



RELIGIOUS STUDIES/PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR KEY STAGE 3 POTENTIAL HIGH ACHIEVER

PHILOSOPHY FOR BEGINNERS BY RACHEL FIRTH

Philosophy is a way of thinking about just about anything. It asks big questions, such as "how can I be good?" or "what makes something beautiful?" Using lively examples, humorous illustrations and simple thought experiments, this book opens up the world of philosophy to both children and adults and includes links to recommended websites with videos, games and activities to find out more. Publisher: Usborne Publishing Ltd ISBN: 9781474950886

SEE INSIDE WORLD RELIGIONS BY ALEX FRITH

An eye-opening look at the beliefs, history and customs of the major world religions. Discover the three great gods of Hinduism, the root of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, which religions teach that there is no God, and much more. Visually stunning, this highly informative lift-the-flap book is a fantastic source of information for children. Illustrations: Full colour throughout Publisher: Usborne Publishing Ltd ISBN: 9781409594574

MYTHOLOGICA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GODS, MONSTERS AND MORTALS FROM ANCIENT GREEK BY STEPHEN KERSHAW

Amazon's No. 1 Children's Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2019 is an illustrated encyclopedia of Greek mythology like no other. Mythologica features startlingly beautiful and exquisitely otherworldly portraits of mythological characters in eye-popping colour from artist Victoria Topping and authoritative text from Classics scholar and Greek mythology expert Dr Stephen Kershaw. Publisher: Wide Eyed Editions ISBN: 9781786031921

THE PROUDEST BLUE: A STORY OF HIJAB AND FAMILY BY IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD AND S.K. ALI

Asiya's hijab is like the ocean and the sky, no line between them, saying hello with a loud wave. It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of wearing hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are, from Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad. Publisher: Andersen Press Ltd ISBN: 9781783449729

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE BY C. S. LEWIS

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, which has been drawing readers of all ages into a magical land with unforgettable characters for over sixty years. This is a stand-alone read, but if you would like to explore more of the Narnian realm, pick up The Horse and His Boy, the third book in The Chronicles of Narnia. Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers ISBN: 9780007323128

THE COLOUR OF MAGIC NOVEL BY TERRY PRATCHETT

Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. Publisher: Transworld Publishers Ltd ISBN: 9780552166591

SOPHIE'S WORLD BY JOSTEIN GAARDER

When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself? To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined. An addictive blend of mystery, philosophy and fantasy, Sophie's World is an international phenomenon which has been translated into 60 languages and sold more than 40 million copies. Publisher: Orion Publishing Co ISBN: 9781474602280

MY SISTER'S KEEPER BY JODI PICOULT

In all thirteen years of Anna's life, her parents have never given her a choice: she was born to be her sister Kate's bone marrow donor and she has always given Kate everything she needs. But when Anna is told Kate needs a new kidney, she begins to question how much she should be prepared to do to save the older sibling she has always been defined by. So Anna makes a decision that will change their family forever - perhaps even fatally for the sister she loves. From internationally bestselling author Jodi Picoult comes a masterpiece which asks us just how much we should do to care for the ones we love. Publisher: Hodder & Stoughton ISBN: 9781444754346

THE REST OF US JUST LIVE HERE BY PATRICK NESS

Award-winning writer Patrick Ness's bold and irreverent novel powerfully asks what if you weren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul -eating ghosts, or whatever this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you were like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend might just be the God of mountain lions... An exceptional novel from the author praised by John Green as "an insanely beautiful writer". Publisher: Walker Books Ltd ISBN: 9781406365566

THE KITE RUNNER BY KHALED HOSSEINI

Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to flee to America, Amir realises that one day he must return to Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption. Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing PLC ISBN: 9781526604743

LIFE OF PI BY YANN MARTEL

One boy, one boat, one tiger . . . After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, a solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue Pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen -year-old boy named Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orang -utan - and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger. The scene is set for one of the most extraordinary and best -loved works of fiction in recent years. Publisher: Canongate Books Ltd ISBN: 9781786891686

ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE BY GAIL HONEYMAN

Widely hailed as the fiction debut of 2017, Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine is a triumph of deft observation of everyday life. By turns laugh-aloud funny and deeply poignant, it is a book that champions everyday courage and the importance of friendship in a world where people are increasingly isolated. Challenging the stigmas that exist around loneliness in contemporary society, it is a gentle reminder of those we too easily overlook and how a life can be changed by small acts of kindness. Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers ISBN: 9780008172145