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28. HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST: GIFTED STUDENTS

There are many lists for high interest/low reading levels, but sometimes gifted students are neglected. Here's an excellent, briefly annotated reading list for gifted high school students, including both fiction and nonfiction. See also List 29, Reading List for the College-Bound and List 31, Adult Great Books Reading Program.

The Assistant-Bernard Malamud. Novel about drifter who has difficulty changing.  
Above Suspicion-Helen MacInnes. Suspense novel.  
Bonjour Tristesse-Francoise Sagan. Novel about teenager who tries to block her father's marriage.  
Darkness Over the Valley-Wendelgard von Staden. Biography of German girl who helps concentration camp victims.  
The Family of Women-Richard Peck. Novel of six women from early days to World War II.  
Fahrenheit 451-Ray Bradbury. Futuristic society where reading and thinking are crimes.  
Fools of Fortune-William Trevor. Twentieth-century historical novel about Ireland.  
Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon--Jorge Amado. Love story set in Brazil.  
Hanta Yo-Ruth Beebe Hill. Novel about two Indian families.

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*The History of Tom Jones*-Henry Fielding. Rags to riches story.

**A House for Mr. Biswas**-V. S. Naipaul. Novel about a poor man in Trinidad.

I, Claudius-Robert Graves. Historical fiction about stammering Claudius, Roman emperor.


**Kristin Lavransdatter** (3 Volumes)-Sigrid Undset. Three novels about woman and her family, set in Norway.


**Lie Down in Darkness**-William Styron. Novel about the descent of a southern family.

**Lucky Jim**-Kingsley Amis. Novel about English teacher trying to better his position.

**Man's Fate**-Andre Malraux. Novel about revolutionaries in Communist China uprising.


*The Metamorphosis*-Franz Kafka. Allegorical story of man changed into an insect.


**My Place**-Sally Morgan. Biography of an aborigine from Australia.


**Nectar in a Sieve**-Kamala Markandaya. Novel about peasants and poverty in India.

*One Hundred Years of Solitude*-Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Lives of Buendia family and beginning/end of the mythical town of Macondo.

**Ordinary People**-Judith Guest. Novel about girl's life after trying to commit suicide.

**Pilgrim at Tinker Creek**-Annie Dillard. Collection of essays.


*The Shadow Man*-John Lutz. Murder story about man with several personalities.

**Slaughterhouse 5**-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. Novel about World War II firebombing of Dresden and its effect on an American prisoner of war.
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*The Story of Philosophy* -Will Durant. Philosophic ideas of prominent philosophers.


*The Tin Drum*—Gunther Grass. Novel set before, during, and after WWII in Poland and Germany.

*The Trial*—Franz Kafka. Novel about man arrested on unknown charges.


*War and Peace*—Leo Tolstoy. Novel about the Napoleonic War.

*Welcome Chaos*—Kate Wilhelm. Science fiction story of espionage.

*What to Listen for in Music*—Aaron Copeland. Shows how to gain an understanding of what you hear.

*The Woman in the Dunes*—Kobo Abe. Novel about woman battling against the sand.


*A Wreath for Udumo*—Peter Abrahams. Novel about man working for freedom against colonialism.

*The Young Lions*—Irwin Shaw. Novel about two Americans and a Nazi during World War II.

*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*—Robert M. Pirsig. Philosophic musings; during motorcycle trip.