



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 5 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Paper Avalanche by Lisa Williamson, 2019. AR UY BL 4.9 Pts 12.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Paper-Avalanche-Lisa-Williamson/dp/1910989975/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585922163&sr=1-1

This is on the 2020 Longlist for the Carnegie Medal; I read it last week. Ro's mother is a compulsive hoarder, meaning that Ro has led a life of secrecy, ensuring no friends ever come near their house. A girl returning to school having received cancer treatment is determined to get to know Ro better though.

2. Eragon by Christopher Paolini, 2005. AR MY BL 5.6 Pts 25.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eragon-Book-One-Inheritance-Cycle/dp/0552552097/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585922425&sr=1-1

*Fantasy novel in which Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest. He thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.
First in a series*

3. Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce. 2005 AR MY BL 4.2 Pts 9.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Framed-Frank-Cottrell-Boyce/dp/1529008786/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585922664&sr=1-1

A book that is both heart-warming but also very funny; it made me laugh out loud while reading. It was inspired by a press cutting describing how, during World War II, the contents of London's National Gallery were stored in Welsh slate mines. Once a month, a morale-boosting masterpiece would be unveiled in the village and then returned to London for viewing. This is a funny and touching exploration of how art – its beauty and its value – touches the life of one little boy and his big family in a very small town.

4. White Crow by Marcus Sedgwick, 2010 AR UY BL 4.9 Pts 6.0

https://www.amazon.co.uk/White-Crow-Marcus-Sedgwick/dp/1444001493/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585922949&sr=1-4

All his books are good, but I've chosen this one as I have a copy, and it's set very near where I used to live in Suffolk. This is a fast-paced, dark, sinister and powerful modern gothic thriller. New to the small town of Winterfold, Rebecca is befriended by Ferelith, a strange girl haunted by a centuries-old question: what's on the other side of death - angels or the devil?

5. The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend, 1982 AR MY+ BL 5.1 Pts 7

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Secret-Diary-Adrian-Mole-Aged/dp/0141046422/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1585923339&sr=1-1

A modern classic. I always worried this wouldn't stand the test of time as it's set against such a time-specific backdrop, but the humour shines through and its appeal remains as strong today. Adrian writes his diary explaining his life as a teenager in the 1980s.

First in a series

