

***The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter***

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***Paradise Lost*** by John Milton

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***Anne of Green Gables*** by Lucy Montgomery

***Beloved*** by Toni Morrison

**O** ***The Informer*** by Liam O’Flaherty

***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell

**1984** by George Orwell

**P** ***The Grand Design*** by John Dos Passos

***The Bell Jar*** by Sylvia Plath

***True Grit*** by Charles Portis

***Ship of Fools*** by Katherine Anne Porter

***Quartet in Autumn*** by Barbara Pym

***Excellent Women*** by Barbara Pym

**R** ***The Yearling*** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

***Pamela*** by Samuel Richardson

***Clarissa*** by Samuel Richardson

***Northwest Passage*** by Kenneth Roberts

**S** ***The Catcher in the Rye*** by J. D. Salinger

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***Rob Roy*** by Sir Walter Scott

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***Macbeth*** by William Shakespeare

***Pygmalion*** by George Bernard Shaw

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***The Gulag Archipelago*** by A. I. Solzhenitsyn

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***Heidi*** by Johanna Spyri

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***Tristram Shandy*** by Laurence Sterne

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***Dracula*** by Bram Stoker

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***The Confessions of Nat Turner*** by William Styron

***Gulliver’s Travels*** by Jonathon Swift

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***Vanity Fair*** by William Makepeace Thackeray

***Walden*** by Henry David Thoreau

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***Barchester Towers*** by Anthony Trollope

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***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*** by Mark Twain

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***Couples*** by John Updike

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by Jules Verne

***A Journey to the Centre of the Earth*** by Jules Verne

***20,000 Leagues under the Sea*** by Jules Verne

***Candide*** by Voltaire

***Slaughterhouse-Five*** by Kurt Vonnegut

**W** ***The Color Purple*** by Alice Walker

***Ben Hur*** by Lewis Wallace

***All the King’s Men*** by Robert Penn Warren

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WEALTH OF THE WORLD AND  
THE FIT INHERITANCE OF  
GENERATIONS AND NATIONS.  
-HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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*Nightfall* by Isaac Asimov  
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by Dee Alexander Brown  
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*The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan  
*A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess  
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*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*The Way of All Flesh* by Samuel Butler  
**C** *Tobacco Road* by Erskine Caldwell  
*The Plague* by Albert Camus  
*The Spy Who Came in From the Cold*  
by John Le Carré  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll  
*The Horse's Mouth* by Joyce Cary  
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*O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather  
*Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes

*The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer  
*The Ox-Bow Incident* by Walter Van Tilburg Clark  
*2001: A Space Odyssey* by Arthur C. Clarke  
*The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins  
*The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins  
*The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad  
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*The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper  
*The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper  
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*The Pathfinder* by James Fenimore Cooper  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
*The Citadel* by A. J. Cronin  
*The Keys to the Kingdom* by A. J. Cronin  
**D** *The Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe  
*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens  
*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
*Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen  
*The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
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*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser  
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*The Man in the Iron Mask* by Alexander Dumas  
*The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas  
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*Balthazar* by Lawrence Durrell  
**E** *Middlemarch* by George Eliot  
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*The Forsyte Saga* by John Galsworthy  
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*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson  
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*The Vicar of Wakefield* by Oliver Goldsmith  
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*I, Claudius* by Robert Graves  
*The Heart of the Matter* by Graham Greene  
*The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene  
*The Third Man* by Graham Greene  
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*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley  
*Point Counter Point* by Aldous Huxley

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*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving  
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*Washington Square* by Henry James  
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by Sarah Orne Jewett  
*Dubliners* by James Joyce  
*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*  
by James Joyce  
*Ulysses* by James Joyce  
*Man and His Symbols* by Carl G. Jung  
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*On the Road* by Jack Kerouac  
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*Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes  
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Khayyám  
*Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling  
*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling  
*Kim* by Rudyard Kipling  
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*The Sea Wolf* by Jack London  
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