

	HISTORY AND CULTURE	LITERATURE
1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II Hillary and Tenzing climb Mount Everest (Himalayas)	L. P. Hartley, <i>The Go-Between</i> Ian Fleming, <i>Casino Royale</i> Rosamund Lehmann, <i>The Echoing Grove</i> John Wain, <i>Hurry on Down</i>
1954	End of post-war food rationing	Kingsley Amis, <i>Lucky Jim</i> William Golding, <i>Lord of the Flies</i> George Lamming, <i>The Emigrants</i> Lessing, <i>A Proper Marriage</i> Rattigan, <i>Separate Tables</i> D. Thomas, <i>Under Milk Wood</i>
1955	Treaty for European Union (EU) Equal pay for women in civil service Churchill retires Conservatives returned as government, and Anthony Eden becomes PM State of emergency in Cyprus	Samuel Beckett, <i>Waiting for Godot</i> Bowen, <i>A World of Love</i> Greene, <i>The Quiet American</i> Larkin, <i>The Less Deceived</i> R. S. Thomas, <i>Song at the Year's Turning</i>
1956	Suez crisis – Britain forced to withdraw from invasion of Egypt USSR crushes insurrection in Hungary Transatlantic telephone service started Colin Wilson, <i>The Outsider</i> Anthony Crosland, <i>The Future of Socialism</i>	Brendan Behan, <i>The Quare Fellow</i> Robert Conquest (ed.), <i>New Lines</i> C. S. Lewis, <i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> John Osborne, <i>Look Back in Anger</i> John Petty, <i>Five Fags a Day</i> Sam Selvon, <i>The Lonely Londoners</i> J. R. Tolkien, <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> Wilson, <i>Anglo-Saxon Attitudes</i>
1957	Eden resigns as PM Harold Macmillan becomes PM Britain tests its first nuclear bomb European Economic Community is formed Ghana becomes independent Richard Hoggart, <i>The Uses of Literacy</i> Wolfenden Report on sexuality, which recommends decriminalisation of homosexuality Tom Maschler (ed.), <i>Declaration</i> – a collection of political essays by prominent writers in Britain	John Braine, <i>Room at the Top</i> Ted Hughes, <i>The Hawk in the Rain</i> Larkin, <i>A Girl in Winter</i> Colin MacInnes, <i>City of Spades</i> Iris Murdoch, <i>The Sandcastle</i> V. S. Naipaul, <i>The Mystic Masseur</i> Osborne, <i>The Entertainer</i> Taylor, <i>Angel</i> Waugh, <i>The Ordeal of Gilbert Penfold</i>
1958	Race riots in Nottingham and Notting Hill State of emergency in Aden (now Yemen) J. K. Galbraith, <i>The Affluent Society</i> First stereo recordings Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) founded Raymond Williams, <i>Culture and Society</i>	Bates, <i>The Darling Buds of May</i> Behan, <i>The Hostage</i> Betjeman, <i>Collected Poems</i> Shelagh Delaney, <i>A Taste of Honey</i> Ann Jellicoe, <i>The Sport of My Mad Mother</i> Errol John, <i>Moon on a Rainbow Shawl</i> Bernard Kops, <i>Awake for Mourning</i> Rose Macaulay, <i>The World My Wilderness</i> Murdoch, <i>The Bell</i> Harold Pinter, <i>The Birthday Party</i> Paul Scott, <i>The Alien Sky</i> Alan Sillitoe, <i>Saturday Night and Sunday Morning</i>
1959	Aldermaston demonstration against nuclear weapons Conservatives returned as government State of emergency in Kenya (after several years of insurgency and unrest) First section of M1 motorway opened, the first motorway in Britain C. P. Snow, <i>Two Cultures</i>	John Arden, <i>Serjeant Musgrave's Dance</i> Malcolm Bradbury, <i>Eating People is Wrong</i> E. R. Braithwaite, <i>To Sir, With Love</i> P. H. Johnson, <i>The Unspeakable Skipton</i> Laurie Lee, <i>Cider with Rosie</i> MacInnes, <i>Absolute Beginners</i> Mervyn Peake, <i>Gormenghast Trilogy</i> Sillitoe, <i>The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner</i> Keith Waterhouse, <i>Billy Liar</i> Arnold Wesker, <i>Roots</i>