Adult Fiction

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

Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston
F 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.

Life of Pi
by Yann Martel
F Martel
Possessing encyclopedia-like intelligence, unusual zookeeper's son Pi Patel sets sail for America, but when the ship sinks, he escapes on a life boat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.

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.

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.

Adult Graphic Novel

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.

Adult Nonfiction

Braiding Sweetgrass
by Robin Wall Kimmerer
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Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
by Maya Angelou
Biography Angelou
Maya Angelou chronicles the deeply personal struggles and events of her childhood in the Deep South. Here, she also shares the people and triumphs that helped shape her writing career.
### Juvenile Fiction

**Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret**  
by Judy Blume  

Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a 12-year-old girl talks over her problems with her own private God.

**How Do You Live?**  
by Genzaburō Yoshino  

A first English translation of the 1937 Japanese classic that inspired the work of anime master Hayao Miyazaki follows a boy's coming-of-age as shaped by his father's death, his uncle's wisdom, and his growing awareness of the eternal connections of the universe.

### Young Adult Fiction

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**  
by Sherman Alexie  

Leaving the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school, Junior struggles to find his place in his new surroundings.

**The House on Mango Street**  
by Sandra Cisneros  

For Esperanza, a young girl growing up in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago, life is an endless landscape of concrete and run-down tenements, and she tries to rise above the hopelessness.

**The Outsiders**  
by S.E. Hinton  

A revealing account of the tensions, fears, and frustrations of gang life from a teenage boy's point of view.

**A Wizard of Earthsea**  
by Ursula K. Le Guin  

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

**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 Giver**  
by Lois Lowry  

Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

### Young Adult Graphic Novel

**American Born Chinese**  
by Gene Luen Yang  

A modern fable about the problems young Chinese Americans face when trying to participate in American popular culture. The lives of three apparently unrelated characters collide with an unexpected twist.

### Young Adult Nonfiction

**The Diary of a Young Girl**  
by Anne Frank  

A young girl's journal records her family's struggles during two years of hiding from the Nazis in war-torn Holland.