



February Book Recommendations

With spring arriving it's time to dust off those books sitting on your bookshelf and give them a chance.

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Book resources

- We all have more time on our hands nowadays and what better way to escape from the screens but to escape into a whole different world! This month I encourage you to pick up a book and just escape for a while.
- If you're looking to stick to your New Year's resolution to read more books, a great website to use to stay on track is Goodreads <https://www.goodreads.com/>
- 100 books everyone should read before they die (ranked!) <https://www.businessinsider.com/100-books-everyone-should-read-amazon-goodreads-2015-3?r=UK&IR=T>
- A great website to buy books at a discount is <https://www.bookdepository.com/> but don't forget to keep supporting local bookshops too!

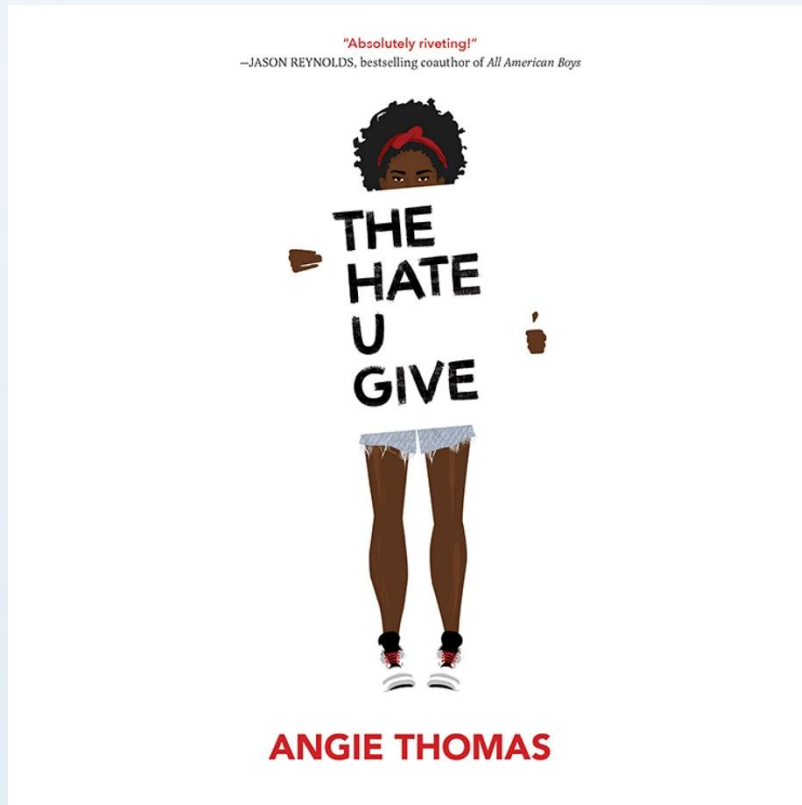


LGBTQIA+ Recommendations

- “The Falling in Love Montage” by Ciara Smyth
- “Seventeen-year-old cynic Saoirse Clarke isn’t looking for a relationship. But when she meets mischievous Ruby, that rule goes right out the window. Sort of.
- Because Ruby has a loophole in mind: a summer of all the best cliché movie montage dates, with a definite ending come fall—no broken hearts, no messy breakup. It would be the perfect plan, if they weren’t forgetting one thing about the Falling in Love Montage: when it’s over, the characters have fallen in love...for real.”
- A great read for fans of “Love Simon” and also, it’s set in Ireland!



BLM Recommendations



- “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas
 - “Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.
 - His death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.”
- Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice. Once you've read the book I recommend watching the movie as well. Make a night of it and Facetime your friends and watch it together!

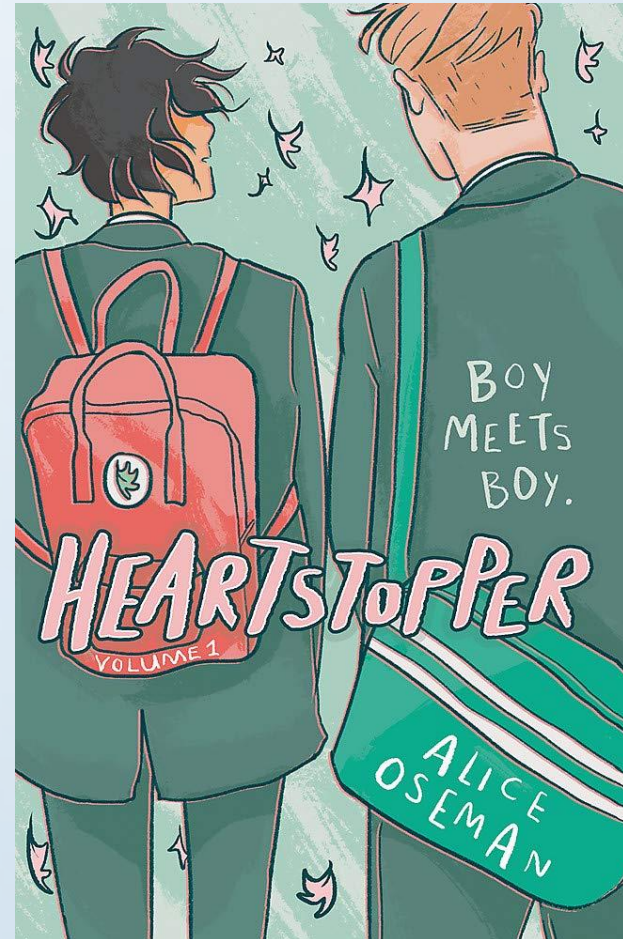
YA Romance Recommendations



- "The Upside of Unrequited" by Becky Albertalli
- "Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon
- "Fangirl" by Rainbow Rowell
- "Anna and the French Kiss" by Stephanie Perkins
- "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli
- "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen
- "What If It's Us" by Adam Silvera and Becky Albertalli

Comic book Recommendations

- “Heartstopper” by Alice Oseman
- One of my personal favourites, a cute heartfelt comic about young love. Hear me out this comic has it all.
- Not only do we get a funny heart-warming story line but also represented in the comic is the following: sexuality, trans characters, eating disorders, mental health and so so much more. Soon on its way to be a Netflix series!
- Did I mention it's also free on the website <https://tapas.io/series/Heartstopper> ?



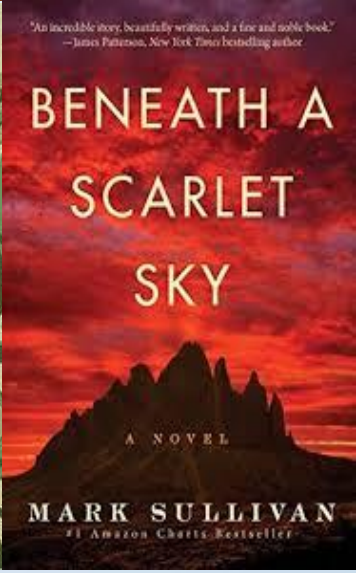
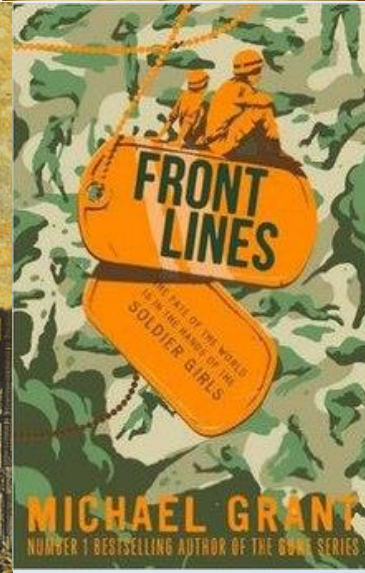
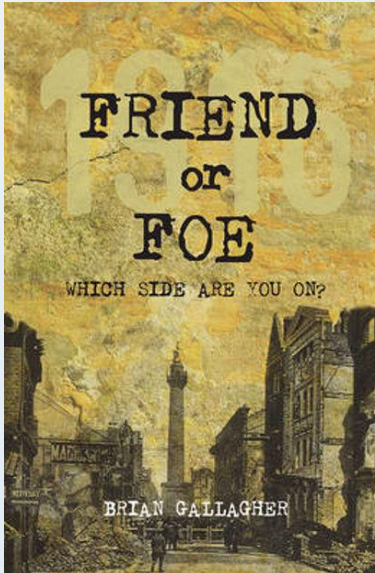
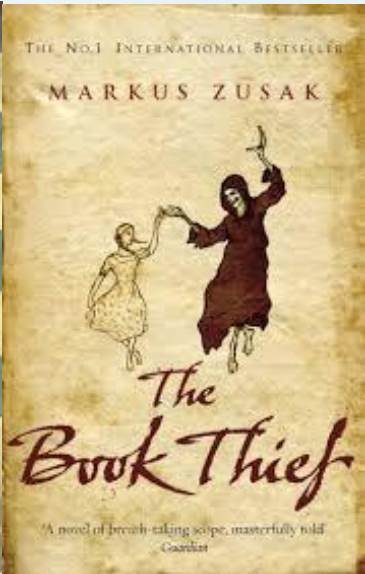
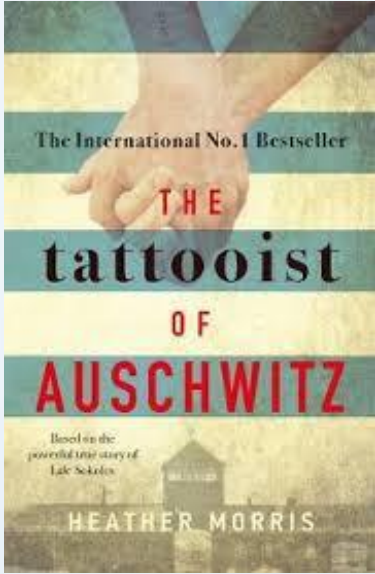
Irish Author Recommendations



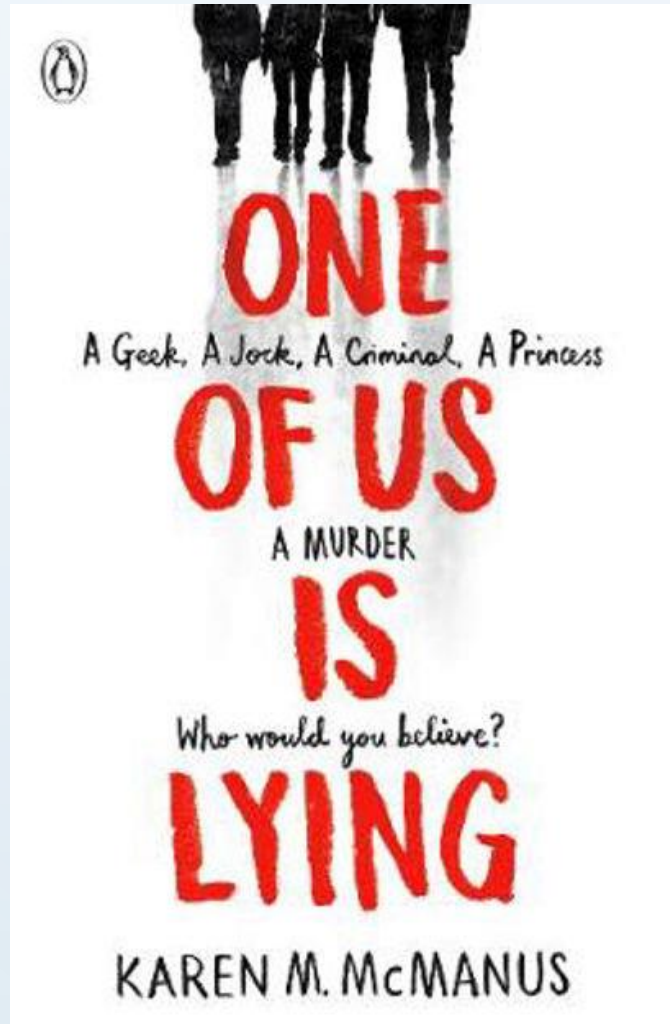
- Some Junior Cycle students and HFSS Book Club members may find this author familiar as you might have studied her wonderful book “The Weight of Water” or “Toffee”.
- Sarah Crossan was last year’s Laureate na nÓg and has many easy reads, perfect to get you out of that reading slump.

History Recommendations

Any history lovers out there? Here are a few of my favourites that I've read over the years. Some are non-fiction and some are fiction based on the Easter Rising, WW1 and WW2



Crime & Mystery Recommendations



- "One of Us Is Lying" by Karen M. McManus
- "A Study in Charlotte" by Brittany Cavallaro
- "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn
- "Truly Devious" by Maureen Johnson
- "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" by Holly Jackson
- A Study in Scarlet (Sherlock Holmes #1) by Arthur Conan Doyle

Some of the above might have mature content, just a warning!

Honourable mentions



I hope you found this helpful and that
you're ready to get out of that reading
slump 😊

Enjoy!

