

MCS Classics Department – A Reading List...to get you started.

These are all Penguin editions. A further reading list of books about them will be developed in due course. Those marked with two asterisks are where you should perhaps make a beginning. Where more than one edition is listed, either will do. It is split into sections by genre. There then follows a “Classically Themed” list of historical fiction.

Epic

Homer

****The Iliad**

Hammond, Martin (Trans.)

****The Odyssey**

Jones, Peter (Ed.),

Rieu, E. V. (Trans.),

Rieu, Dominic (Revised)

Ovid

****Metamorphoses**

Raeburn, David (Trans.)

Virgil

****The Aeneid**

West, David (Trans.)

Tragedy

Aeschylus

The Oresteia: Agamemnon/The Libation

Bearers/The Eumenides

Fagles, Robert (Trans.)

****The Oresteian Trilogy: Agamemnon/The**

Choephoroi/The Eumenides

Vellacott, Philip (Trans.)

Euripides

The Bacchae and Other Plays: The Phoenician Women/Orestes/Iphigenia at Aulis/Rhesus

Rutherford, Richard (Ed. with Intro. and
Notes),

Davie, John (Trans.)

The Bacchae and Other Plays: Ion/The Women of Troy/Helen

Vellacott, Philip (Trans.)

Electra and Other Plays: Andromache/ Hecabe/The Suppliant Women/Troades

Rutherford, Richard (Ed. with Intro. and
Notes),

Davie, John (Trans.)

**Heracles and Other Plays: Iphigenia
Among the Taurians/Helen/Ion/Cyclops**

Rutherford, Richard (Ed. with Intro. and
Notes),

Davie, John (Trans.)

**Medea and Other Plays: Alcestis/The
Children of Heracles/Hippolytus**

Rutherford, Richard (Ed. with Intro. and
Notes),

Davie, John (Trans.)

**Medea and Other Plays: Hecabe/Electra/
Heracles**

Vellacott, Philip (Trans.)

**Orestes and Other Plays: The Children of
Heracles/Andromache/The Suppliant
Women/The Phoenician Women/
Iphigenia in Aulis**

Vellacott, Philip (Trans. with Intro.)

**Three Plays: Alcestis/Iphigenia in Tauris/
Hippolytus**

Vellacott, Philip (Trans.)

Sophocles

**Electra and Other Plays: Ajax/Women of
Trachis/Philoctetes**

Watling, E. (Trans.)

****Theban Plays: King Oedipus/Oedipus at
Colonus/Antigone**

Watling, E. (Trans. with Intro.)

**The Three Theban Plays: Antigone/
Oedipus the King/Oedipus at Colonus**

Fagles, Robert (Trans.),

Knox, Bernard (Intro.)

Oedipus Tyrannus (Trans. McAuslan)

Antigone (Trans. Franklin)

Comedy

Aristophanes

**The Birds and Other Plays: The Knights/
Peace/The Assemblywomen/Wealth**

Barrett, David and Sommerstein, Alan H.
(Trans.)

**The Frogs and Other Plays: The Wasps/
The Poet and the Women**

Barrett, David (Trans.),

Dutta, Shomit (Revised with Intro.)

****Lysistrata and Other Plays: The
Acharnians/The Clouds**

Sommerstein, Alan H. (Trans.)

Historians and others...

Apuleius

Cupid and Psyche

The Golden Ass

Kennedy, E. (Ed. and Trans.)

Cicero

Murder Trials

Grant, Michael (Trans.)

Selected Letters

Bailey, D. (Trans. and Abridged)

Selected Political Speeches

Grant, Michael (Trans.)

Herodotus

****The Histories**

Selincourt, Aubrey de (Trans.),

Marincola, John (Revised)

Suetonius

The Twelve Caesars

Graves, Robert (Trans.),

Grant, Michael (Revised with Intro.)

Tacitus

****The Annals of Imperial Rome**

Grant, Michael (Trans.)

Recommended 'Classically Themed' Reading

Author	Title	Information
Clarke, Lindsay	The War at Troy	
Davis, Lindsay	The Course of Honour (1998) The Falco series: The Silver Pigs (1989) Shadows in Bronze (1990) Venus in Copper (1991) The Iron Hand of Mars (1992) Poseidon's Gold (1993) Last Act in Palmyra (1994) Time to Depart (1995) A Dying Light in Corduba (1996) Three Hands in the Fountain (1997) Two for the Lions (1998) One Virgin Too Many (1999) Ode to a Banker (2000) A Body in the Bath House (2001) The Jupiter Myth (2002) The Accusers (2003) Scandal Takes a Holiday (2004) See Delphi and Die (2005) Saturnalia (2007)	aspiring eques Falco solves mysteries and murders in ancient Rome and around the Empire
Doherty, Paul	Domina The Song of the Gladiator The Godless Man	historical fiction
Doody, Margaret	Aristotle Detective Aristotle and Poetic Justice Aristotle and the Secrets of Life Poison in Athens Mysteries of Eleusis	Aristotle solves crimes and mysteries in ancient Athens
Graves, Robert	I, Claudius Claudius the God	Historical fiction on the early empire
Harris, Robert	Pompeii Imperium	
Holt, Tom	Alexander Olympiad The Walled Orchard	
Lawrence, Caroline	Thieves at Ostia The Pirates of Pompeii	4 children solve mysteries in Roman towns

	The Secrets of Vesuvius The Enemies of Jupiter Etc.	<u>JUNIOR FICTION</u>
Manfredi, Valerio Massimo	The Last Legion Spartan Alexander Trilogy	historical biographical fiction
Massie, Allan	Caesar Augustus Tiberius	biographical fiction
McCullough, Colleen	The Grass Crown First Man in Rome Caesar's Women	historical biographical fiction
Pressfield, Steven	Gates of Fire Tides of War Last of the Amazons	military history and adventure, starting with the defence of Thermopylae
Renault, Mary	The King Must Die Alexander Trilogy The Bull from the Sea The Last of the Wine The Mask of Apollo	historical and mythical fiction
Scarrow, Simon	Under the Eagle The Eagle's Conquest When the Eagle Hunts The Eagle and the Wolves The Eagle's Prey	adventure stories, mostly set in Roman-occupied Britain
Sutcliffe, Rosemary	Eagle of the Ninth Black Ships Before Troy The Silver Branch The Lantern Bearers Song for a Dark Queen The Wanderings of Odysseus	Historical fiction <u>JUNIOR FICTION</u>
Wishart, David	Virgil Ovid Germanicus Sejanus White Murder Parthian Shot Old Bones A Vote for Murder The Horse Coin Last Rites Food for the Fishes	Marcus Valerius Corvinus, son-in-law of the poet Ovid, travels round the empire solving crimes

Useful websites for Classics research

For Latin language practice

www.umsl.edu/~phillipsm/oldrills/index.html (based around the Oxford Latin Course)

artemis.austincollege.edu/acad/cml/rcape/latin/grammar-index.html (based around the Oxford Latin Course)

For Greek and Latin literature and Greek and Roman background

www.cambridgescp.com/main_entrance.php (For GCSE Latin literature and background material)

www.thelatinlibrary.com (For original texts)

www.perseus.tufts.edu/ (For original texts and background material)

www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/rome_timeline.shtml (Roman History)

www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/greeks/ (Greek History)

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/users/morford/augimage.html> (On Augustus and Augustan Rome)

www.capitolium.org/ (the official website of the Roman Imperial Forums)

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/AandL/Maecenas/> (Maecenas: a collection of images of Greece and Rome and Greek and Roman Art)

www.fhw.gr/projects/olympics/classical/zeus/info.html (Greek History)

<http://homepage.usask.ca/~jrp638/skenotheke.html> (for ancient theatre)

<http://pompeii.virginia.edu/> (Pompeii)

<http://cheiron.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~trajan/> (On Trajan's Column)

www.roman-emperors.org/ (as it suggests!)

<http://web.uvic.ca/grs/bowman/myth/gods.html> (Olympian gods)

www.philipresheph.com/demodokos/index.htm (The Trojan War)

<http://davidgill.co.uk/attica/> (The art and archaeology of Attica)

www.classics.ac.uk/resources/web.php#texts (Classics web – useful for a large list of other sites)

Examination board used

www.ocr.org.uk

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