Some books we recommend to help you enjoy reading in English

When making up this list I only included books written in English. I have read some of the recommended books or, in some cases, have read a book by their author.

You will find at the end of this list the internet sites I used to help make up the list.

No books that are translations from any other language into English have been included as I feel something is always « lost in translation » as Sofia Coppola would say.

# Level 1

## Detective novels or mystery books

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| Agatha Christie | Murder on the Orient Express, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, And Then There Were None, Evil Under the Sun, Murder in Mesopotamia, The Mysterious Affair at Styles |
| Sidney Sheldon | Tell Me Your Dreams, If Tomorrow Comes, The Best Laid Plans, The Sands of Time, The Other Side of Midnight, Are You Afraid of the Dark?, Master of the Game |

## Amusing novels

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| [Spencer Johnson](http://www.amazon.com/Spencer-Johnson/e/B001H6MP6I/ref%3Ddp_byline_cont_book_1), [Kenneth Blanchard](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref%3Ddp_byline_sr_book_2?ie=UTF8&text=Kenneth+Blanchard&search-alias=books&field-author=Kenneth+Blanchard&sort=relevancerank) | Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life  |
| [Robin Sharma](http://www.amazon.fr/s/ref%3Ddp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&text=Robin+Sharma&search-alias=books-fr-intl-us&field-author=Robin+Sharma&sort=relevancerank) | The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari: A Fable About Fulfilling Your Dreams & Reaching Your Destiny |

## Allegorical novels

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| George Orwell | Animal Farm |

## Adventure stories

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| Ernest Hemingway | The Old Man and the Sea, The Sun Also Rises, A Farewell to Arms, For Whom the Bell Tolls |
| Frederick Forsyth | The Day of the Jackal, The Icon, The Afghan |

## Novels

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| J.D.Salinger | Catcher in the Rye |

## Short stories

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| O.Henry | Cabbages and Kings |

# Level 2

## Detective novel or mystery books

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| Jeffrey Archer | Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less, A Prisoner of Birth, Kane and Abel, The Prodigal Daughter, Sons of Fortune, Honor Among Thieves |
| Dan Brown | Angels and Demons, The Da Vinci Code, Inferno |
| James Patterson | Along Came a Spider, I, Alex Cross |

## Fantasy fiction

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| J. K. Rowling | Harry Potter Series |
| J. R. R. Tolkien | The Lord of The Rings, The Hobbit |
| Suzanne Collins | The Hunger Games Trilogy |
| Douglas Adams | The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy |
| George Orwell | 1984 |
| Isac Asimov | Foundation |
| C.S. Lewis | The Chronicles of Narnia |
| Aldous Huxley | Brave New World |

## Historical fiction

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| Ken Follett | The Pillars of the Earth, World Without End, Eye of the Needle, The Trilogy : Fall of Giants, Winter of the World, Edge of Eternity |

## Legal fiction

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| John Grisham | King of the torts, The Rainmaker |

## Service sector fiction

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| Arthur Hailey | Airport, Hotel |

## Social fiction

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| Mario Puzo | The Godfather |
| Arvind Adiga | The White Tiger |
| Anna Sewell | Black Beauty |
| F. Scott Fitzgerald | The Great Gatsby |
| Khaled Hosseini | The Kite Runner, A Thousand Splendid Suns |
| Sue Monk Kidd | The Secret Life of Bees |

# Level 3

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| Arundhati Roy | The God of small things |
| Charles Dickens | Great Expectations, A tale of two cities |
| John Irving | A Prayer for Owen Meany |
| F. Scott Fitzgerald | The Great Gatsby |
| Oscar Wilde | The Picture of Dorian Gray |
| Ray Bradbury | Fahrenheit  451 |
| Joseph Conrad | Heart of Darkness |
| Amitav Ghosh | The Hungry Tide, The Calcutta Chromosome, The sea of poppies |
| Kathryn Stockett | The Help |
| Annie Barrows, Mary Ann Shaffer | [The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society](https://www.librarything.com/work/5072307/book/41101254) |
| Ariana Franklin | [Mistress of the art of death](https://www.librarything.com/work/1718023/book/12673551) |
| Mary Stewart | The Moonspinners |
| William Golding | Lord of the Flies, Free Fall |
| Robert Pobi | The River of the Dead, Bloodman, American Woman, Mannheim Rex |

# Level 4

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| Salman Rushdie | Midnight Children, The Enchantress of Florence, Shalimar the clown |
| Alvin Toffler | The Third Wave, Future Shock, Powershift |
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# The internet sites consulted

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/english-literature>

<http://www.dailywritingtips.com/20-classic-novels-you-can-read-in-one-sitting/>

<http://www.goodreads.com/topic/show/800527-classics-for-beginners-to-read-list>

<http://kaplaninternational.com/blog/top-6-super-simple-novels-and-short-stories-for-learning-to-read-english/>

<http://www.quora.com/What-are-some-of-the-best-novels-to-read-for-beginners>

Happy reading,

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