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Geography Reading

Suggested reading list from Secondary Network

These books were suggested by attendees at the summer subject leader network for further exploration of their use in lessons:

Catherine Burton - **No ballet shoes in Syria** (2019). Detailing the story of an 11-year old girl who is seeking refuge in the UK from the conflict in Syria. With her dad separated during their long journey and their complicated fight to claim asylum Aya seeks the opportunity for a ballet scholarship. Aimed at 10-12 year olds.

Jenny Chan, Mark Selden Ngai Pun - **Dying for an iPhone** (2020) using testimony from rural migrant workers and managers the authors detail the human cost for technology as an expose on Foxconn and Apple.

Paul Collier - **The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It (2008)**. This book unpicks why countries in the 'bottom billion' remain there analysing key reasons including being landlocked and availability of natural resources.

Dipo Faloyin - **Africa is Not a Country** (2022). This book tackles the stereotypes and offers the modern perspective on countries in the continent such as life in urban Lagos.

Ele Fountain – **Wild** (2023). Following on from her success with previous novels like Melt and Boy 87 this book aimed at Upper KS2 and Lower KS3 students explores the crisis in the Amazon rainforest.

Alan Gratz - **Refugee** (2017). This novel aimed at 10–13-year-olds tells the story of three children seeking refuge. One boy escaping from the Nazis in 1939. A girl Isabel leaving Cuba for the USA in 1994 and a Syrian boy leaving Aleppo travelling across Europe to reach Germany in 2017.

Alan Gatz **Two degrees** (2022). This novel is aimed at pupils 10+ and wholly focused on climate change. Bringing characters together from three fictional events: a forest fire in Sierra Nevada amongst the giant sequoias, a polar bear attack on two boys in Alaska and a Category 5 hurricane hitting Miami the author draws all his characters together to deliver speeches at an international climate conference.

Ilan Kelman. **Disaster by choice** (2022) Detailing natural disasters such as Haiti earthquake, the author explores how we should act to reduce the impact on people.

Alistair Humphreys - **The girl who rowed the Ocean** (2022). The central character Lucy wants to explore the world and take part in exciting adventures, so she decides to row the Atlantic Ocean

– over 3000 miles – to the Caribbean. The book includes pieces of homework about the ocean as her classmates track her journey and learn all about the marine environment and the threats to it like plastic pollution and would support science as well as geography due to the detailed coverage of marine ecosystems and environmental issues.

James Lovelock - **Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth** (2000). Detailing his hypothesis that earth operates as a single organism and written for non-scientists this book became one of the most widely debated.

His sequel, **The Revenge of Gaia: Why the Earth is Fighting Back - and How we can Still Save Humanity** (2007) argues that sustainable development is no longer possible and we must adopt sustainable retreat

Hans Rosling - **Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think** (2018). Breaking the world's population down into 4 levels the author takes us through data and information to show the real stories about countries behind the data.

Dana Thomas - **Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes** (2020). With over 100 billion garments manufactured each year and 2.1 billion tonnes of clothing thrown out annually this book explores how fashion could become more sustainable

Greta Thunberg – **The Climate Book** (2022). Using information from over 100 experts Greta outlines the knowledge to help the world combat climate disaster.

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