



MONTESSORI DE MANILA

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Buona giornata!

“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.” - Mark Twain
(American author of “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn”)

In the modern times, smart gadgets have taken over books as a silent companion. Most children while away their time either playing games on their mobile phones or going through other applications on their gadgets. It is a sad reality that most children do not take the time anymore to read a good book and truly enjoy reading it.

It is Montessori De Manila’s commitment to give our students the opportunity to explore the world through reading. As one of our top priorities, we are providing students this list of must-reads to develop in them the continued love and appreciation for reading.

The list provided below consists of classics and award-winning literary pieces which the students can choose from. All books marked *are highly recommended for book report material.

A. ENGLISH LITERATURE			
NOVELS	AUTHORS	CATALOGUED IN MDM LIBRARY	AVAILABLE IN BOOKSTORES
Am I Normal Yet?	Holly Bourne	✓	—
And the Mountains Echoed	Khaled Hosseini	—	✓
Bell Jar, The	Sylvia Plath	—	—
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	—	✓
Dracula	Bram Stoker	✓	✓
Eat, Pray, Love	Elizabeth Gilbert	—	—
First Phone Call from Heaven, The	Mitch Albom	—	✓
Glass Castle, The	Jeannette Walls	—	—
Going After Cacciato	Tim O’ Brien	—	—
Kite Runner, The	Khaled Hosseini	✓	✓
Letter, The (My Journey Through Love, Loss, and Life)	Marie Tillman	✓	—
Midnight’s Children	Salman Rushdie	✓	✓
Me Talk Pretty One Day	David Sedaris	—	—
O.C.W A Young Boy’s Search for His Mother	Carla M. Pacis	✓	—
Thousand Splendid Suns, A	Khaled Hosseini	—	✓
B. PANITIKAN			
Aklat	MAY-AKDA		
Ang Buhok ni Ester	Aurelio Tolentino	—	—
Anim na Sabado ng Beyblade	Ferdinand P. Jarin	—	—
Anina ng mga Alon	Eugene Evasco	✓	—
Banaag at Sikat	Lope K. Santos	✓	✓
Connect the Dots	Genaro Ruiz Gojo Cruz	—	—
Engkantado	Domingo Landicho	—	—
Ginto ang Kayumangging Lupa	Dominador B. Mirasol	—	—
Ilaw sa Hilaga	Lazaro Francisco	—	—
Janus Silang at ang Tiyanak ng Tabon	Edgar Calabia Samar	✓	—
Mga Gerilya sa Powell Street	Benjamin Pimentel	—	—
Mga Ibong Mandaragit	Amando V. Hernandez	✓	—
Pamilya Migrasyon Disintegrasyon	Fanny A. Garcia	—	—
Sampaguitang Walang Bango	Iñigo Ed. Regalado	✓	—
Si	Bob Ong	✓	—
Si Amapola sa 65 na Kabanata	Ricky Lee	—	—
Walong Diwata ng Pagkahulog	Edgar Calabia Samar	—	✓

Online sellers who also carry good book titles are: <https://booksforless.ph/>, <https://www.fullybookedonline.com/>, <https://www.nationalbookstore.com/>, <https://press.up.edu.ph/store/>, ateneo.edu/ateneopress, <https://www.anvilpublishing.com/>, <https://biblio.ph/>, porchreader.com, <https://www.omniana.com.ph/>, <https://www.cebookshop.com/>, <https://adarna.com.ph/>, <https://shop.vibalgroup.com/>.

Most of these are award-winning books and any of these are also excellent for recreation reading and as part of one's personal library.

Please note that reading/selecting pocketbooks such as **Glee, Game of Thrones, Hunger Games, Princess Diaries, Stephenie Mayer's Twilight Series, Animorphs, Sweet Valley High, R.L. Stine's Fear Street, Goosebumps Stories, Blue Bloods Series, The Vampire Diaries, Divergent Series by Veronica Roth, Percy Jackson Series, J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter Series, novels by Haruki Murakami**, and others will not be accepted as book reports as they are not regarded as fine literature.

Reading is the most basic yet the most important skill of all. Let us allow our children to exercise this to enhance their knowledge and reading comprehension, which help them with their understanding of their lessons in school and of the world.

As growing individuals, they need outlets for their imagination. Let books help them discover the good things that are instilled in the world, thus, making them wiser and more capable human beings.

To borrow books from the MDM library, please email:

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Library books for leisure reading will be posted on the school website at www.montessoridemanila.edu.ph . Student borrowers may borrow two (2) books at a time, good for 5 days. Books will be disinfected prior to pick-up and after return.

"A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured upon purpose to a life beyond life."

John Milton, 17th century English poet and author of "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained"

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

– Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former First Lady of the United States (1961-1963)

"Great books help you understand, and they help you feel understood."

John Green, American author, vlogger, writer, producer, actor, and editor



Leggiamo! (Let's read!)

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