

# 16 BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ BEFORE TURNING 16

*With so many books to choose from, it can be tough to find the best of the best. Here are 16 books every teen should read before age 16. Please be aware that not all books will be suitable for all children, so if you need more guidance or have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.*



## Noughts and Crosses

by Malorie Blackman

Doubleday Children's Books

Callum is a Nought but his best friend Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of one of the most influential politicians in the country.

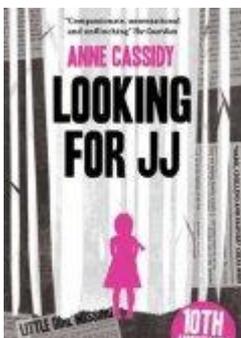


## Pride and Prejudice

by Jane Austen

Various

With all the forces of the world conspiring to keep Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet apart, how will fate manage to bring them together? It certainly won't be easy...



## Looking for JJ

by Anne Cassidy

Scholastic

When a 10-year-old girl kills her best friend, she is convicted of manslaughter and locked away. Seven years later she is released on licence with a new identity.

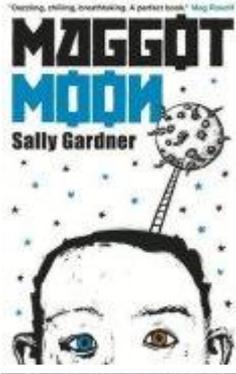


## The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

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Welcome to Panem: its Capitol repressively rules twelve satellite Districts, enslaving the populations as workers and controlling them through hunger.

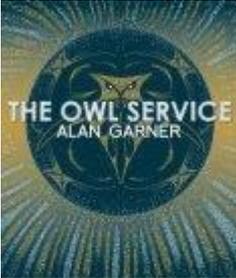


### [Maggot Moon](#)

by Sally Gardner

Hot Key Books

Combining conspiracy theory and dystopia, this hugely original novel is set in an alternate 1950s in which Britain is dominated by the ruthlessly oppressive forces of The Motherland.

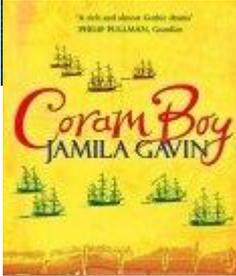


### [The Owl Service](#)

by Alan Garner

HarperCollins Children's Books

When Alison finds a curious dinner service in the attic, the discovery sets off a strange chain of events that look set to effect everyone's lives.

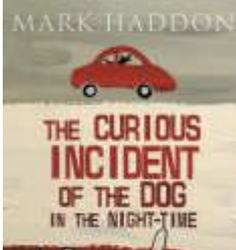


### [Coram Boy](#)

by Jamila Gavin

Egmont

*Coram Boy* is the story of Toby, saved from an African ship as a child, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate.

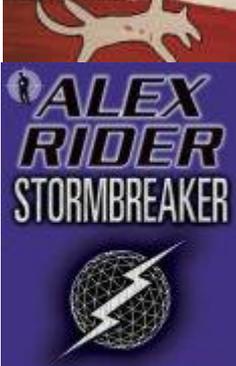


### [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time](#)

by Mark Haddon

Red Fox

This funny, touching and compelling novel was the winner of the inaugural Booktrust Teenage Prize



### [Stormbreaker](#)

by Anthony Horowitz

Walker Books

Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6.



### [The Kite Rider](#)

by Geraldine McCaughrean

Oxford University Press

Haoyou feels powerless when the man responsible for his father's death demands to marry his mother. Determined to support her himself, the young boy joins a travelling circus.

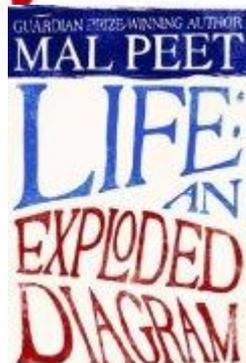


### [The Knife of Never Letting Go](#)

by Patrick Ness

Walker Books

The first in a series, this enthralling sci-fi/fantasy novel grips readers throughout, presenting them with tough questions about identity, ethics and the nature of truth.

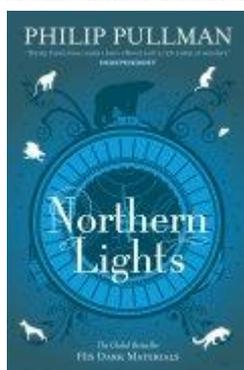


### [Life: An Exploded Diagram](#)

by Mal Peet

Walker Books Ltd

In this intelligent young adult novel, Clem's coming-of-age story of first love and burgeoning sexuality is woven around a tense account of the mounting Cuban Missile Crisis



### [Northern Lights](#)

by Philip Pullman

Scholastic

This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning *His Dark Materials* trilogy

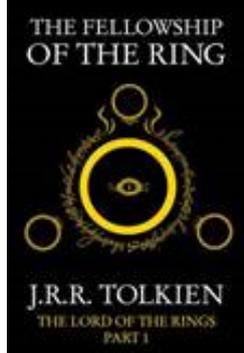


### [The Ruby in the Smoke](#)

by Philip Pullman

Scholastic

Determined to discover the truth about her father's tragic death, Sally Lockhart is plunged into a dangerous and terrifying adventure that takes her to the dark heart of Victorian London.

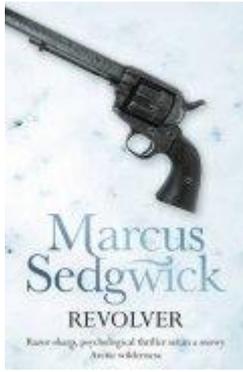


### [The Fellowship of The Ring](#)

by JRR Tolkien

Harper Collins

The first part of J R R Tolkien's epic masterpiece *The Lord of the Rings*, this is the story of young hobbit Frodo Baggins, who finds himself faced with an immense and terrible duty.



## Revolver

by Marcus Sedgwick

Orion Children's Books

'They say dead men tell no tales, but they're wrong. Even the dead tell stories.'