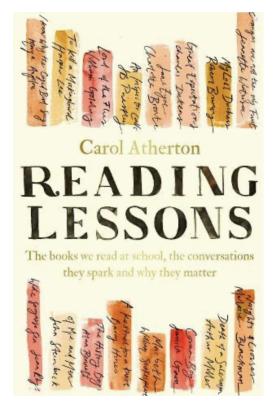
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Do you remember the books you read at school?

Carol Atherton, an English Teacher, has written a book about a selection of books/poems/plays, which have been on English curriculum, and brings to life the issues and dilemmas of the characters in these texts.



Writings discussed include:

- My Last Duchess by Robert Browning
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestly
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Macbeth by William Shakespeare

...and many more.

Atherton introduces ways of looking at the writings and their relevancy to contemporary life. Many fundamental questions and dilemmas are raised and the book asks readers to consider their importance.

In part, the book is autobiographical but only where it highlights parallels with themes and characters within the books themselves.

The book generated much discussion by the members present and highlighted many past reading experiences and books that engaged us as readers.

Ratings: Suzy 4, Janet 4, Lynda 4, Sandy 4, Kim 4.5, Sammy 4, Viv 4, Jenny 4.

## Other Books We Read

Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI by Yuval Noah

Harari, 4.5

Middle England by Jonathan Coe, 4

Normal Rules Don't Apply: Stories by Kate Atkinson, 3.5

Precipice by Robert Harris, 3

Death at the Sign of the Rook by Kate Atkinson, 3

Butter by Asako Yuzuki, 2.5

Signs of Damage by Diana Reid, 2.5

The Echo Chamber by John Boyne, 3
Jude, The Obscure by Thomas Hardy, 4
The Lost Heart of Asia by Colin Thurbon, 3.5
Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood, 4
Juice by Tim Winton, 4
The Gigolo by Francoise Sagan, 3
The One Day by David Malouf, 4
We'll Prescribe You a Cat by Syou Ishida, 3
The sunbird by Sarah Haddad, 5 essential reading Language of Limbs by Dylin Hardcastle, 4
The son's story by Marie-Hélène Lafon, 4
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver, 3.5
Nest by Inga Simpson, 3.5
Under Story by Inga Simpson, 3
The American wife by Curtis Sittenfeld, 2.5