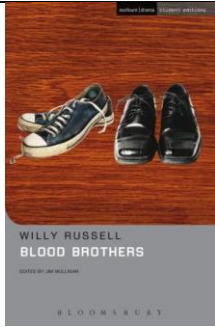
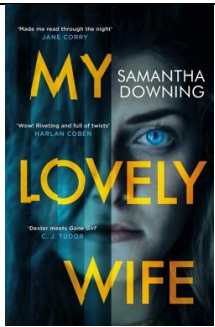

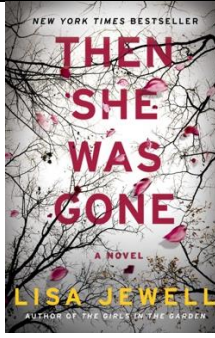
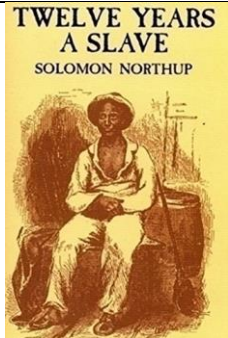
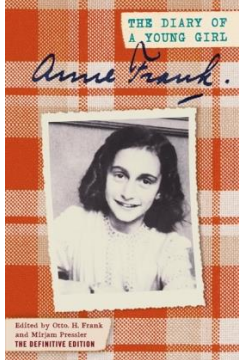
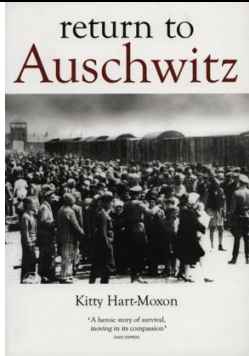
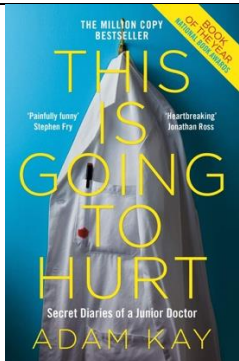
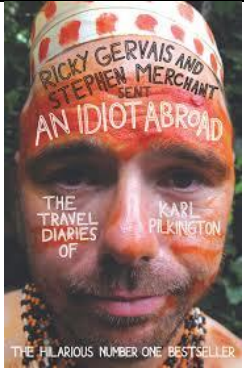


Book Cover	Book Title and Author	Blurb	Reason for choice
	<p>Blood Brothers by Willy Russell</p>	<p>Blood Brothers, by playwright Willy Russell, revolves around twin boys (Mickey and Edward) who are separated at birth and brought up in completely different environments in the city of Liverpool.</p>	<p>It seemed only fitting I would add this play to my desert island list. I first studied this when I was in secondary school and now teach (often perform!) it to my lovely KS4 drama classes. I particularly enjoy the exploration of the theme of 'nature vs. nurture'.</p>
	<p>My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing</p>	<p>A psychological thriller about murder manipulations and suspense lurking under the shiny exterior of happy family life.</p>	<p>I read this book in less than 24 hours and was completely gripped by its twists and turns. I love reading psychological thrillers, and my inquisitive nature often finds it difficult to put books like this down once I have started. There is also a fantastic twist at the end of the story, which I literally screamed at when I read it.</p>
	<p>Now You See Her by Heidi Perks</p>	<p>Charlotte is looking after her best friend's daughter the day she disappears. She thought the little girl was playing with her own children. She swears she only took her eyes off them for a second. Now, Charlotte must do the unthinkable: tell her best friend Harriet that her only child is missing.</p>	<p>Another intense read that kept me gripped throughout. The action begins straight away and once you're a couple of pages in you are hooked. What could be worse than losing your child whilst visiting the local school fete? Losing someone else's!!</p>
	<p>Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell</p>	<p>Ten years on, Laurel has never given up hope of finding Ellie. And then she meets a charming and charismatic stranger who sweeps her off her feet. But what really takes her breath away is when she meets his nine-year-old daughter. Because his daughter is</p>	<p>One of the best psychological thrillers I have read. Lisa Jewell is a fantastic author, and this is definitely one of her best books. At times this book is heart-wrenching and the ending is unlike any thriller I had read before.</p>

		the image of her missing daughter Ellie.	
 <p>TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE SOLOMON NORTHUP</p>	Twelve Years A Slave by Solomn Northup	The shocking first-hand account of Solomon Northup's remarkable fight for freedom in the 1800s.	I have always loved non-fiction books. Northup's story is very powerful and explores the barbaric and brutal levels of violence he experienced in the 1800's. I found it difficult to comprehend such cruelty and it is a book that taught me so much. This is not a book to 'enjoy' as such, but one you will never regret entering your conscience.
 <p>THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL <i>Anne Frank</i></p> <p>Edited by Otto H. Frank and Miriam Pressler THE DEFINITIVE EDITION</p>	The Diary Of a Young Girl by Anne Frank	During World War II, a teenage Jewish girl named Anne Frank and her family are forced into hiding in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands. Here she writes her diary and documents life as a teenager living in 'the secret annex'.	What hasn't already been said about this book? Books like this should be read by everyone. At times, it is uncomfortable to read but you suddenly have a new-found appreciation for life when you have. Anne Frank's optimism is one to be admired. My favourite quote from the book ' I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains'.
 <p>return to Auschwitz</p> <p>Kitty Hart-Moxon</p> <p>"A heroic story of survival, moving to the compassionate"</p>	Return to Auschwitz by Kitty Hart-Moxon	The Remarkable Story of a Girl Who Survived the Holocaust, Kitty Hart not only gives a personal view of the plight of Jews under Adolf Hitler's regime but also a historical outlook on the events that took place during World War II.	I bought this book when visiting Auschwitz a couple of years ago. Like Anne Frank's story, I was moved beyond belief at the horrific accounts relayed by Kitty Hart-Moxon. Harrowing and powerful, a book that will stay with me for years to come.
 <p>THE MILLION COPY BESTSELLER</p> <p>THIS IS GOING TO HURT</p> <p>Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor ADAM KAY</p> <p>"Painfully funny" Stephen Fry "Heartbreaking" Jonathan Ross</p> <p>Over 1000 five-star reviews</p>		This Is Going to Hurt is a collection of diary entries Doctor Adam Kay jotted down during his years of medical training. The book is at times hilarious, horrifying and heart-breaking but a must read to truly appreciate our wonderful NHS.	I loved this book. I have always had admiration for the NHS and the work they do, but this book took that appreciation to a whole new level! The book takes you on a roller-coaster of emotions, one-minute laughing, the next crying. A must read, to truly

			<p>appreciate how lucky we are to have such a wonderful national health service.</p>
		<p>Karl Pilkington isn't keen on travelling. Given the choice, he'll go on holiday to Devon or Wales or, at a push, eat English food on a package holiday in Majorca. So what happened when he was convinced by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant to go on an epic adventure to see the Seven Wonders of the World?</p>	<p>I could not put this book down. Every single page made me laugh out loud (not ideal when reading in public!). Whilst writing this I am grinning from ear to ear thinking about Karl Pilkington's adventures to the Seven Wonders of the World. I have now decided to re-read this, as I think it is just the tonic I need.</p>
		<p>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a collection of loosely linked illustrations and text about a lonely boy who ambles through the countryside on a spring day, finding companionship.</p>	<p>This book is simply beautiful. I was gifted this at Christmas and always find myself flicking through the pages of wonderful illustrations and lovely quotes. I have bought this book for 4 other people and truly believe it is the perfect pick-me-up.</p>