35031085-frankenstein
Angels and demons - Dan Brown	Terrorism, religion, adventure, thriller	15-18y	736 pages	When world-renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyze a mysterious symbol, he discovers evidence of the unimaginable: the resurgence of an ancient secret brotherhood known as the Illuminati... It has surfaced from the shadows to carry out the final phase of its legendary vendetta against its most hated enemy... the Catholic Church. Langdon's worst fears are confirmed on the eve of the Vatican's holy conclave, when a messenger of the Illuminati announces he has hidden an unstoppable time bomb at the very heart of Vatican City.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/960.Angels_Demons
The Hobbit - J. R. R. Tolkien	Fantasy, dragons, adventure, travel, war	14-18y	366 pages	In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/5907.The_Hobbit
Maus - Art Spiegelman	Word war II, historical, animals	14-18y	159 pages	A story of a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe and his son, a cartoonist who tries to come to terms with his father's story and history itself.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40490167-maus
Bud, not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis	Loneliness, orphan, drama,	12-18y	243 pages	His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: flyers advertising Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud's got an idea that those flyers will lead him to his father. Once he decides to hit the road and find this mystery man, nothing can stop him--not hunger, not fear, not vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/368468.Bud_Not_Buddy

The lightning thief - Rick Riordan	Myths, adventure, Greece, historical.	12-18y	375 pages	Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse - Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. His mother sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends, Percy sets out on a quest across the US to reach the gates of the Underworld and prevent a war between the gods.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/28187.The_Lightning_Thief
October sky - Homer Hickman	Dreams, friendship, adventure	13-17y	428 pages	It was 1957, Sputnik raced across the Appalachian sky, and the small town of Coalwood, was slowly dying. Faced with an uncertain future, Homer Hickam nurtured a dream: to send rockets into outer space. He met some nerds and as the boys began to light up the tarry skies with their flaming projectiles and dreams of glory, Coalwood, and the Hickams, would never be the same.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/124862.October_Sky
The Help - Kathryn Stockett	Racism, slavery, feminism, uprise	14-18y	465 pages	Be prepared to meet three unforgettable women: Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter may have a degree but her mother will not be happy till she has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared. Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/4667024-the-help
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End - Atul Gawande	Medicine, non-fiction	16-18y	282 pages	Full of eye-opening research and riveting storytelling, Being Mortal asserts that medicine can comfort and enhance our experience even to the end, providing not only a good life but also a good end.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20696006-being-mortal
When breath becomes air - Paul Kalanithi	Illness, survival, death, life.	15-18y	226 pages	At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. And just like that, the future he and his wife had imagined evaporated.
				https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25614898-when-breath-becomes-air

The godfather - Mario Puzo	Family, maffia, adventure, based on a true story	15-18y	488 pages	A searing portrayal of the Mafia underworld, The Godfather introduced readers to the first family of American crime fiction, the Corleones, and their powerful legacy of tradition, blood, and honour. The seduction of power, the pitfalls of greed, and the allegiance to family https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22034.The_Godfather
Shindler's list - Thomas Keneally	Word war II, saving, hero	15-18y	429 pages	In the shadow of Auschwitz, a flamboyant German industrialist grew into a living legend to the Jews of Cracow. He was a womaniser, a heavy drinker and a bon viveur, but to them he became a saviour. This is the extraordinary story of Oskar Schindler, who risked his life to protect Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland and who was transformed by the war into a man with a mission, a compassionate angel of mercy. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/375013.Schindler_s_List
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World - Malala Yousafzai	Education, non-fiction, autobiography, dreams	14-18y	240 pages	When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, she was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19161872-i-am-malala
Me before you - Jojo Moyes	Disability, love, suicide	14-18y	369 pages	Louisa Clark is an ordinary young woman living an ordinary life. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair-bound after an accident. Will has always lived a huge life and now he's pretty sure he cannot live this way. Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15507958-me-before-you
One flew over the Cuckoo's nest - Ken Kesey	Survival, adventure, gambling, compassion	15-18y	325 pages	Into this grey world comes McMurphy, a brawling, gambling man, full of spirit and a glorious lust for life. He is horrified by the docility with which the other men accept the rule of the Big Nurse and decides to fight her on her own terms. The battle begins, for him, as a lark - a way of winning the bets he has made with the men. And then, as he becomes more aware of the terrible dangers in it, and more committed to the others who have come to count on him for their own survival, his decision to go on is a heroic act of sacrifice and compassion. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/332613.One_Flew_Over_the_Cuckoo_s_Nest

We are Annora - P. S. Marrow	Multiple Personality Disorder, psychology, non-fiction	15-18y	354 pages	Annora was subsequently diagnosed with Dissociative Identity Disorder, also known as Multiple Personality Disorder. But that wouldn't stop Annora from declaring her sanity to her husband and begging him to find them a new therapist. We Are Annora is a story about the human will to survive amidst the darkness which lies deep within despondency and a powerful mental disorder. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10412137-we-are-annora
Hunger: A memoir of (my) body - Roxane Gay	Eating disorder, psychology, non-fiction	14-18y	320 pages	"I ate and ate and ate in the hopes that if I made myself big, my body would be safe. I buried the girl I was because she ran into all kinds of trouble. I tried to erase every memory of her, but she is still there, somewhere. . . . I was trapped in my body, one that I barely recognized or understood, but at least I was safe." https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22813605-hunger
Girl in pieces - Kathleen Glasgow	Death, mourning, fear, friendship	15-18y	416 pages	Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people lose in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge. https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/29236380-girl-in-pieces