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Reading Group Sets

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ACKROYD, Peter	Clerkenwell Tales	X	√	√	Historical	England pre-1500
ABULHAWA, Susan	Mornings in Jenin	√	X	√	General Fiction	Arab-Israeli conflict
ADICHIE Chimamanda Ngozi	Half of a Yellow Sun	√	√	√	General Fiction	Nigeria- Civil War – 1960s
ADIGA Aravind	White Tiger	X	X	√	General Fiction	Indian Society *winner of Booker Prize 2008
ASWANY Alaa As	The Yacoubian Building	X	X	√	General Fiction	Modern Egyptian society
ATKINSON Kate	Case Histories	X	X	√	Mystery	Private investigators
ATKINSON Diane	Elsie & Mairi go to War	X	X	X	Biography/History	World War 1 – 2 extraordinary women
AUSTEN Jane	Northanger Abbey	√	√	√	Classic	England
BANVILLE John	The Sea	√	X	√	General Fiction	Looking back on incident in youth
BARBER Lynn	An Education	X	√	X	Biography (Journalist)	Growing up

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BARKER Pat	Life Class	√	X	√	Historical	World War 1- Art
BARRY Sebastian	The Secret Scripture	√	√	√	General Fiction	Catholic Church- Love & betrayal
BEAUMONT Matt	Small World	X	X	√	General Fiction	City & town life
BENSON E F	Mapp and Lucia	X	X	√	Classic/Humour	1930s – manners - English classes
BLACK Tony	Gutted	X	X	√	Crime	Gangland- Edinburgh
BURSTALL Emma	Never close your eyes	X	X	√	General Fiction	Women authors
BOYD William	Ordinary Thunderstorms	√	X	√	Suspense	Conspiracy - London
CAPOTE Truman	In Cold Blood	√	√	X	True Crime	America
CAREY Peter	Parrot and Olivier in America (8 copies in HB)	√	√	√	General Fiction	Comic adventure
CASTILLO Linda	Sworn to silence	X	√	√	Crime	US/Amish community
CLEAVE Chris	The Other Hand	X	√	√	General fiction	Nigeria- Refugees
COLLINS Wilkie	Woman in White	√	√	√	Classic	England
CRAIG Amanda	Hearts & Minds	X	X	√	General Fiction	Immigrant workers- society-London
DARWIN Emma	Secret Alchemy	X	√	√	Historical/Crime	England – 15 th century
DAWSON Jill	The Great Lover	X	√	√	Historic	Novel about the poet Rupert Brooke

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DONOGHUE Emma *(Not available until May 2011)	Room	X	X	√	Psychological fiction	Entrapment Man Booker s/ list
DOYLE Arthur Conan	Hound of the Baskervilles	X	X	√	Crime	Detective Mystery
DU MAURIER Daphne	Rebecca	√	√	√	Classic	Romance- Suspense
DUNANT Sarah	Sacred Hearts	√	√	√	Historical	Convents- Italy – 16 th century
ELIOT George	Middlemarch	√	X	√	Classic	England
FALLADA Hans	Alone in Berlin	X	X	√	Suspense	Anti-Nazi Movement in Germany
FAULKS Sebastian	Birdsong	X	√	√	Historical	World War I
FAULKS Sebastian	Human Traces	√	X	√	Historical	Psychiatry- What makes us human?
FELDMAN Ellen	Scottsboro	X	X	√	General Fiction	Rape Investigation
FIENNES William	The Music Room	X	√	X	Biography	England
FORNA Aminatta	Ancestor Stones	X	X	√	General Fiction	Sisters- Africa
FORSTER E M	Maurice	X	X	√	Classic	Homosexuality
FOSSUM Karin	The Water's edge	√	√	√	Crime	Norwegian translation
FRANCIS Clare	Homeland	√	X	√	Historical	Polish Worker - Somerset 1946
GALGUT Damon	In a strange Room (8 copies only)	X	X	√	General Fiction	Journeys
GARDAM Jane	Old Filth	√	√	√	General Fiction	Reminiscing-

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GILBERT Elizabeth	Eat Pray Love	X	X	X	Biography	Spiritual journey
GOROKOVA Elena	A mountain of crumbs	X	X	X	Biography	Russian social life
GREEN, Jane	Love Verb	X	√	√	Fiction	Life-affirming – families - illness
GRENVILLE, Kate	Secret River	X	√	√	Historical	19 th century Australia
HADDON Mark	A Spot of Bother	√	√	√	General Fiction	Family life
HANNAH Sophie	Point of rescue	X	X	√	Crime	Suspense
HARDY Thomas	Tess of the D'Urbervilles	√	X	√	Classic	England
HARRIS Robert	The Ghost	√	X	√	Political thriller	British politics
HELLER, Joseph	Catch 22	√	X	√	Modern Classic	WW2
HELLER, Zoe	The Believers	√	√	√	General Fiction	Faith, Family, Doubts
HELLER, Zoe	Notes on a scandal	√	√	√	General Fiction	Teacher-student relationships
HENNESSEY Patrick	The Junior Officers' reading club	X	√	X	Non fiction	Soldiers personal narratives
HISLOP Victoria	The Island	√	√	√	General Fiction	Crete- Memories
HOSSEINI, Khaled	The Kite Runner	√	X	√	General Fiction	Life in Afghanistan
ISHIGURO Kazuo	Never Let Me Go	√	√	√	General Fiction/Sci Fi	Different type of society
JACOBSON Howard	The Finkler Question	√	X	√	General Fiction	Male Friendship 2010 Man Booker WINNER
JAMES Henry	Portrait of a Lady	√	X	√	Classic	Young American woman in Europe

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JENSEN Liz	Ninth Life of Louis Drax	√	X	√	General	Suspenseful- Family
JEROME J K	Three Men in a Boat	√	√	√	Classic/Humour	Boating trip up the Thames
KENNEDY Douglas	State of the Union	√	√	√	General Fiction	Families – U.S.
KIDD Sue Monk	The secret life of bees	X	X	√	General Fiction	Race-relations-U.S.
KINGSOLVER Barbara	Poisonwood Bible	X	X	√	General Fiction	African- Missionaries
KOOMSON, Dorothy	The Ice Cream Girls	X	√	√	General Fiction	Secrets- teenage crime/innocence
KOSTOVA Elizabeth	The Historian	√	X	√	Suspense	Gothic novel
KUNZRU Hari	Impressionist	X	X	√	General Fiction	Anglo-Indians
LARSSON Stieg	The girl with the dragon tattoo	X	√	√	Crime	Sweden
LE CARRE John	Mission Song	√	X	√	General Fiction	Politics- Congo
LEE Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	X	X	√	Classic	US
LEE Janice	The Piano Teacher	X	X	√	Love story	Hong Kong-China – 20 th century
LELORD Francis	Hector & the search for happiness	X	X	√	French translation General Fiction	Psychiatrists

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LEROY Margaret	The Perfect Mother	X	X	√	General fiction	Munchausen syndrome by proxy
LEVY Andrea	Small Island	√	X	√	Modern Classic	Jamaicans in Post-War England
LEVY Andrea	The Long Song	√	√	√	Historical Fiction	Jamaican Slaves Man Booker 2010 short list
LEWYCKA Marina	A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian	√	X	√	General Fiction	Ukrainian community UK
LUPTON Rosamund	Sister	√	X	√	Psychological fiction	Sisters-death
MACINTYRE Ben	Agent Zigzag	X	√	X	History	The wartime story of Eddie Chapman
MAITLAND Karen	Company of Liars	X	X	√	Historical/Suspense	London (at time of The Plague)
MANKELL Henning	The Man from Beijing	X	√	√	Crime	Swedish Massacre
MANTEL Hilary	Wolf Hall	√	√	√	Historical	England (Cromwell)
MARAI Sandor	Embers	√ (abridged)	X	√	General Fiction	Friendship-Betrayal - Hungary
MARTEL Yann	Life of Pi	√	X	√	Humorous fiction	Shipwreck
MASTERS Alexander	Stuart: A Life Backwards	X	X	X	Biography	Homeless- Chaotic lifestyle- UK
McEWAN Ian	Saturday	√	X	√	General Fiction	A day in a life of a family

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MEEK James	The People's Act of Love	√	√	√	Historical	Set against backdrop of Russian Revolution
MERCIER Pascal	The Night Train to Lisbon	X	√	√	Foreign/Psychological	Portugal
MEYER Stephanie	The Host	√	X	√	Science fiction	Spirit Possession
MILLS Magnus	Scheme for Full Employment	X	X	√	General Fiction	Job Creation- Humour
MORRISON, Toni	A Mercy	X	√	√	General Fiction	Slavery- U.S.
Morrison, Toni	Beloved	X	√	√	Classic	Slavery
MOLTENO Marion	Somewhere More Simple	X	X	√	General Fiction	Friendship- missing children- England
NEMIROVSKY Irene	Suite Francaise	X	√	√	Foreign	French translation- German occupation of France
NESBO Jo	The Redeemer	X	X	√	Crime	Oslo-Norway
NICHOLLS David	One Day	√	√	√	Humorous fiction	Women college students
NICHOLSON Virginia	Singled Out	√	X	X	Non fiction	World War, 1914-1918 - Women - Great Britain
NIFFENEGGER Audrey	Time Traveller's Wife	X	X	√	General Fiction	Time travelling

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O'FARRELL Maggie	The Distance Between Us	X	√	√	General Fiction	Sisters- Families
O'FARRELL Maggie	The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	X	√	√	General Fiction	Sisters
PEARSON Mark	Death Row	X	X	√	Crime	Missing children
PELECANOS George	The Way Home	X	X	√	Suspense	Problem youths
PENNEY Stef	The Tenderness of Wolves	√	√	√	Suspense/Historical	Missing person- Search for truth - Canada
PICOULT Jodie	My Sister's Keeper	√	√	√	General Fiction	Sisters- Leukaemia - US
POE, Edgar Allen	Tales of Mystery & Imagination	X	X	√	Suspense	Collection of stories
PORTER Henry	The Dying Light	X	X	√	Crime	Surveillance State
RAISIN Ross	God's Own Country	X	X	√	General Fiction	Country-life- England
ROBOTHAM, Michael	Drowning Man	x	X	√	Crime	Disappearance of a child
ROWLETT Bee	Talking About Jane Austen In Baghdad	X	√	X	Biography/History	Female friendship- Iraq War
SACKVILLE Amy	The Still Point	X	X	√	General Fiction	Arctic exploration – marriage
SANSOM C J	Dark Fire	√	√	√	Crime	16 th Century England
SANSOM C J	Winter in Madrid	√	√	√	Suspense	Civil War - Spain

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SATRAPI Marjane	Persepolis	X	X	√	Graphic Novel	Iran – Childhood
SAYERS, Dorothy L	Five Red Herrings	X	√	√	Crime	Lord Peter Wimsey
SEIERSTAD Asne	The Bookseller of Kabul	X	X	X	Biography/History	Afghanistan- life
SETTERFIELD Diane	The Thirteenth Tale	X	√	√	Suspense	Past mystery
SHAFFER Mary Ann	The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society	X	X	√	Historical	German occupation of Guernsey- Bookclubs
SHAH Saira	The Storyteller's Daughter	X	√	X	Life/Customs	Afghanistan – Women-- 20th century
SHRIVER Lionel	We Need to Talk About Kevin	√	√	√	General Fiction	High school murder- USA
SMITH Emma	The Great Western Beach	X	√	X	Biography	Memoirs of Cornish childhood
STOCKETT Kathryn	The Help	X	X	√	Historic	African American women- Race relations
STRACHEY Julia Frances	Cheerful Weather for the Wedding	X	X	√	Modern Classic	Sharp domestic comedy
TEARNE Roma	Brixton Beach	X	X	√	General Fiction	London Terrorist Bombings - Sri Lanka
TEARNE Roma	The Swimmer	X	√	√	General Fiction	Love story

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TOIBIN Colm	Brooklyn	√	√	√	General Fiction	Ireland
TOMALIN Claire	Thomas Hardy – Time-Torn Man	√	√	X	Biography	
TOMALIN Claire	Samuel Pepys – Unequaled Self	√	√	X	Biography	
TORDAY Paul	Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	√	√	√	General Fiction	Fishing – UK-Yemen
TORDAY Paul	The hopeless life of Charlie Summers	X	X	√	General Fiction	Business
TOWNSEND Sue	Queen and I	X	√	√	Humorous	Royal families-Great Britain
TREMAIN Rose	The Colour	X	X	√	Historical	Gold mining-New Zealand
TREMAIN Rose	The Road Home	√	√	√	General Fiction	Eastern Europeans-England
TSIOLKAS Christos	The Slap	√	X	√		Slap of a child at BBQ- Man Booker 2010
VICKERS Salley	Mr Golightly's Holiday	X	X	√	General Fiction	Mystery – People - UK
WATERS Sarah	Fingersmith	√	X	√	Historical	Pickpockets-England
WATERS Sarah	Night Watch	√	X	√	Historical	WW11 England-Social life & customs

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WINSPEAR Jacqueline	Maisie Dobbs	X	X	√	Crime	Women Private Investigators
WOOLF Virginia	Mrs. Dalloway	√	X	√	Classic	
WORTH Jennifer	Shadows of the Workhouse	X	√	X	History	20th Century England
ZAFON Carlos Ruiz	Shadow of the Wind	√	√	√	Suspense	Novelists- Spain