

Classical Civilisation and the Ancient World - Reading List

A list of recommended reading books on Classical Civilisation and the Ancient World.



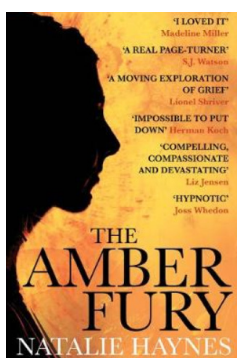
A classical education: stuff you wish you had been taught at school - Caroline Taggart

How many times have you wished that you had been taught Latin at school? Or that your history stretched all the way back to Greek and Roman myths and legends? Or perhaps you wish you knew all about the great inventions and medical developments that have made our world what it is today? A Classical Education provides all of these classical facts that modern schooling leaves out and many more. Suitable for Year 7 and up.



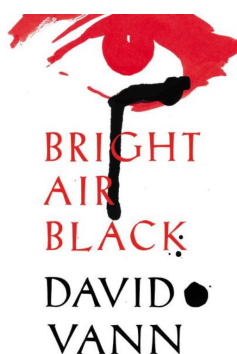
The Percy Jackson series - Rick Riordan

It all starts with 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'. In which we meet Percy himself, a normal kid going to school, getting expelled a lot, playing sport and hanging around with his friends. Then he accidentally vaporised his maths teacher and realised that he wasn't as ordinary as he first thought. Welcome to the world of Percy Jackson, where ancient mythology and the modern world collide. Suitable for Year 6 and up.



The Amber Fury - Natalie Haynes

Moving to Edinburgh to escape her demons, Alex takes a job teaching at a Pupil Referral Unit. It's a place for kids whose behaviour is so extreme that they cannot be taught in a normal classroom. Alex is fragile with grief and way out of her depth. Her fourth-year students are troubled and violent. In desperation to reach them, Alex turns to the stories she knows best. Greek tragedy is not the most obvious way to win over such damaged children, yet these tales of fate, family and vengeance speak directly to them. Suitable for Sixth Form students.

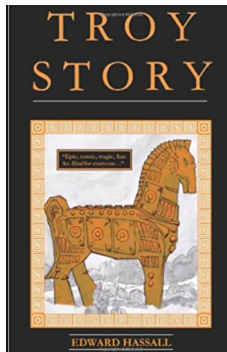


Bright Air Black - David Vann

Bright Air Black brings us aboard the ship Argo for its epic return journey across the Black Sea from Persia's Colchis - where Medea flees her home and father with Jason, the Argonauts, and the Golden Fleece. Suitable for Year 9 and above.

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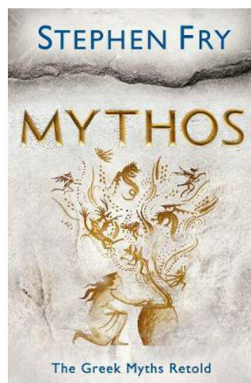
Troy story - Edward Hassall

A retelling of the Homeric Epic 'The Iliad', written in easy reading, modern verse. Suitable for Year 9 and above.



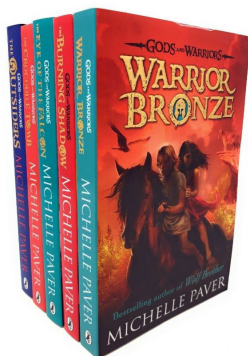
The Roman Mysteries - Caroline Lawrence

Join Flavia, Jonathan, Nubia and Lupus as they solve all kinds of crimes in ancient Rome. Set against events such as the eruption of Vesuvius, gladiatorial competitions and courtroom drama, this series of adventures is packed with detail about everyday life and society in imperial Rome. Suitable for Year 5 and up.



Mythos: The Greek Myths Retold – Stephen Fry

No one loves and quarrels, desires and deceives as boldly and brilliantly as Greek gods and goddesses. They are like us, only more so - their actions and adventures scrawled across the heavens above, from the birth of the universe to the creation of humankind. Stephen Fry, who fell in love with these stories as a child, retells these myths for our tragic, comic, fateful age. Suitable for Year 8 and up.

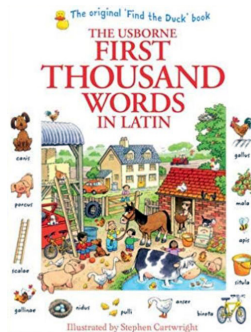


Gods and Warriors series – Michelle Paver

Hylas is only a boy but he knows three things: the Gods exist; magic is real; somebody wants him dead. Hunted and alone, Hylas is desperate to find his missing sister. His quest takes him across the hostile mountains and treacherous seas of Ancient Greece. His only friend is a girl on the run. His only guide is a wild dolphin. And his murderous enemies are closing in. Suitable for Year 6 and up.

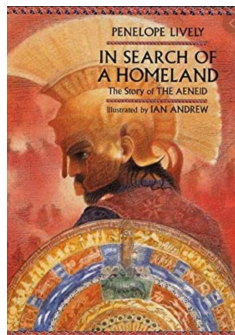
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First Thousand Words in Latin - Heather Amery

A first picture dictionary. Combining words and illustrations, this is a useful vocabulary building tool for children Suitable for year 4 and up.



In search of a homeland - Penelope Lively

Aeneas flees from the sacked city of Troy, entrusted by his goddess-mother Venus with a daunting mission: to find a new homeland for his people. Over 2000 years after Virgil wrote his epic The Aeneid, Penelope Lively retells Aeneas' story with pace poignancy and drama, while Ian Andrew's illustrations bring the characters beautifully to life. Suitable for Year 6 and up.