

**AFRICAN LITERATURE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR ALEXANDER ROAD HIGH SCHOOL**

Fiction

SOUTH AFRICA

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| S.E.K Mqhayi - Ityala Lamawele (The Lawsuit of the Twins) | 1914 |
| Sol T. Plaatje – Mhudi | 1930 |
| Credo Mutwa – Indaba My Children* | 1964 |
| Can Themba – The Will to Die | 1972 |
| Miriam Tladi - Muriel at Metropolitan | 1975 |
| Miriam Tladi - Between Two Worlds | 1979 |
| Miriam Tladi - Amandla | 1980 |
| Athol Fugard – Tsotsi | 1980 |
| Miriam Tladi - Footprints in The Quag | 1989 |
| Athol Fugard – My Children, My Africa | 1990 |
| Zakes Mda – Ways of Dying | 1995 |
| Sello Duiker – Thirteen Cents | 2000 |
| Zakes Mda – The Heart of Redness | 2000 |
| Sello Duiker – The Quiet Violence of Dreams | 2001 |
| Phaswane Mpe - Welcome to Our Hillbrow* | 2001 |
| Zakes Mda – The Madonna of Excelsior | 2002 |
| Alan Paton – Cry, The Beloved Country | 2002 |
| Zakes Mda – The Whale Caller | 2005 |
| A.C Jordan - Ingqumbo Yeminyanya (The Wrath of The Ancestors) | 2008 |
| Zakes Mda – She Plays with the Darkness | 2013 |
| Zakes Mda – The Sculptors of Mapungubwe | 2013 |
| Karen Martin, Makhosazana Xaba (Eds.) – Queer Africa: | |

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| New and Collected Fiction* | 2013, 2017 |
| Zakes Mda – Little Suns | 2015 |
| Fred Khumalo - Dancing The Death Drill | 2017 |
| Mputumi Ntabeni – The Broken River Tent | 2018 |
| Danai Mupotsa – Feeling and Ugly* | 2018 |
| Zakes Mda – The Zulus of New York | 2019 |
| Fred Khumalo - The Longest March | 2019 |
| Niq Mhlongo – A Paradise in Gaza | 2020 |
| Niq Mhlongo – After Tears | 2013 |
| Niq Mhlongo – Dog Eat Dog | 2013 |
| Fred Khumalo - A Coat of Many Colours | 2021 |
| Dr Sindiwe Magona – When the Village Sleeps | 2021 |
| Angela Makholwa – Red Ink | 2022 |
| Niq Mhlongo – For You, I'd Steal a Goat | 2022 |
| Angela Makholwa – The 30 th Candle | 2023 |
| Angela Makholwa – The Reed Dance Stalker | 2023 |
| Niq Mhlongo – The City is Mine | 2024 |
| Short.Shap.Stories – One Life (Short Stories)* | 2025 |

ZIMBABWE

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| Tsitsi Dangarembgwa – Nervous Conditions | 1988 |
| Tsitsi Dangarembgwa – This Mournable Body | 2018 |
| Tsitsi Dangarembgwa – The Book of Not | 2006 |
| NoViolet Bulawayo – We Need New Names | 2013 |
| NoViolet Bulawayo – Glory | 2022 |

BOTSWANA

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| Bessie Head – Maru | 1971 |
| Bessie Head – A Question of Power | 1974 |

Bessie Head – When Rain Clouds Gather 1968
Wame Molefhe – Go Tell the Sun 2011

CAMEROON

Ferdinand Oyono – Houseboy* 1956

NIGERIA

Chinua Achebe – Things Fall Apart 1958
Chinua Achebe – No Longer at Ease 1960
Chinua Achebe – The Arrow of God 1964
Chinua Achebe – Girls at War (and other stories) 1972
Buchi Emecheta - Second Class Citizen 1974
Buchi Emecheta - The Bride Price 1976
Buchi Emecheta - The Slave Girl 1977
Ama Ata Aidoo - Our Sister Killjoy 1977
Ama Ata Aidoo - The Girl Who Can 1997
Buchi Emecheta - The New Tribe 2000
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – Purple Hibiscus 2003
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – Half of A Yellow Sun 2006
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – The Thing Around Your Neck 2009
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – Americanah 2013
Chinelo Okparanta - Happiness, Like Water 2013
Chinelo Okparanta – Under the Udala Tree 2017
Akwaeke Emezi - Freshwater 2018
Akwaeke Emezi - Pet 2019
Akwaeke Emezi - The Death of Vivek Oji 2020
Lola Shoneyin – The Secret Lives of Baba Segi’s Wives 2020
Abi Dare – The Girl with the Louding Voice 2021
Akwaeke Emezi - Bitter 2022

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| Abi Dare – And So I Roar | 2024 |
| Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – Dream Count | 2025 |

COTE D'IVOIRE

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| Ahmadou Kourouma - Allah is Not Obligated | 2000 |
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USA

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| Zora Neale Hurston – Their Eyes Were Watching God | 1937 |
| Richard Wright – Native Son | 1940 |
| James Baldwin – Go Tell It on A Mountain | 1953 |
| James Baldwin – Giovanni’s Room | 1956 |
| James Baldwin – The Fire Next Time | 1963 |
| Toni Morrison – The Bluest Eye | 1970 |
| Toni Morrison – Sula | 1973 |
| James Baldwin – If Beale Street Could Talk | 1974 |
| Alice Walker – Meridian | 1976 |
| Toni Morrison – The Song of Solomon | 1977 |
| Alice Walker – The Colour Purple | 1982 |
| Toni Morrison – Beloved | 1987 |
| Alice Walker – The Temple of my Familiar | 1989 |
| Alice Walker – Possessing the Secret of Joy | 1992 |
| Alice Walker – By the Light of my Father’s Smile | 1998 |
| Toni Morrison – A Mercy | 2008 |
| Toni Morrison – God Help the Child | 2015 |