



ENGLISH SUGGESTED TEXT LIST

English General course for Year 11 and 12

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Teachers use their professional judgement when selecting texts to use in their teaching and learning programs. They base their decisions on the requirements of the Western Australian curriculum, student data, the needs of their students and proposed learning intentions and success criteria.

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- address duty of care responsibilities
- meet copyright requirements
- adhere to the requirements of classification categories.

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Schools may develop proformas for advising parents or guardians and/or seeking permission for their child to view or use a particular text/s with a specific classification category.

English General Year 11 and 12 suggested text list

The following are examples of texts suitable for the English General course and are intended to stimulate thinking about teacher resources in relation to the content of the curriculum.

This is a suggested list only. Schools may select texts beyond this list.

It is recommended that a minimum of approximately one third of all texts studied be Australian texts. Australian writers/texts are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Title	Author/Director/Source	Text Type
<i>Anything But Fine*</i>	Tobias Madden	Novel
<i>Becoming Kirralee Lewis*</i>	Jane Harrison	Novel
<i>Being Black 'n Chicken, and Chips*</i>	Matt Okine	Novel
<i>Bye, Beautiful*</i>	Julia Lawrinson	Novel
<i>The Dead I Know*</i>	Scot Gardner	Novel
<i>Go Ask Alice</i>	Beatrice Sparks	Novel
<i>The Killer's Tears</i>	Anne-Laure Bondoux	Novel
<i>Pig Boy*</i>	J.C. Burke	Novel
<i>Saving Jazz*</i>	Kate McCaffrey	Novel
<i>Six*</i>	Karen Tayleur	Novel
<i>The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling*</i>	Wai Chim	Novel
<i>The Wave</i>	Morton Rhue	Novel
<i>When Michael Met Mina*</i>	Randel Abdel-Fattah	Novel
<i>You'd Be Home Now</i>	Kathleen Glasgow	Novel
<i>The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race*</i>	Melanie Tait	Play
<i>Black is the New White*</i>	Nakkiah Lui	Play
<i>Blackrock*</i>	Nick Enright	Play
<i>City of Gold*</i>	Meyne Wyatt	Play
<i>The Club*</i>	David Williamson	Play
<i>The Crucible</i>	Arthur Miller	Play
<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Tennessee Williams	Play
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	William Shakespeare	Play
<i>Collected Poems</i>	Carol Ann Duffy	Poetry
<i>The Complete Poetry</i>	Maya Angelou	Poetry
<i>Don't Start Me Talking: Lyrics 1984–2012</i>	Paul Kelly	Poetry (song)

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<i>The Hijab Files*</i>	Maryam Azam	Poetry
<i>Milk and Honey</i>	Rupi Kaur	Poetry
<i>My People*</i>	Oodgeroo	Poetry
<i>Poetry Unlocked: An Anthology Arranged in Themes</i>	Elaine Hamilton and Robin Farr (editors)	Poetry
<i>Sometimes Gladness*</i>	Bruce Dawe	Poetry
<i>The Unboxing of a Black Girl</i>	Angela Shante	Poetry
<i>Borderlands: Riding the Slipstream*</i>	Paul Collins (editor)	Short stories
<i>Meet me at the Intersection*</i>	Ambelin Kwaymullina and Rebecca Lim (editor)	Short stories
<i>Ray Bradbury Stories Volume 1</i>	Ray Bradbury	Short stories
<i>Ray Bradbury Stories Volume 2</i>	Ray Bradbury	Short stories
<i>All Summer Long</i>	Hope Larson	Graphic novel
<i>The Best We Can Do: An Illustrated Memoir</i>	Thi Bui	Graphic novel
<i>Blue*</i>	Pat Grant	Graphic novel
<i>Laika</i>	Nick Abadzis	Graphic novel
<i>The Complete Maus</i>	Art Spiegelman	Graphic novel
<i>Nimona</i>	ND Stevenson	Graphic novel
<i>A Part of Me is Still Unknown*</i>	Meg O'Shea https://thenib.com/a-part-of-me-is-still-unknown/	Graphic novel (online)
<i>So Below*</i>	Sam Wallman https://sobelow.org/	Graphic novel (online)
<i>This One Summer</i>	Jillian Tamaki and Mariko Tamaki	Graphic novel
<i>Trashed</i>	Derf Backderf	Graphic novel
<i>Azaria: A True History</i>	Maree Coote	Picture book
<i>Girl on a Motorcycle</i>	Amy Novesky and Julie Morstad	Picture book
<i>Hike</i>	Pete Oswald	Picture book
<i>Memorial*</i>	Gary Crew and Shaun Tan	Picture book
<i>Mirror</i>	Jeannie Baker	Picture book
<i>The Paper Boat: A Refugee Story</i>	Thao Lam	Picture book
<i>The Singing Bones: Inspired by Grimms' Fairy Tales*</i>	Shaun Tan	Picture book

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<i>The Waiting Place: When Home is Lost and a New One Not Yet Found</i>	Dina Nayeri and Anna Bosch Miralpeix	Picture book
<i>Window</i>	Marion Arbona	Picture book
<i>Australia Day*</i>	Stan Grant	Non-fiction
<i>The Book that Made Me*</i>	Judith Ridge (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Chasing the Truth: A Young Journalist's Guide to Investigative Reporting (She Said Young Readers Edition)</i>	Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, adapted by Ruby Shamir	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia*</i>	Anita Heiss (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up African in Australia*</i>	Maxine Beneba Clarke (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Asian in Australia*</i>	Alice Pung (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Disabled in Australia*</i>	Carly Findlay (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up in Country Australia*</i>	Rick Morton (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Indian in Australia*</i>	Aarti Betigeri (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Queer in Australia*</i>	Benjamin Law (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>Growing Up Torres Strait Islander in Australia*</i>	Samantha Faulkner (editor)	Non-fiction
<i>No Silly Questions*</i>	Sam Koslowski and Zara Seidler	Non-fiction
<i>Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet</i>	Hannah Ritchie	Non-fiction
<i>The School*</i>	Brendan James Murray	Non-fiction
<i>The Woman who Fooled the World: Belle Gibson's Cancer Con*</i>	Beau Donnelly and Nick Toscano	Non-fiction
<i>Broken Girl: A True Story*</i>	Bradley Trevor Greive and Caroline Laner Breure	Memoir
<i>Good Indian Daughter*</i>	Ruhi Lee	Memoir
<i>The Happiest Refugee*</i>	Ahn Do	Memoir
<i>Surf for Your Life*</i>	Mick Fanning and Tim Baker	Memoir
<i>Blackfish</i>	Gabriela Cowperthwaite	Documentary
<i>Bra Boys*</i>	Sunny Abberton and Macario De Souza	Documentary
<i>Cronulla Riots: The Day that Shocked the Nation*</i>	Jaya Balendra https://www.sbs.com.au/cronullariots/documentary.html	Documentary (interactive)
<i>Free Solo</i>	Jimmy Chin and Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi	Documentary

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<i>Fyre: The Greatest Party That Never Happened</i>	Chris Smith	Documentary
<i>Jandamarra's War*</i>	Mitch Torres	Documentary
<i>K'Gari: The Real Story of a True Fake*</i>	Boris Etingof https://www.sbs.com.au/kgari/	Documentary (interactive)
<i>Lost for Words*</i>	SBS	Documentary (series)
<i>Missing*</i>	Kylie Boltin and Matt Smith https://www.sbs.com.au/missing/	Documentary (interactive)
<i>The Oasis*</i>	Ian Darling and Sascha Ettinger Epstein	Documentary
<i>Racing Extinction</i>	Louie Psihoyos	Documentary
<i>The Speed Cubers</i>	Sue Kim	Documentary
<i>That Sugar Film*</i>	Damon Gameau	Documentary
<i>The Way We Wore*</i>	ABC	Documentary (series)
<i>You Can't Ask That*</i>	SBS	Documentary (series)
<i>Barbie</i>	Greta Gerwig	Film
<i>Drop Dead Gorgeous</i>	Michael Patrick Jann	Film
<i>Dunkirk</i>	Christopher Nolan	Film
<i>The Fabelmans</i>	Steven Spielberg	Film
<i>Ford v Ferrari</i>	James Mangold	Film
<i>Into the Wild</i>	Sean Penn	Film
<i>King Richard</i>	Reinaldo Marcus Green	Film
<i>Ladies in Black*</i>	Bruce Beresford	Film
<i>Mean Girls</i>	Mark Waters	Film
<i>The Merger*</i>	Mark Grentell	Film
<i>The New Boy*</i>	Warwick Thornton	Film
<i>Sound of Metal</i>	Darius Marder	Film
<i>Sweet As*</i>	Jub Clerc	Film
<i>Toomelah*</i>	Ivan Sen	Film
<i>Derry Girls</i>	Netflix	Television (sitcom)
<i>Fisk*</i>	ABC	Television (sitcom)
<i>Heartstopper</i>	Netflix	Television (romance)
<i>The Newsreader*</i>	ABC	Television (drama)
<i>Robbie Hood*</i>	SBS	Television (comedy)

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<i>Severance</i>	Apple TV+	Television (science fiction)
<i>Stranger Things</i>	Netflix	Television (science fiction)
<i>Ted Lasso</i>	Apple TV+	Television (sitcom)
<i>Ten Pound Poms*</i>	Stan	Television (drama)