

New Arrivals

*You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture.
Just get people to stop reading them. Ray Bradbury*

1 Richards, David Adams Mercy Among the Children



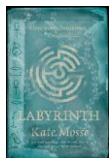
Adult Fiction

Mercy Among the Children was named one of 2000's best books.

As a boy, Sydney Henderson thinks he has killed Connie Devlin when he pushes him from a roof for stealing his sandwich. He vows to God he will never again harm another if Connie survives. Connie walks away, laughing, and Sydney embarks upon a life of self-immolating goodness. His saintly generosity of spirit is treated with suspicion and contempt, especially when he manages to win the love of beautiful Elly. Unwilling to harm another in thought or deed, or to defend himself against false accusations, he is exploited and tormented by others in this rural community, and finally implicated in the death of a 19-year-old boy.

Lyle Henderson knows his father is innocent, but is angry that the family has been ridiculed for years, and that his mother and sister suffer for it. He feels betrayed by his father's passivity in the face of one blow after another, and unable to accept his belief in long-term salvation. Unlike his father, he cannot believe that evil will be punished in the end. While his father turns the other cheek, Lyle decides the right way is in fighting, and embarks on a morally empty life of stealing, drinking and violence.

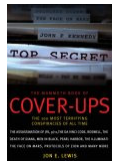
2 Mosse, Kate Labyrinthe



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Alice Tanner is a young British woman working on an archeological dig in the south of France when she discovers a new cave which has been hiding secrets for centuries. The story then jumps back 800 years - when another young woman, Alais, has to protect an ancient book that contains the secrets of the Holy Grail. Their stories are told in alternating chapters as both of them struggle to hide and protect their secrets. As historical clues unfold over the centuries, both find themselves enmeshed in the history and evil that surrounds them. Kate

3 Lewis, Jon E. The Mammoth Book of Cover-Ups



Everything 'they' don't want you to know -- and were afraid you might ask.

Who really assassinated JFK? Was Princess Diana murdered by MI5 despite the denials? Do the Illuminati covertly rule the world? Historian Jon E. Lewis explores the 100 most far-reaching cover-ups of all time, from the invention of Jesus's divinity to President Bush and Prime Minister Blair's real agenda for invading Iraq. Each case is clearly and closely documented, and Lewis assigns each cover-up a plausibility rating.

Uncover why the Titanic sank; ponder the sinister Vatican/ Mafia network that plotted the assassination of liberal John Paul I; find out why NASA 'lost' its files on Mars; read why no-one enters Area 51; and consider why medical supplies were already on site at Edgware Road before the 7/7 bombs detonated. You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to find that something smells fishy in these eye-opening accounts.

4 Stern, Sam Cooking up a Storm Get Cooking



These books are very popular (with boys and girls!) Sam Stern is a British celebrity chef and author. (Jamie Oliver for Teenagers!) Aged just seventeen he has written three cookbooks and has a contract for another. Stern grew up in Yorkshire, England and is one of 5 siblings. The Books are colourful, good to look at and contain some really good recipes.

'A fast-food bible for teenagers... He has turned thousands of his teenage peers into masterchefs.' **The Independent**

5 Robinson, Dave Introducing Ethics



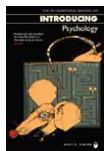
Ethics has become the burning issue of current moral philosophical thought, raising the question of responsibility at a time when responsibility seems to have been replaced by uncertainty and relativism.

What is the place of individual choice and consequence in a post-Holocaust world of continuing genocidal ethnic cleansing? Is identity a last-ditch cultural defence of ethnic nationalisms and competing fundamentalisms? In a climate of instant information, free markets and possible ecological disaster, how do we define rights, self-interest and civic duties?

What are the acceptable limits of scientific investigation and genetic engineering, the rights and wrongs of animal rights, euthanasia and civil disobedience?

Introducing Ethics confronts these dilemmas, tracing the arguments of the great moral thinkers, including Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes and Kant, and brings us up to date with postmodern critics.

6 Benson, Nigel C. Introducing Psychology



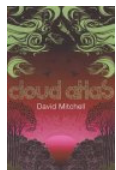
What is psychology? When did it begin? Where did it come from? How does psychology compare with related subjects such as psychiatry and psychotherapy? To what extent is it scientific? *Introducing Psychology* answers all these questions and more, explaining what the subject has been in the past and what it is now.

The main schools of thought and the sections within psychology are described and the key figures covered include: Freud, Pavlov, Skinner, Bandura, Piaget, Bowlby, Maslow and Rogers. Also lesser-known but important psychologists. This book is the ideal introduction for students of the subject and for anyone interested in psychology.

7 Mitchell, David

Cloud Atlas

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Cloud Atlas tells six different narratives, told in parts and out of order at times, constructing a novel with their intersections and coincidences. Each story is at first partially told. It begins with an American notary's journals during a South Seas voyage, This follows with a story in 1931 of a English cad working as an amanuensis for a blind, syphilitic composer. It jumps to reporter in the 1970s investigating a cover up at a nuclear reactor, then a futuristic fast food robot struggling to achieve sentience, and finally a Hawaiian ruminating on a post-apocalyptic life. Then the unfinished stories are completed in backwards order. David Mitchell's novel explores the intersection of history and humanity as they echo through time. Cloud Atlas has received mostly positive reviews with The Independent saying, "Cloud Atlas is a singular achievement, from an author of extraordinary ambition and skill, setting himself challenges that would drive most authors to madness.

8 Fitch, Janet

White Oleander

Adult Fiction



This is not new, but a must have in any library. If you have not read it yet – do yourself a favour! Not for the faint-hearted.

Astrid is the only child of a single mother, Ingrid, a brilliant, obsessed poet who wields her luminous beauty to intimidate and manipulate men. Astrid worships her mother and cherishes their private world full of ritual and mystery - but their idyll is shattered when Astrid's mother falls apart over a lover. Deranged by rejection, Ingrid murders the man, and is sentenced to life in prison.

White Oleander is the unforgettable story of Astrid's journey through a series of foster homes and her efforts to find a place for herself in impossible circumstances. Each home is its own universe, with a new set of laws and lessons to be learned. With determination and humor, Astrid confronts the challenges of loneliness and poverty, and strives to learn who a motherless child in an indifferent world can become.

Tough, irrepressible, funny, and warm, Astrid is one of the most indelible characters in recent fiction. White Oleander is an unforgettable story of mothers and daughters, burgeoning sexuality, the redemptive powers of art, and the unstoppable force of the emergent self. Written with exquisite beauty and grace, this is a compelling debut by an author poised to join the ranks of today's most gifted novelists.

9 Allaby, Michael

Tornadoes and other Dramatic Weather Systems



The power, the mystery, and the fury of tornadoes are explored in this guide that delves into the formation of dangerous storms and wild weather. Full-color illustrations and typical Dorling Kindersley quality.

10 Wood, Patricia

Lottery

Adult Fiction

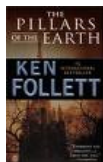


Perry's IQ is only 76, but he's not stupid. His grandmother taught him everything he needs to know to survive: She taught him to write things down so he won't forget them. She taught him to play the lottery every week. And, most important, she taught him whom to trust. When Gram dies, Perry is left orphaned and bereft at the age of thirty-one. Then his weekly Washington State Lottery ticket wins him 12 million dollars, and he finds he has more family than he knows what to do with. Peopled with characters both wicked and heroic who leap off the pages, Lottery is a deeply satisfying, gorgeously rendered novel about trust, loyalty, and what distinguishes us as capable.

11 Follett, Ken

Pillars of the Earth

Adult Fiction



The Pillars of the Earth is a historical novel by Ken Follett published in 1989 about the building of a cathedral in Kingsbridge, England. It is set in the middle of the 12th century, primarily during the time known as The Anarchy, between the time of the sinking of the White Ship and the murder of Thomas Becket. The book traces the development of Gothic Architecture out of the preceding Romanesque Architecture and the fortunes of the Kingsbridge priory against the backdrop of actual historical events of the time. Until this novel was published, Follett had previously been known for writing in the thriller genre. The Pillars of the Earth became Follett's best-selling work. The book was listed #33 on the BBC's Big Read, a 2003 survey with the goal of finding the "Nation's Best-loved Book." The book was also selected for Oprah's Book Club in 2007. A sequel, titled **World Without End**, was released in October of 2007.

12 Popham, W. James

Transformative Assessment

Teachers' Reference



W. James Popham clarifies what formative assessment really is, why it's right for your school or classroom, and how to use this approach to improve teaching, learning, classroom climate, teacher professional development, and school performance. Whether you're already using formative assessments, just considering them, or wondering why the ones you're using aren't working, this foundational guide gives you a clear pathway and steps to using formative assessments the right way.