To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee
F Lee
A young girl growing up in an Alabama town in the 1930s learns of injustice and violence when her father, a widowed lawyer, defends a black man falsely accused of rape.

The Princess Bride
by William Goldman
F Goldman
A classic swashbuckling romance retells the tale of a drunken swordsman and a gentle giant who come to the aid of Westley, a handsome farm boy, and Buttercup, a princess in dire need of rescue.

The Catcher in the Rye
by J.D. Salinger
F 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.

Slaughterhouse-Five
by Kurt Vonnegut
F Vonnegut
Billy Pilgrim survives capture by the Germans in World War II, the Dresden bombings, and the struggle for financial success, only to be kidnapped in a flying saucer and taken to the planet Tralfamadore.

Frankenstein
by Mary Shelley
F Shelley
Obsessed by creating life itself, Victor Frankenstein plunders graveyards for the material to fashion a new being, which he shocks into life by electricity. But his creature sets out to destroy his maker and all that he holds dear.

March: Book One
by John Lewis
GN Biography Lewis
A first-hand account of the author’s lifelong struggle for civil and human rights in rural Alabama.

Ender's Game
by Orson Scott Card
F Card
A young genius from an elite military training school endures relentless pressure and loneliness before becoming humanity’s sole protector against an alien attack.

Night
by Elie Wiesel
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The memoir of a boy who lived through Auschwitz and Buchenwald provides a short and terrible indictment of modern humanity.

Adult Nonfiction

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Teen Classics
A selection of some of the most enduring works in literature
Juvenile Fiction

Island of the Blue Dolphins
by Scott O’Dell
Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Nicoleño girl spends 18 years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

Young Adult Fiction

A Separate Peace
by John Knowles
A novel about a friendship that develops between two boys during a summer vacation at the Devon school during World War II.

A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeleine L’Engle
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg’s father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

The Lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan
Percy is transferred from boarding school to a summer camp for demigods, where he becomes involved in a quest to prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
by Elizabeth George Speare
Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien
Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Metamorphosis and Other Stories
by Franz Kafka
A seemingly typical man wakes up one morning to discover he has been transformed into a gigantic insect, and must deal with the depression over his new physical alteration, as well as the rejection of his family.

Adult Fiction

Go Tell It on the Mountain
by James Baldwin
While his family struggles with guilt, bitterness, and spiritual issues, John Grimes experiences a religious conversion in the Temple of the Fire Baptised.

Crime and Punishment
by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Believing he can commit the perfect crime, Roderick Raskolnikov robs and murders an elderly pawnbroker. He eventually finds himself engaged in a battle of wits with inspector Porfiry.

The Great Gatsby
by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby, his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, and of lavish parties on Long Island.

Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston
When independent Janie Crawford returns home to the South in the 1930s, her small African-American community begins to buzz with gossip about her affair with a younger man.