



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

Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Brontë

F BRONTE

In early 19th 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 18th 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 19th 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. 452 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

Elizabeth Barrett Browning: Selected Poems

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

A Quiet Kind of Thunder

by Sara Barnard

YA F BARNARD

Steffi doesn't talk. Rhys can't hear. They understand each other perfectly. Their tender relationship blossoms and Steffi discovers that she is brave enough to use her voice after all. 390 pages

Furious Thing

by Jenny Downham

YA F DOWNHAM

Lexi is a Furious Thing—for some reason, she's always angry. Her soon-to-be stepfather tries to make her control her outbursts, but Lexi knows she has to figure out the source of her anger before she can work past it. 373 pages

Finding Audrey

by Sophie Kinsella

YA F KINSELLA

Fourteen-year-old Audrey is making slow but steady progress dealing with her anxiety disorder when Linus comes into the picture and her recovery gains momentum. 286 pages

Ghosted: A Love Story

by Jenn Ashworth

F ASHWORTH

One ordinary morning, Laurie's husband Mark vanishes, leaving behind his phone and wallet. For weeks, she tells no one, carrying on her job as a cleaner at the local university, visiting her tricky, dementia-suffering father and holing up in her tower-block flat with a bottle to hand. When she finally reports Mark as missing, the police are suspicious. Why did she take so long? Wasn't she worried? It turns out there are many more mysteries in Laurie's account of events, though not just because she glosses over the facts. And if it's not too late, she can see how she might repair the damage and, most of all, forgive herself. 288 pages

Swing Time

by Zadie Smith

F SMITH

Two dancers with different approaches to their craft share a complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties, in a story that transitions from northwest London to West Africa. 453 pages

Historical Fiction

The Falconer's Knot

by Mary Hoffman

YA F HOFFMAN

Two teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy, are drawn to one another and dream of a future together, but when murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes before they can realize their love. 297 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

The Fool's Girl

by Celia Rees

YA F REES

Violetta and Feste have come to London to rescue a holy relic taken from a church in Illyria by the evil Malvolio, and once there, they tell the story of their adventures to playwright William Shakespeare, who turns it into a play. 297 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

 **Sally Heathcote, Suffragette**

by Mary M. Talbot

GRAPHIC NOVEL TALBOT

A story of loyalty, love, and courage, Sally Heathcote, Suffragette follows a common housemaid swept up in the feminist militancy of Edwardian Britain. Costa Award winners Mary and Bryan Talbot and acclaimed illustrator Kate Charlesworth craft a gripping inside story of depth, drama, and detail that brings history to life. 165 pages

  **Transcription**

by Kate Atkinson

F ATKINSON

In WWII era London, Juliet Armstrong is working as an espionage monitor for MI5. Ten years later she suddenly finds herself targeted by dangerous individuals from her past. 343 pages

  **The White Queen**

by Philippa Gregory

F GREGORY

In this account of the wars of the Plantagenet, a woman of beauty and ambition, Elizabeth Woodville, catches the eye of the newly crowned boy king, marries him in secret and ascends to royalty. 415 pages

  **Wolf Hall**

by Hilary Mantel

F MANTEL

Assuming the power recently lost by the disgraced Cardinal Wolsey, Thomas Cromwell counsels Henry VIII on the latter's efforts to marry Anne Boleyn against the wishes of Rome, an endeavor that comes with a dangerous price. 532 pages

Mistletoe and Sword

by Anya Seton

F SETON

Quintus Tullius, a young standard bearer with the Ninth Roman Legion, enlists the help of Druids to find his grandfather's bones and falls for the foster daughter of Boadicea, the instigator of a historic, bloody rebellion against Rome. 253 pages

  **I Capture the Castle**

by Dodie Smith

F SMITH

Seventeen-year-old aspiring author Cassandra Mortmain's family lives in poverty in the ruins of a castle in 1930s England. When a wealthy family moves in next door, the fate of the Mortmain family is changed forever. 343 pages

 **To Capture What We Cannot Keep**

by Beatrice Colin

ROMANCE COLIN

Set against the construction of the Eiffel Tower in 1887, this novel charts the relationship between a young widow and an engineer who, despite constraints of class and wealth, fall in love. 289 pages

 **Bath Tangle**

by Georgette Heyer

ROMANCE HEYER

Lady Serena Carlow discovers, at her father's death, that she is now ward of the Marquis of Rotherham, a man she once jilted. Her rejection of him only fuels his passion for her. What plan will capture her heart? 362 pages

Mystery/Suspense

 **The Lie Tree**

by Frances Hardinge

YA F HARDINGE

On an island off the coast of Victorian England, Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father who was a scientist. Along the way she defies social expectations of girls and encounters mysterious strangers. 377 pages

  **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder**

by Holly Jackson

YA F JACKSON

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



Rebecca

by Daphne du Maurier

F DU MAURIER

The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter enters the home of her mysterious and enigmatic new husband and soon learns the story of the house's first mistress, to whom the sinister housekeeper is unnaturally devoted. 380 pages



The Turn of the Key

by Ruth Ware

F WARE

In this updated version of Henry James' The Turn of the Screw, hired as a nanny for a family living in a newly renovated "smart" home in the Scottish wilderness, Rowan Caine finds herself sent to prison after a series of sinister events culminating in a fateful and tragic night. 336 pages



The Quiche of Death

by M.C. Beaton

MYSTERY BEATON

After moving from London to a picturesque English village, Agatha Raisin tries to endear herself to the locals by entering a quiche in a baking competition, but she's accused of murder when the judge dies from her poisonous pie. 304 pages

Above the Bay of Angels

by Rhys Bowen

MYSTERY BOWEN

Isabella Waverly attains her dream of working as a chef for Queen Victoria by changing her name and background. When a royal guest is poisoned, Bella is accused of the crime, and her secret threatens to be revealed. 332 pages



Murder at Mullings

by Dorothy Cannell

MYSTERY CANNELL

When Edward Stodmarsh marries the scheming Regina Stapleton, Regina insists on bringing her family's "ornamental hermit" to live with them. This results in a sudden influx of visitors and a strange series of sinister events. 247 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



The Woman Who Spoke to Spirits

by Alys Clare

MYSTERY CLARE

In 1880, Ernest Stibbins approaches Lily Raynor and Felix Wilbraham of the World's End Bureau with a problem: his wife, Albertina, has been told by her spirit guides that her life is in danger. It soon proves that the spirits were right to warn her, and Lily is in danger too. 234 pages



The Crossing Places

by Elly Griffiths

MYSTERY GRIFFITHS

When a child's bones are found near an ancient henge in the wild saltmarshes of Norfolk's north coast, Ruth Galloway, a university lecturer in forensic archaeology, is asked to date them by DCI Harry Nelson who thinks they may be the bones of a child called Lucy who has been missing for ten years. 303 pages



Death Comes to Pemberley

by P.D. James

MYSTERY JAMES

Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett's disgraced sister Lydia arrives and announces that her husband Wickham has been murdered. 291 pages



The Girls in the Garden

by Lisa Jewell

MYSTERY JEWELL

Deep in the heart of London, in a lush communal square, a festive garden party is taking place and a 13-year-old girl lies unconscious and bloody in a hidden corner. What really happened to her? And who is responsible? 313 pages



The Cater Street Hangman

by Anne Perry

MYSTERY PERRY

With no regard for both murder and manners, two determinedly unconventional young sisters ignore Victorian mores and actively join the police investigation into the murder of their servant girl. 287 pages



A Morbid Taste for Bones

by Ellis Peters

MYSTERY PETERS

Brother Cadfael travels to the remote Welsh mountain village of Gwytherin to acquire the relics of St. Winifred and finds himself in the middle of a bizarre mystery when the leading opponent to moving the bones is murdered. 197 pages



Maisie Dobbs

by Jacqueline Winspear

MYSTERY WINSPEAR

Private detective Maisie Dobbs must investigate the reappearance of a dead man who turns up at a cooperative farm called the Retreat that caters to men who are recovering their health after World War I. 294 pages

Sci-Fi/Fantasy



Storm-Wake

by Lucy Christopher

YA F CHRISTOP

Moss, her sorcerer father, and a wild boy named Cal live on a magical island, where Moss's father practices his magic by harnessing the weather. But their idyllic life comes into question when a stranger is washed up on shore. 307 pages

The Witch's Kiss

by Katharine & Elizabeth Corr

YA F CORR

Sixteen-year-old Merry is a fairly normal teenager, except for the fact that she's also a witch who hasn't figured out how to control her magic. When she falls for Jack, Merry learns he's been cursed. Can true love's kiss save the day? 429 pages



Incarceron

by Catherine Fisher

YA F FISHER

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape. 442 pages



Half Bad

by Sally Green

YA F GREEN

In modern-day England, where witches live alongside humans, Nathan, son of a White witch and the most powerful Black witch, must escape captivity before his 17th birthday and receive the gifts that will determine his future. 394 pages

Cart and Cwiddler

by Diana Wynne Jones

YA F JONES

When their father, a traveling minstrel, is killed, three children involved in rebellion and intrigue inherit a lute-like cwiddler with more than musical powers. 222 pages



The Sin Eater's Daughter

by Melinda Salisbury

YA F SALISBUR

Sixteen-year-old Twylla lives in a castle, but she isn't a princess. She's an executioner. With the magical ability to kill with her touch, Twylla fears she will never find love. But she fears what her Queen will force her to do even more. 312 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



Blood Red Road

by Moira Young

YA F YOUNG

In the distant future, 18-year-old Lugh is kidnapped, and while his twin sister Saba and nine-year-old Emmi are trailing him across bleak Sandsea, they are captured too. Will they escape? Will they find Lugh? 459 pages



The Invisible Library

by Genevieve Cogman

SCI-FI COGMAN

Irene is a spy for the mysterious Library, a shadowy organization that collects works of fiction from all realities. In this world, magic, supernatural creatures and sinister secret societies threaten the very nature of reality itself. 341 pages

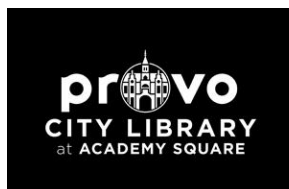


Just One Damned Thing After Another

by Jodi Taylor

SCI-FI TAYLOR

As a time-traveling historian, Madeline "Max" Maxwell is assigned to go back in time and observe history without changing anything. But time travel turns dangerous when rival historians decide to take history into their own hands. 335 pages



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