

French Top 10 Reading List

Top Reads

Le petit Prince, by Antoine de St Exupéry – read and recommended by Mrs Hmida. It is about a little blond boy who looks at the world through the eyes of a child but articulates his observations like a wise man. The prince touches on friendship, love, technological progress, consumption and the decay of modern society. These elements make the book more popular and relevant today than ever.

Le Petit Nicolas is a series of French children's books created by René Goscinny and illustrated by Jean-Jacques Sempé. - read and recommended by Miss Forrest. The books depict an idealized version of childhood in 1950s France.

Le Château de Ma Mère, by Marcel Pagnol – read and recommended by Mrs Virk. This book recalls Marcel's friendship with Lili, a country boy who would seem Marcel's opposite in so many ways. However, their mutual love of roaming about the hills setting traps for various birds and small game unites them. Each boy accepts the other's strengths: It is a wonderful reminder, of how successfully and naturally children can negotiate social differences of all types and find friendship with those of radically different backgrounds.

Les malheurs de Sophie, by La Comtesse de Ségur – read and recommended by Miss Deloison. It's about a four-year-old, who does bad things, but does not learn from them. One chapter she decides she wants to put food on her tea set plates, and steals her mother's pet fish, chops up half and salts to death the other. After getting caught, she cries and swears she'll never do it again, and then the next chapter she's chopping up a bee with a pocketknife so that 'it can never sting anyone again' after the bee had the unlucky chance of sitting in her window.

Easy Reads

Les Aventures de Tintin) is a series of 24 bande dessinée albums **created by Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi, who wrote under the pen name Hergé**. Tintin is a young Belgian reporter and adventurer, who becomes involved in dangerous cases in which he takes heroic action to save the day. He is aided by his faithful dog Snowy.

Astérix et Obélix are comics written by René Goscinny and illustrated by Albert Uderzo. They are about the village hero Asterix, who is aided in his adventures by his rather corpulent and slower thinking friend, Obelix, who, because he fell into the druid's cauldron of the potion as a baby, has permanent superhuman strength.

Tom-tom et Nana (recommended by Miss Deloison) is a French comic strip series published in the monthly magazine *J'aime lire* since 1977.^[1] The first authors of the series were writer Jacqueline Cohen and artist Bernadette

Després. The cartoon covers the Dubouchon family, proprietors of the restaurant The Good Fork, which is often turned upside-down by the mischief of the two youngest children, Tom-Tom and Nan

Enrichment Reads

No et Moi by Delphine De Vigan

Parisian teenager Lou has an IQ of 160, OCD tendencies, and a mother who has suffered from depression for years. But Lou is about to change her life—and that of her parents—all because of a school project about homeless teens. Whilst doing research, Lou meets No, a teenage girl living on the streets. As their friendship grows, Lou bravely asks her parents if No can live with them, and is astonished when they agree. No's presence forces Lou's family to come to terms with a secret tragedy. But can this shaky, newfound family continue to live together when No's own past comes back to haunt her.

Challenging Reads

Notre Dame de Paris, by Victor Hugo. The cathedral itself is the most significant aspect of the novel. The book portrays the Romantic era as one of extremes in architecture, passion, and religion.

Quinze contes, by Henry-René-Albert-Guy de Maupassant. The short stories are set during the Franco-Prussian War of the 1870s, describing the futility of war and the innocent civilians who, caught up in events beyond their control, are permanently changed by their experience.