

Holcombe's Year 11 Recommended Reading List

The Bone Season by Samantha Shannon *A clairvoyant girl is kidnapped by a secret order and uncovers a terrifying truth about her world.*

The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki *A grieving boy hears voices from everyday objects and seeks meaning in chaos.*

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini *A boy's betrayal and redemption unfold against the backdrop of a changing Afghanistan.*

Educated by Tara Westover *A memoir of escaping a survivalist upbringing to pursue education and independence.*

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri *A refugee couple flees war-torn Syria, guided by memory and hope.*

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead *Two boys endure a brutal reform school in Jim Crow-era Florida.*

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green *Two teens with cancer fall in love and confront mortality with wit and honesty.*

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett *Twin sisters choose radically different lives — one passing as white, the other embracing her roots.*

The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar *Two girls compete in a school business project; and fall for each other.*

The Miseducation of Cameron Post by Emily M. Danforth *A teen girl navigates identity and repression in a conservative community.*

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré *A Nigerian girl fights for education and freedom in a society that silences her.*

The Shadow King by Maaza Mengiste *Women warriors rise during Italy's invasion of Ethiopia in WWII.*

Loveless by Alice Oseman *A university student explores friendship, identity, and being aromantic/asexual.*

The Good Immigrant edited by Nikesh Shukla *Essays from British writers of colour on race, identity, and belonging.*

The Panopticon by Jenni Fagan *A fierce teen in care questions reality and fights for her future.*

The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende *A magical realist saga of love, politics, and family secrets in Chile.*

The Secret History by Donna Tartt *A group of elite students commit murder and unravel under the weight of guilt.*

The Binding by Bridget Collins *A young man discovers books that erase memories — and a secret that could change everything.*

The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow *A verse novel capturing the raw emotions of a boy's last year of secondary school.*