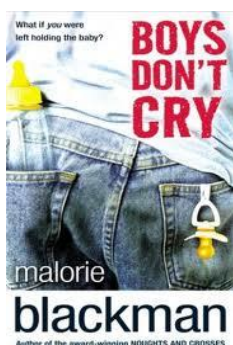


## Suggested Reading List For Key Stage 4 & 5



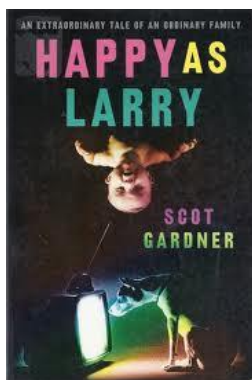
### **Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman**

In "Boys Don't Cry", bestselling author Malorie Blackman explores the uncharted territory of teenage fatherhood. You're waiting for the postman - he's bringing your A level results. University, a career as a journalist - a glittering future lies ahead. But when the doorbell rings it's your old girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby. Your baby. You're happy to look after it, just for an hour or two. But then she doesn't come back - and your future suddenly looks very different. Malorie's dramatic new novel will take you on a journey from tears to laughter and back again.



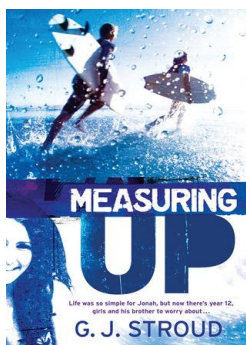
### **The Man Who Smiled by Henning Mankell**

After killing a man in the line of duty (in *The White Lioness*), Inspector Kurt Wallander finds himself spiralling into an alcohol-fuelled depression. He has just decided to leave the police when an old friend, Sten Torstensson, approaches him to secretly investigate the recent death of his father in a car accident. At first Kurt dismisses his friend's suspicions as unlikely, when Sten is found dead, murdered with no doubt, in exactly the same manner as a Norwegian businessman shortly before. Against his previous judgement, Kurt returns to work to investigate what he is convinced is a case of double murder.



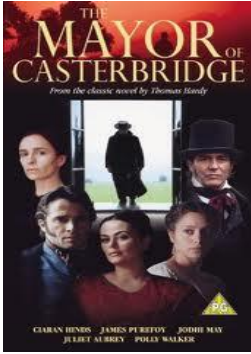
### **Happy as Larry by Scot Gardner**

When a search for the happiest person on earth thrusts Larry into the spotlight, he becomes the planet's newest superstar. His face is splashed across newspapers, magazines and cheesy merchandise, and soon millions of fans are following his life on TV, online, on demand. But fame brings new temptations, and soon Larry finds his relationship with his girlfriend falling apart. As the media reports every move and mistake he makes, he struggles to stop things spiralling out of control. There may be no happy ending for the worlds' happiest man.



### **Measuring Up by G.J. Stroud**

Jonah's life has been like riding the perfect wave—the wonderfully simple routine of school, partying, and surfing with his friends. With the stress of his senior year looming, he realizes all of that is about to change. Rattled by the fear that he is destined to live in the shadow of his legendary older brother, Link, Jonah's self-confidence begins to waver....



### ***The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy**

At a country fair near Casterbridge, Wessex, a young hay-trusser named Michael Henchard overindulges in rum-laced furrnity and quarrels with his wife, Susan. Spurred by alcohol, he decides to auction off his wife and baby daughter, Elizabeth-Jane, to a sailor, Mr. Newson, for five guineas. Once sober the next day, he is too late to recover his family, particularly since his reluctance to reveal his own bad conduct keeps him from conducting an effective search. When he realizes that his wife and daughter are gone, probably for good, he swears not to touch liquor again for as many years as he has lived so far.

### **Other recommended books are:**

- *Nineteen Eighty Four* by George Orwell
- *The Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien
- *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith
- *A room with a View* by E.M. Forster
- *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis de Bernieres
- *Wildthorn* by Jane Eagland
- *Bedlam* by Ally Kennan
- *The Stuff of Nightmare* by Malorie Blackman
- *What I saw and How I lied* by Judy Blundell
- *Small Minded Giants* by Oisin McGann