



There are various ways of sourcing books to read during the lockdown. You may have borrowed a lot from the school library, or may have lots at home.

I've listed a selection of suggested good reads: some brand new, some classics, some long, some short. I hope there will be a good selection, with something for everyone. I'll send five more each week.

Next to each book, I have shown its price on Amazon. Any classics should be able to be downloaded on to a Kindle App for free.

It is possible to join Buckinghamshire Libraries from home:

<https://buckinghamshire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

from which you can download books using the Libby App:

https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/?utm_origin=lightning&utm_page_genre=tout&utm_list=meet_libby&utm_content=libby_tout_learnmore_06019018

This is another good way of accessing books for free.

WEEK 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman. 2001.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Noughts-Crosses-Book-ebook/dp/B0031RS5YC/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1U8RFQMEE056F&dchild=1&keywords=noughts+and+crosses+malorie+blackman&qid=1585734994&s=books&srefix=nought+and%2Cstripbooks%2C169&sr=1-1

A story of star-crossed young lovers caught up in an alternative reality, where the whites are the Nought underclass and Crosses are the powerful black rulers. When published, this book tackled discrimination in a way that no other book for teenagers had done before.

It has recently been televised in a 6 part series: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p082w992>, but do make sure you read it before watching it to really get the full impact.

First in a series

2. The Enemy by Charlie Higson. 2010

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Enemy-Charlie-Higson-ebook/dp/B002RI9XGK/ref=sr_1_1?crid=11SZ16VPFX7RN&dchild=1&keywords=the+enemy+charlie+higson&qid=1585735333&s=books&srefix=the+enem%2Cstripbooks%2C186&sr=1-1

Charlie Higson's The Enemy is the first in a jaw-dropping zombie horror series for teens. Everyone over the age of fourteen has succumbed to a deadly zombie virus and now the kids must keep themselves alive.

First in a Series

3. One by Sarah Crossan. 2016

https://www.amazon.co.uk/One-WINNER-CILIP-CARNEGIE-MEDAL-ebook/dp/B011LASGF8/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2NGCWFB682XYH&dchild=1&keywords=one+sarah+crossan&qid=1585735456&s=books&sprefix=one+sarah+c%2Cstripbooks%2C183&sr=1-1

Told in verse (so it doesn't take too long to read!), but still packs a powerful emotional punch. This is the story of conjoined twins Grace and Tippie, and their search for identity. It won the Carnegie Medal in 2016.

4. Dodger by Terry Pratchett. 2012

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dodger-Terry-Pratchett/dp/0552577200/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585735643&sr=1-1

This book is a tale of one remarkable boy's rise in a fantasy-infused Victorian London. From Dodger's encounter with the mad barber Sweeney Todd, to his meetings with the great writer Charles Dickens and the calculating politician Benjamin Disraeli, history and fantasy intertwine in a breathtaking account of adventure and mystery.

5. The Boy Who Steals Houses by CJ Drews. 2019

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Boy-Who-Steals-Houses-ebook/dp/B07L343JZ9/ref=sr_1_1?crid=Z9ZOWU0YY4D1&dchild=1&keywords=the+boy+who+steals+houses&qid=1585735836&s=books&sprefix=the+boy+who+steals+%2Cstripbooks%2C187&sr=1-1

Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home.

