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QuickMedia – reading and viewing recommendations

Unit 01, p. 21: Way more to read and watch!



Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of unit 01:

Julie Murphy, *Dumplin'*, 2018

Willowdean has a beautiful mother, but she herself doesn't conform to traditional beauty standards. To get people to see beauty beyond societal standards, she enters a beauty pageant together with some of her friends.

Neil Gaiman, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, 2013

This poetically written book tells the story of a young boy who brings an evil being into the world and how, with the help of some female friends, he manages to overcome this threat to his world.

Dr Alex George, *The Mind Manual – Mental Fitness Tools for Everyone*, 2023

In this bestselling book, Alex George suggests that we should all pay more attention to our mental health. In chapters such as 'Sleep will save you', 'Boundaries are beautiful' and 'It's good to talk', he provides practical, everyday ways to improve how we feel. Straightforward, honest and truly useful!

Film: *Searching* (Netflix)

When a 16-year-old girl goes missing, her father tries to track her down by following her digital footprint. This film looks at how teens can create an online persona that is far from reality and the dangers that can arise from social media use. Unusually, the film takes place entirely on computer screens and mobile phones.

Unit 02, p. 35: Way more to read and watch!



Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of unit 02:

Kayla Cagan, *Art Boss*, 2018

The main character, a budding artist, has moved to New York from Texas and is juggling art school, working as an assistant to a famous artist, creating her own paintings, and living in New York, the city of her dreams.

Alice Oseman, *I Was Born for This*, 2018

A book about being a fan, being a musician and how the two can connect.

And a classic: James Joyce, *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, 1916

The main character, who represents the author himself, struggles with the traditions of Ireland and the Catholic Church in his quest to become a writer.

Sky Ladder: The Art of Cai Guo-Qiang (Netflix)

This documentary explores the life and work of Chinese artist Cai Guo-Qiang, known for his innovative use of fireworks and explosives in his art. The film shows his creative journey and the cultural and political challenges he faces. Central to the story is his lifelong dream of creating the “Sky Ladder”, a 1,650-foot-tall firework ladder reaching into the sky, symbolising human ambition and connection to the universe.

Film series: *Night at the Museum; Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian; Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* (Disney+)

Here’s a fun throwback – or maybe a new discovery for you! If you’re in the mood for some entertaining films set in places like New York’s American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian and the British Natural History Museum, look no further. Ben Stiller stars as Larry Daley, night security guard, who has to deal with some lively goings-on during his night shift.

Unit 03, p. 49: Way more to read and watch!



Here are some reading and viewing tips related to the topics of unit 03:

Sophie Kinsella: *The Shopaholic* novels

A series of 10 books, might be a bit dated as the first book was published in 2000, but they are still great fun.

Tazeen Ahmad, *The Checkout Girl*, 2009

With self-checkout on the rise, it’s interesting to read what shopping looks like from behind a supermarket checkout. Very funny.

Non-fiction: Benjamin Lorr, *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket*, 2021

From enslaved fishermen to underpaid migrants who stock shelves at midnight, this book is about the machinery that keeps American supermarkets well stocked at all times.

Series: *Mad Men* (Netflix)

Set in 1960s New York, this series follows the lives of employees at a Madison Avenue advertising agency as they face both personal and professional challenges in a competitive industry. The show was highly successful, winning many awards, and became popular for its strong characters, great writing and realistic depiction of the time.