



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 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson. 2019

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Good-Girls-Guide-Murder/dp/1405293187/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585736494&sr=1-1

Winner of the 2019 Buckinghamshire Book Award. A closed murder case is reopened by Pippa Fitz-Amobi who decides to investigate Andie Bell's murder as the topic for her final project at school. As the plot unfurls, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden.

2. Toffee by Sarah Crossan. 2020

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Toffee-Sarah-Crossan/dp/140886813X/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585737576&sr=1-1

This is on the longlist for the 2020 Carnegie medal; I read it last week. Like many of her other books, this is told in verse, so whips along apace. It doesn't lack any emotional depth though, covering two difficult issues – domestic violence and dementia – with sensitivity and realism.

3. The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness. 2008

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Knife-Never-Letting-Chaos-Walking/dp/1406379166/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585737924&sr=1-1

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run. Not my sort of thing, but it was so well-written I enjoyed it. First in a trilogy.

4. Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell. 2014

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eleanor-Park-Rainbow-Rowell/dp/1409157253/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585738114&sr=1-1

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, *Eleanor & Park* tells the story of first love between Eleanor (all mismatched clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life) and Park (quiet, careful and impossibly cool).

5. Northern Lights by Philip Pullman.1995

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Northern-Lights-His-Dark-Materials/dp/1407186108/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585738385&sr=1-1

Winner of the Carnegie Medal in 1995. The first in the His Dark Materials trilogy in which good and evil are pitted against each other with a mysterious entity called Dust potentially having the power to unite parallel universes. Lyra searches for her friend Roger in the Far North where she identifies her real parents and learns about Dust.

This was serialised by the BBC last year:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lyras-Jordan/dp/B07ZXGNLZJ/ref=sr_1_12?dchild=1&keywords=northern+lights&qid=1585738779&sr=8-12

