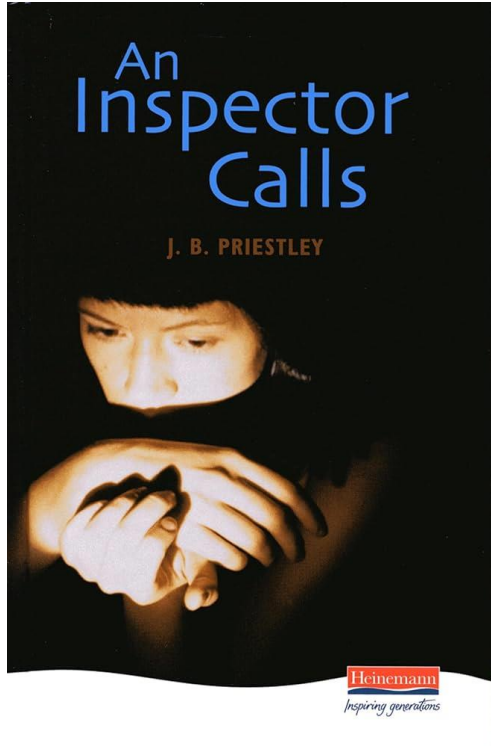


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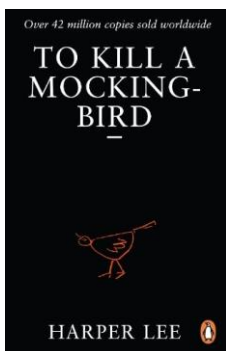
#### **An Inspector Calls**



**J.B. Priestley's An Inspector Calls is a 1945 play set in 1912, following Inspector Goole as he interrogates the wealthy Birling family about their involvement in the suicide of a working-class girl, Eva Smith. Each family member must face the inspector in turn, exposing themes of social responsibility, class, and generational gaps.**

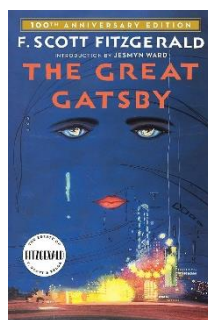
**Key Themes:** Social Responsibility, Capitalism, Socialism

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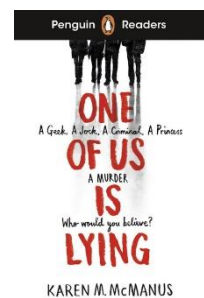
#### **To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee**

Scout Finch grows up in a racially divided town where her father defends a Black man falsely accused of a crime. Through her eyes, the novel explores justice, prejudice and moral courage in the face of societal pressure.



#### **The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald**

Set in 1920s America, the novel follows the mysterious Jay Gatsby and his obsession with wealth and lost love. Through lavish parties and hidden truths, it explores class, ambition and the illusion of the “American Dream.”



#### **One of Us is Lying – Karen M. McManus**

Five students enter detention, but only four leave alive. As secrets begin to surface, each student becomes a suspect. The novel explores truth, reputation and how assumptions can shape the way people are judged.

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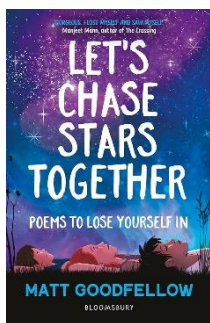
#### Poetry Anthology



**The Eduqas GCSE English Literature Poetry Anthology for first assessment in 2027 features a new, diverse collection of 15 poems focusing on broader cultural perspectives. The anthology includes works by poets such as Jackie Kay, Zulfikar Ghose, Eve L. Ewing, and Claude McKay.**

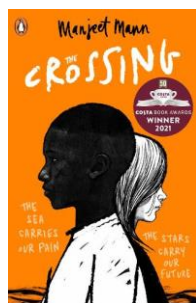
**Key themes include:** identity, nature, emotional experiences.

### Recommended Wider Reading



#### **Let's Chase the Stars – Matt Goodfellow**

A collection of poems that explore growing up, friendships and finding your place in the world. Written in an accessible and engaging style, the poems reflect everyday experiences and emotions, encouraging readers to think about identity and belonging.



#### **The Crossing – Manjeet Man**

Natalie's life is falling apart after the loss of her mother, while her brother becomes involved in extremism. Told through verse, the novel explores grief, identity and the influence of community and ideology.



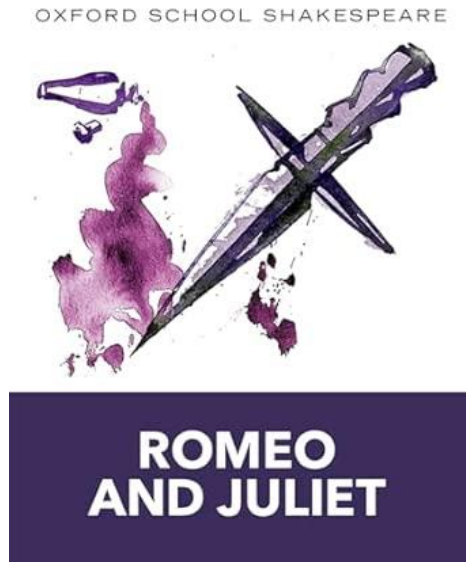
#### **Toffee – Sarah Crossan**

A runaway girl hides in the home of an elderly woman with dementia, forming an unexpected bond. As their lives intertwine, both characters confront loneliness and identity. The novel explores memory, belonging and the search for connection.

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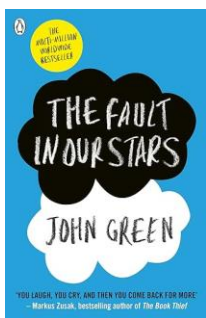
#### Romeo and Juliet



In William Shakespeare's timeless tragedy, two young, "star-crossed" lovers—Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet—fall in love at first sight, defying the intense, ancient feud between their families in Verona. Driven by passionate, impulsive love, they marry in secret, but a series of fatal misunderstandings, banishment, and violent conflicts forces them into a desperate, tragic fate

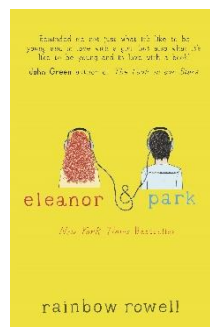
**Key Themes:** Love, Family, Conflict, Fate

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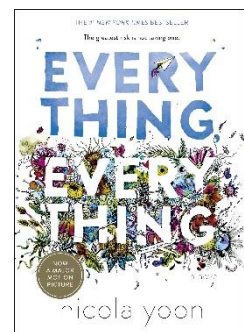
#### **The Fault in Our Stars – John Green**

Hazel and Augustus, both living with cancer, form a deep and meaningful relationship. As they confront illness and mortality, they explore what it means to love and live fully. The novel balances humour and tragedy while exploring life, death and connection.



#### **Eleanor and Park – Rainbow Rowell**

Two teenagers from very different backgrounds form a quiet but powerful connection through music and shared experiences. As their relationship grows, they face challenges at home and school. The novel explores first love, identity and belonging.



#### **Everything, Everything – Nicola Yoon**

Maddy has spent her life inside due to a rare illness, but everything changes when she meets Olly, the boy next door. As their relationship develops, she begins to question the limits placed on her life. The novel explores risk, love and freedom.