





# British Women Authors







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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this topic. Teen and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.



## Classic Literature



  **Pride and Prejudice**  
by Jane Austen F AUSTEN  
*Wealthy Mr. Darcy and spirited Elizabeth Bennett dislike each other at first sight. Each must contend with their pride and prejudices while Elizabeth's mother plots advantageous marriages for all her daughters.* 392 pages



  **Agnes Grey**  
by Anne Brontë F BRONTE  
*Agnes Grey determines to find work as a governess in order to contribute to her family's meagre income and assert her independence. Her enthusiasm is swiftly extinguished as she struggles first with the unmanageable Bloomfield children and then with the painful disdain of the haughty Murray family; the only kindness she receives comes from Mr Weston, the sober young curate.* 218 pages

  **Jane Eyre**  
by Charlotte Brontë F BRONTE  
*In early 19<sup>th</sup> century England, an orphaned young woman accepts employment as a governess and soon finds herself in love with her employer, who has a terrible secret.* 578 pages

  **Wuthering Heights**  
by Emily Brontë F BRONTE  
*Against a background of English moors in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the lives of two families become intertwined through marriage, passion, and the dominating force of a man called Heathcliff.* 248 pages

  **Silas Marner**  
by George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans) F ELIOT  
*In rural 19<sup>th</sup> century England, a weaver, embittered at the unjust treatment he has received, finds his only solace in money until he inadvertently becomes the guardian of an orphaned little girl.* 151 pages

  **North and South**  
by Elizabeth Gaskell F GASKELL  
*Margaret is uprooted from her comfortable life and forced to move to a poverty-stricken town. Her initial repulsion to her new surroundings turns to a passion for social justice.* 450 pages

  **Frankenstein**  
by Mary Shelley F SHELLEY  
*A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.* 239 pages

### The Waves

by Virginia Woolf

F WOOLF

*As they move from childhood to maturity, the personalities of six friends are revealed through interior monologues. Elliptical, but deeply poetic, the strands of their experiences emerge gently and reflectively in a stream of consciousness, illuminating the meaning of life itself.* 297 pages

### The Mysterious Affair at Styles

by Agatha Christie

MYSTERY CHRISTIE

*At an English estate during World War I, an aging heiress is found fatally poisoned. Hercule Poirot, brilliant Belgian criminal investigator, is brought out of retirement to solve the case.* 153 pages

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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*This compilation of poetry from one of the most popular women poets of the Victorian era includes poetry from her works Sonnets from the Portuguese, Casa Guidi, and from her most popular work, Aurora Lee.* 190 pages

## Contemporary Fiction

### Bridget Jones's Diary

by Helen Fielding

F FIELDING

*A 30-something single English woman professional, Bridget Jones tracks her life in her diary. She is convinced her life would be perfect if she could lose weight, stop smoking and develop "Inner Poise." Each entry is an honest and hilarious step in her endless quest for self-improvement.* 271 pages

### The Sky is Mine

by Amy Beashel

YA F BEASHEL

*Izzy feels invisible. Trapped under the weight of expectation and censored by shame. Her mum Steph and best friend Grace have always been there to save her. But with one under the control of her stepfather and the other caught in the throes of new love, Izzy is falling between the cracks. As threats to her safety grow, Izzy wants to scream. But first she must find her voice. And if the sky is the limit, then the sky is hers.* 298 pages

### It Only Happens in the Movies

by Holly Bourne

YA F BOURNE

*Audrey gave up on romance before meeting aspiring filmmaker Harry at the cinema where they work, but soon they are deeply in love--and not like it is portrayed in movies.* 356 pages

### Being Toffee

by Sarah Crossan

YA F CROSSAN

*Running away from an abusive home, Allison takes shelter in a shed behind an abandoned house. But the house isn't empty after all; an elderly woman named Marla, who suffers from dementia, lives there. And rather than turn her away, Marla welcomes her-- mistaking Allison for an old friend from her past named Toffee.* 399 pages

### Rosie Loves Jack

by Mel Darbon

YA F DARBON

*Rosie loves Jack. Jack loves Rosie. So when they're split up, Rosie will do anything to find the boy who makes the sun shine in her head. Even run away from home. Even cross London and travel to Brighton alone, though the trains are cancelled and the snow is falling. Even though any girl might find that hard, let alone a girl with Down's syndrome.* 312 pages

### Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute

by Talia Hibbert

YA F HIBBERT

*To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship.* 319 pages

 **I Was Born for This**

by Alice Oseman

YA F OSEMAN

*The Ark, a boy band, is the center of life for super-fan Fereshteh (A.K.A Angel) Rahimi, transgender front man Jimmy Kaga-Ricci, and friend and bandmate Rowan, but their relationships become complicated when Jimmy and Angel are unexpectedly thrust together. 348 pages*

**The Year After You**

by Nina Pass

YA F PASS

*Cara, consumed by survivor's guilt after her best friend is killed in a car accident, is not convinced attending a boarding school in Switzerland will make any difference, but new friends Ren and Hector hope to break down her emotional walls. 356 pages*

 **The Great Godden**

by Meg Rosoff

YA F ROSOFF

*At the house on the beach, everything is always the same. Predictable, familiar - and easy. But everything changes with the arrival of the Godden brothers: Kit, magnetic and lazily seductive, and Hugo, intense and unknowable. By the end of summer, nothing will be the same. 196 pages*

**The Girl Next Door**

by Cecilia Vinesse

YA F VINESSE

*Film club nerd Cleo Ferrara's senior year was like a storyboard waiting to be filmed. But, in a plot twist Cleo never saw coming, Daniel dumps her for Kiki Pearson, the head cheerleader. This would be the point in the movie where the Sad Girl Music plays while the protagonist looks longingly out her window, but when Cleo looks out hers, she sees Marianne Lacerda, her former best friend and a new storyboard unfolds. 358 pages*

## Historical Fiction

**When the World Was Ours**

by Liz Kessler

J KESSLER

*Torn apart by the historical events leading up to World War II, three friends from 1936 Vienna are scattered to different countries as darkness spreads throughout Europe, impacting their families and their bonds with each other. 337 pages*

 **Glass Town**

by Isabel Greenberg

GRAPHIC NOVEL GREENBERG

*The entrancing story of the Bronte sisters' childhood imaginary world. Four children: Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne have invented a world so real and vivid that they can step right into it. But can reality be enough, when fiction is so enticing? And what happens to an imaginary world when its creators grow up? 211 pages*

 **Where the World Ends**

by Geraldine McCaughrean

YA F MCCAUGHREAN

*Based on true events, every summer, Quill and his friends are dropped off on a remote rock island in northern Scotland to look for birds. But in the summer of 1727, no one comes to get the boys when the summer is over. 324 pages*

**Things a Bright Girl Can Do**

by Sally Nicholls

YA F NICHOLLS

*Through rallies and marches, in polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty-stricken slums of the East End, three courageous young women join the fight for the vote. But the fight for freedom will challenge Evelyn, May and Nell more than they ever could believe. As war looms, just how much are they willing to sacrifice? 418 pages*

 **A Sky Painted Gold**

by Laura Wood

YA F WOOD

*In 1929 in a sleepy Cornish village, aspiring writer Lou Trevelyan, age seventeen, is introduced to the glamour and secrets of high society by summer neighbors Caitlin and Robert Cardew. 376 pages*

### Under a Dancing Star

by Laura Wood

YA F WOOD

*Bea, a girl from 1930s England, gets to spend the summer in Italy with her uncle. Here she meets Ben, a cocky young artist who just happens to be infuriatingly handsome too. Sparks fly between the quick-witted pair until one night, under the stars, a challenge is set: can Bea and Ben put aside their teasing and have the perfect summer romance? 402 pages*

## Mystery/Suspense

### Ace of Spades

by Faridah Ābíké-Iyímídé

YA F AVIKE\_IYIMIDE

*At Niveus Private Academy, Devon and Chiamaka are the only students chosen to be Senior Prefects who are also black, which makes them targets for a series of anonymous texts revealing their secrets to the entire student body. Both students were on track toward valedictorian and bright college futures, but this prank quickly turns into a very dangerous game and it looks like things could turn deadly. 422 pages*

### And Don't Look Back

by Rebecca Barrow

YA F BARROW

*After her mother's death, teen Harlow pieces together the truth of her family's past and what her mom was hiding from. 329 pages*

### Bad Things Happen Here

by Rebecca Barrow

YA F BARROW

*Seventeen-year-old Luca lives on Parris, an idyllic but cursed island with a history of unsolved deaths, but when Luca's sister becomes the latest victim, she is determined to find the murderer and soon comes face to face with the curse she has been running from her whole life. 338 pages*

### Sulfur Heart

by Brooke Carter

YA F CARTER

*Will's father was just found dead in a pile of sulfur. Now, to determine if his death was a tragic accident or something more sinister, Will must return to the place he swore he'd never set foot in again. And then there's the girl Will never thought he'd see again, Eve. But falling back in love with her isn't the only complication he will have to face while investigating his father's possible murder. 163 pages*

### The Stranded

by Sarah Viner-Daniels

YA F DANIELS

*When Jesse texts Savana in the middle of the night and asks her to meet him at Cray's Warehouse, she doesn't hesitate. But before Savana can find Jesse, she bears witness to a horrifying murder, standing helpless on the ground as a mysterious figure is pushed out of the fourth floor of the warehouse. Six teens were there that night, and five of them are now potential suspects. 450 pages*

### A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

by Holly Jackson

YA F JACKSON

*Pip uses her senior capstone project to reexamine a five-year-old murder that took place in her town. The more she learns about the case, the more Pip can tell someone doesn't want her looking into the past. 390 pages*

### The Last One to Fall

by Gabriella Lepore

YA F LEPORE

*Aboard the Arcadia, which was once a luxurious sea vessel but now a refugee camp after an apocalyptic war, loyal citizen Esther and rebel Nik are thrown together by events that change their lives and the lives of everyone on the ship forever. 358 pages*

### Hold Back the Tide

by Melinda Salisbury

YA F SALISBUR

*Since there wasn't enough proof to convict Alva's father for the murder of her mother, she's been forced to live in his house in Scotland, being raised by the man she holds responsible for her motherlessness. His family has been called guardians of the loch for generations, and now it falls to her to monitor the water levels, despite not knowing what she's watching for -- or what may be watching her back. 321 pages*

### **The Athena Protocol**

by Shamim Sarif

YA F SARIF

*As a member of the Athena Protocol, an elite organization of female spies who enact vigilante justice around the world but are prohibited from using deadly force, Jessie Archer is forced to go rogue after breaking the rules and must fight not only a dangerous human trafficker she's been hunting but also members of her former team who have been ordered to bring her down. 295 pages*

### **The Society for Soulless Girls**

by Laura Steven

YA F STEVEN

*Ten years ago, four students lost their lives in the infamous North Tower murders at the elite Carvell College of Arts, forcing Carvell to close its doors. Now Carvell is reopening, and fearless student Lottie is determined to find out what really happened. But when her roommate, Alice, stumbles upon a sinister soul-splitting ritual hidden in Carvell's haunted library, the North Tower claims another victim. 437 pages*

### **One for Sorrow**

by Zoe Sugg

YA F SUGG

*Tragedy has struck Illumen Hall, a prestigious boarding school of tradition and achievement. The body of student Lola Radcliffe is discovered on the beach, and on her back someone has tattooed an elaborate magpie. Two girls are thrown together when a mysterious podcast airs, with a sinister headline: I KNOW WHO KILLED LOLA. AND ONE OF YOU IS NEXT. 329 pages*

### **Murder on a School Night**

by Kate Weston

YA F WESTON

*Finding herself getting close with her dreamy crush is odd enough, but when the two of them discover Heather's second in command, Selena, suffocated with a menstrual cup, things get really weird. And when a second student turns up dead, this time with a sanitary pad across the eyes, Kerry -- no matter how much she resists -- is officially on the case to stop the menstrual murderer ... period. 384 pages*

## Sci-Fi/Fantasy

### **Skin of the Sea**

by Natasha Bowen

YA F BOWEN

*Transformed by the goddess Yemoja into a Mami Wati, an African mermaid charged with collecting the souls of those who die at sea, Simi goes against the gods to save a living boy, Kola, from drowning. 309 pages*

### **Medusa**

by Jessie Burton

YA F BURTON

*Exiled to a far-flung island, Medusa has little company except for the snakes adorning her head instead of hair until a beautiful boy named Perseus arrives, disrupting her lonely existence and unleashing desire, love, and betrayal. 207 pages*

### **Afterlove**

by Tanya Byrne

YA F BYRNE

*This New Year's Eve, Ash gets an invitation from the afterlife she can't decline: to join a clan of fierce girl reapers who take the souls of the city's dead to await their fate. But Ash can't forget her first love, Poppy, and she will do anything to see her again ... even if it means they only get a few more days together. Dead or alive... 383 pages*

### **In the Shadow of the Sun**

by E. M. Castellan

YA F CASTELLA

*In 1661 France, seventeen-year-old Henriette of England must navigate her arranged marriage to Louis XIV's brother while keeping her magical abilities a careful secret from all at the Sun King's court. 341 pages*

### **Unraveller**

by Frances Hardinge

YA F HARDINGE

*Fifteen-year-old Kellen's unique ability to unravel curses unfortunately does not protect him from becoming cursed, and unless he and his best friend and ally Nettle can remove his hex, Kellen is in danger of unravelling everything--and everyone--around him. 423 pages*

 **Threads That Bind**

by Kika Hatzopoulou

YA F HATZOPOU

*In a world where the children of the gods inherit their powers, Io, a descendant of the Greek Fates, must solve a series of impossible murders to save her sisters, her soulmate, and her city. 341 pages*

 **These Feathered Flames**

by Alexandra Overy

YA F OVERY

*When twin heirs are born in Tourin, their fates are decided at a young age. Izaveta remained at court to learn the skills she'd need as the future queen; Asya was sent away to train with her aunt, the Firebird, who ensured magic remained balanced in the realm. Before Asya's training is completed, the ancient power blooms inside her, which can mean only one thing: the queen is dead, and a new ruler must be crowned. 480 pages*

 **Witches Steeped in Gold**

by Ciannon Smart

YA F SMART

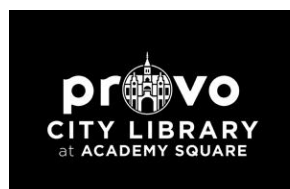
*Two enemy witches must enter into a deadly alliance to take down a tyrant who threatens both their worlds-with unpredictable results. 533 pages*

**Hello Now**

by Jenny Valentine

YA F VALENTIN

*Jude feels out of place and alone. Then Jude meets the mysterious Novo, who is a time traveler. As the two grow closer, they begin to question the meaning of forever, and wonder what is worth sacrificing for love. 186 pages*



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