



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.

For each book I have added the Accelerated Reader (AR) information: Interest Level (Upper or Middle), Book Level and points available.

WEEK 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Step Sister by Jennifer Donnelly, 2019. AR UY BL 4.7 Pts 15.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stepsister-Jennifer-Donnelly/dp/1471407977/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585820021&sr=1-1

On the longlist for this year's Carnegie Medal, Stepsister takes up where Cinderella's tale ends. Cinderella is about a girl who was bullied; Stepsister is about the bully. We all root for the victims, we want to see them triumph. But what about the bullies? Chance and Fate make a wager over the outcome of "ugly stepsister" Isabelle's life.

2. Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz, 2000. AR MY+ BL 5.1 Pts 7.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stormbreaker-Alex-Rider-Anthony-Horowitz/dp/1406360198/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585820366&sr=1-1

14 year-old Alex Rider discovers that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6. Alex is then dragged into the world of espionage and intrigue himself; armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country.

First in a Series

- 3. Finn Halflin and the Fearzero by Francesca Armour-Chelu. 2016** AR no quiz
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fenn-Halflin-Fearzero-Francesca-Armour-Chelu/dp/140636312X/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585820632&sr=1-1

Set in a dark and flooded world, Fenn Halflin learns a secret about his past forcing him to flee the safety of his home. A tale of survival as Finn finds other abandoned children and learns about his destiny, whilst living in fear of being found by ruthless leader Chilstone and his Fearzero ship.

- 4. Holes by Louis Sachar, 2000** AR UY BL 4.6 Pts 7.0
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Holes-Louis-Sachar/dp/1408865238/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585821085&sr=1-1

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth

- 5. Candy by Kevin Brooks. 2005.** AR UY BL 4.5 Pts 13.0
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Candy-Kevin-Brooks/dp/191000202X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=candy+kevin&qid=1585821379&s=books&sr=1-1

A story of young love and heroin addiction. As the bitter truth about Candy's dangerous world emerges, Joe must decide if love and hope are worth fighting for. One of my absolute favourite YA books written by my favourite author for this age group.

