Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the suit of a snobbish gentleman, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
When a pregnant Tish's boyfriend Fonny, a sculptor, is wrongfully jailed for the rape of a Puerto Rican woman, their families unite to prove the charge false.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed until one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit in this chilling story of a frightening near-future world.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
The stormy passion between Catherine and Heathcliff mirrors the powerful moods of the Yorkshire moors, in this classic novel of love, loss, revenge and the supernatural.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Told in a series of vignettes, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago discovers the hard realities of life - the constraints of class and gender, the specter of racial enmity and the mysteries of sexuality.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
When a mysterious benefactor enables Pip--a young orphaned boy--to rise in Victorian society, Pip is educated as a gentleman and snobbishly neglects his childhood friends.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
This classic novel portrays the Jazz Age and all its decadence as it follows the life of Jay Gatsby, a newly rich man obsessed with money, power, and glamour.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
A classic study of human nature which depicts the degeneration of a group of schoolboys marooned on a desert island.

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Hester Prynne is ostracized from her 17th-century Puritan community for refusing to name the father of her child, the product of an adulterous relationship.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
When Janie Starks returns to her rural Florida home, she reminisces to her best friend, Pheoby, about her marriages and her relationship with a younger man.
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Huxley’s classic prophetic novel describes the socialized horrors of a futuristic utopia devoid of individual freedom.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles
A conflict of loyalties between Gene and his fearless friend, Phineas, leads to tragedy.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The explosion of racial hate and violence in a small Alabama town is viewed by a young girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape.

The Bluest Eye: A Novel by Toni Morrison
The story of Pecola Breedlove, an 11-year-old Black girl growing up in an America that values blue-eyed blondes, and the tragedy that results because of her longing to be accepted.

1984: A Novel by George Orwell
Portrays a terrifying vision of life in the future when a totalitarian government watches over all citizens and directs all activities, becoming more powerful as time goes by.

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, 16-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.

Frankenstein by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
This classic story of science and the search for the origins of life follows Dr. Frankenstein and his obsessive experiment that leads to the creation of a monstrous and deadly creature.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father’s romantic and her mother’s practical natures, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early 20th century.

The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again by J. R. R. Tolkien
Bilbo Baggins, a well-to-do hobbit, lives in the comforts of his hobbit-hole until the notorious wizard Gandalf and his group of dwarves choose him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
A young boy living in mid-nineteenth century Missouri relates the many adventures that he and his friend Jim, an escaped slave, experience as they travel down the Mississippi River on a raft.