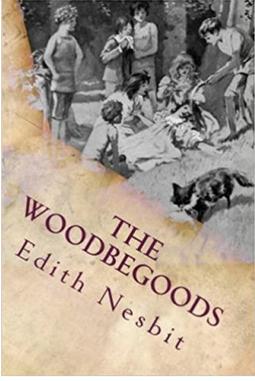
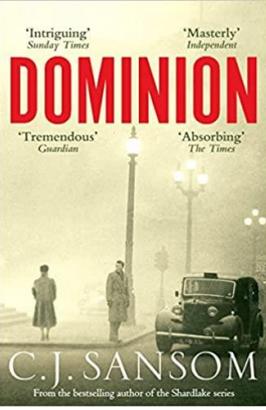
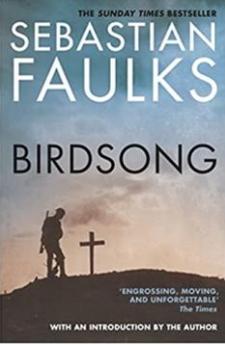
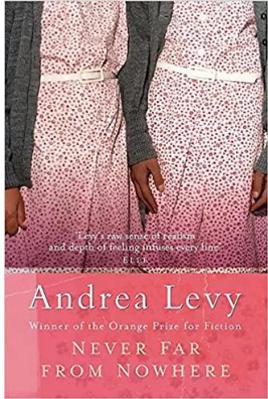
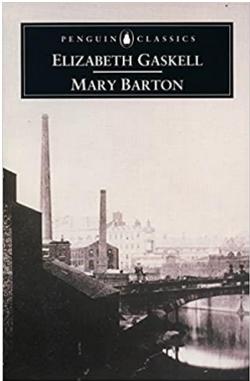
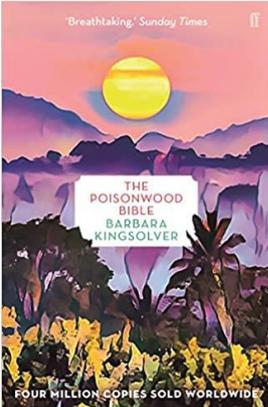
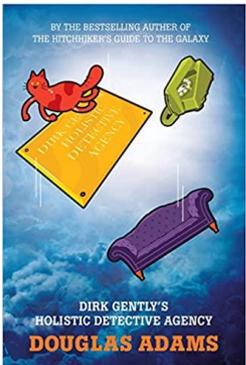
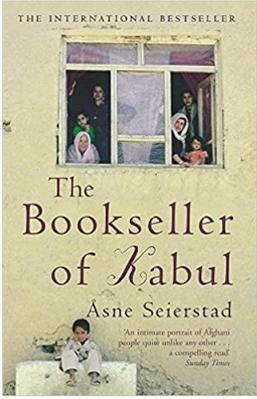
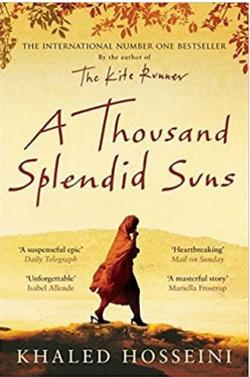


Book cover	Book Title and Author	Blurb	Reason for choice
	<p>The Woodbeggods E Nesbitt</p>	<p>The Bastable children simply can't help getting into trouble and causing mayhem and having adventures. In his story they have been sent to the countryside, where in their determination to be good they create the Wood-beggood Society.</p>	<p>I loved reading E Nesbits books as a child I loved the humour and adventure in her stories where children were left to their own devices with imagination, mystery and magic anything could happen.</p>
	<p>Dominion S J Sansom</p>	<p>Set in 1952 twelve years after Britain surrendered to the Nazi's Britain lives under authoritarian rule. Churchill's Resistance movement continues to be a thorn for the authorities.</p>	<p>An intriguing vision of Britain under Nazi rule, resistance, spies, great escapes and romance. Dominion is a frightening look at an alternative history a must read.</p>
	<p>Birdsong Sebastian Faulks</p>	<p>After a failed love affair Stephan Wrayford volunteers to fight on the western front during World War 1. The story of Stephan's war is very emotive, unforgettable and ruthless.</p>	<p>Faulks is a great writer, everyone should read this book to have an understanding of World War I and the long lasting effects of war. Brilliant!!</p>
	<p>The Lady in the Van Alan Bennett</p>	<p>Miss Shepherd is invited to park the van she lives in on Alan Bennett's drive. What Alan did not expect was that she would live there for fifteen years. Miss Shepherd is a stubborn and eccentric tenant and Bennet is an unwilling landlord.</p>	<p>Alan Bennett has to be the master of short story writing I love his characters, the humour and Bennetts wonderful depiction of human nature.</p>

	<p>Never Far From Nowhere Andrea Levy</p>	<p>The story of two sisters Olive and Vivien born from Jamaican parents and brought up on a council estate they go to the same school, Vivien's life is relatively successful, whereas Olive whose skin is a shade darker has a different tale to tell.</p>	<p>A passionate story of growing up in London, showing the social disadvantages and racial attitudes to colour.</p>
	<p>Mary Barton Elizabeth Gaskell</p>	<p>Mary Barton is born into poverty in Victorian Britain, her father fights for the rights of the millworkers while Mary rejects her lover Jem in the hope of marrying the mill owner's son Henry. When Henry is shot in the street and Jem is arrested, Mary is torn between them.</p>	<p>A story of poverty and social injustice, Gaskell's description of the life of the poor in Victorian England is photogenic and thought provoking.</p>
	<p>The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver</p>	<p>Nathan Price an evangelical Baptist takes his family on a mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. A decision that destroys the family. The remarkable ability of his wife and daughters to re-build their lives is an epic tale of suspense and tragedy.</p>	<p>This story is set during the end of colonialism and the beginning of independence in Africa, an insight into an upheaval that leads to suffering, endurance and adaption of all involved to survive.</p>
	<p>Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency Douglas Adams</p>	<p>Dirk Gently is a self-styled private investigator who is determined to show the interconnectedness of all things. Dirk will show what pizza, an electric monk, a mysterious professor, and a mysterious murder all have in common.</p>	<p>Entertaining, funny and eccentric, Dirk certainly has a different view of the world.</p>

	<p>The Book Seller of Kabul Asne Seirestad</p>	<p>For more than twenty years Sultan Khan defied the authorities - be they communist or Taliban - to supply books to the people of Kabul. He was arrested, interrogated and imprisoned by the communists and watched illiterate Taliban soldiers burn piles of his books in the street. He even resorted to hiding most of his stock in attics all over Kabul.</p>	<p>Asne Seirestad lived with the Khan family in Kabul for several months after the collapse of the Taliban Regime, a fascinating and insightful look at life and culture in Afghanistan.</p>
	<p>A Thousand Splendid Suns Khaled Hosseini</p>	<p>Mariam is only fifteen when she is sent to Kabul to marry Rasheed. Nearly two decades later, a friendship grows between Mariam and a local teenager, Laila, as strong as the ties between mother and daughter. When the Taliban take over, life becomes a desperate struggle against starvation, brutality and fear. Yet love can move a person to act in unexpected ways, and lead them to overcome the most daunting obstacles with a startling heroism.</p>	<p>I love to read stories set in different parts of the world that bring a better understanding of the life and beliefs of other cultures.</p>