

Beyond A Level Drama:

Wider Reading List

Books:

- Balancing Acts by Nicholas Hytner
- The Director's Craft by Katie Mitchell
- Year of the King by Antony Sher
- The Drama, Theatre and Performance Companion by Michael Mangan

Plays:

Read ANY play! It can only help you work out what you like/dislike. Do the first few pages grab your attention? Here are some ideas...

- The Distance by Deborah Bruce
- I Think We Are Alone by Sally Abbott (Frantic Assembly)
- Blood Wedding by Federico Garcia Lorca
- The Exam by Andy Hamilton
- Neville's Island by Tim Firth
- Parables for the Theatre by Bertolt Brecht
- Amadeus by Peter Shaeffer
- Teechers by John Godber
- Alice by Laura Wade
- Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf? By Edward Albee

Articles:

- Bunny Christie Set Designer

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2017/sep/04/bunny-christie-designs-in-pictures-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time-ink>

- World Theatre Day

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2020/mar/27/world-theatre-day-tom-stoppard-cush-jumbo-brian-cox>

- Steven Berkoff Actor and Drama Practitioner

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2018/nov/20/steven-berkoff-interview-baddies-harvey-weinstein-play>

Podcasts:

- National Theatre Podcasts

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/podcast>

- 'Party' BBC Radio Comedy

A funny radio comedy that began as a play at the Edinburgh Festival. It's about a group of students trying to set up a political party.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00r7l7j>

Videos:

- National Theatre at Home

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

- Backstage at the National Theatre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z06k9xgogEY>

- The Goes Wrong Show

From the Mischief Theatre Company's ('The Play that Goes Wrong' etc)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000csz8/the-goes-wrong-show-series-1-2-the-pilot-not-the-pilot>

Also look on Mischief Theatre twitter #GoesWrongAlong where the cast discuss how they created the TV show.

- Directing a play with Danny Boyle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E67Ty4diDgE&list=PLJgBmjHpqgs5ipC8HNDSoodtt_s0JtGL&index=5&t=0s

- Backstage Aladdin

<https://www.aladdineducation.co.uk/behind/>

Research Different Drama Practitioners:

- Theatre Alibi

<https://www.theatrealibi.co.uk/>

- Gecko Theatre

<https://www.geckotheatre.com/>

They are showing some work online.

- John Godber

<http://thejohngodbercompany.co.uk/>