

Oxford High School Summer Reading List

Fiction

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| Achebe, Chinua | <i>Things Fall Apart</i> | An African tribe comes in contact with European culture with disastrous results. |
| Adams, Douglas | <i>The Restaurant at the End of the Universe</i> | Hilarious sequel to <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> |
| Agee, James | <i>A Death in the Family</i> | A family reacts to the sudden accidental death of the father. |
| Allende, Isabella | <i>The House of the Spirits</i> | The story of the astonishing Trueba family connecting their unique fantastic history with a century of change in Chile |
| Allison, Dorothy | <i>Bastard out of Carolina</i> | A young girl tries to cope with her unconventional family |
| Alvarez, Julia | <i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> | Four sisters from a wealthy Central American family try to adjust to life in the United States. |
| Atwood, Margaret | <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> | In a society where women are totally subservient to men, a young woman fights a quiet battle for independence |
| Auel, Jean | <i>The Clan of the Cave Bear</i> | In prehistoric times, a young girl comes of age with a Neanderthal tribe. |
| Austen, Jane | <i>Emma</i> | A girl interferes with the love lives of all around her. Basis of the movie <i>Clueless</i> |
| | <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> | A man and woman who hate each other at first sight fall in love |
| | <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> | Two young women find love in 19 th century England |
| Baldwin, James | <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> | On his 14 th birthday, a boy examines his life and his future. |
| Bardi, Abby | <i>The Book of Fred</i> | A young woman from a remote religious compound enters the world of modern day America |
| Barker, Pat | <i>Regeneration</i> | World War I as seen through the eyes of a wounded British soldier |
| Barrett, William | <i>Lilies of the Field</i> | A black ex-soldier helps a group of German nuns build a chapel in the Southwestern desert |
| Binchy, Maev | <i>Circle of Friends</i> | A group of friends grow together and apart in Ireland |
| Blos, Joan | <i>A Gathering of Days</i> | A 14 year old girl keeps a journal of the last year she lived on the family farm in a small New Hampshire town |
| Bradbury, Ray | <i>The Martian Chronicles</i> | Interrelated short stories dealing with Mars and its inhabitants, both human and otherwise |
| Bradley, Marion Zimmer | <i>The Mists of Avalon</i> | The story of King Arthur – told from the point of view of the women in his life |
| Bronte, Charlotte | <i>Jane Eyre</i> | The classic novel of a young governess who falls in love with the father of her charge and the mystery that surrounds him |
| Bronte, Emily | <i>Wuthering Heights</i> | Heathcliff and Catherine share a love that destroys both them and those around them |
| Brooks, Geraldine | <i>Years of Wonder: A Novel of the Plague</i> | In a small English village, one girl struggles to survive the plague that is killing everyone |
| Brown, Dan | <i>Angels and Demons</i> | Historical cover-ups and intrigue, by the author of <i>The DaVinci Code</i> |
| Buck, Pearl | <i>The Good Earth</i> | The struggle of a peasant family in China to survive and get ahead |
| Burgess, Anthony | <i>A Clockwork Orange</i> | In a future England, a young gang leader has to learn that violence is wrong |
| Butler, Octavia | <i>Kindred</i> | A modern day African American woman is transported back to the antebellum South where she is a slave |

Card, Orson Scott	<i>Ender's Game</i>	A young boy genetically engineered as a warrior must save the planet from an alien invasion
Carr, Caleb	<i>The Alienist</i>	In 1896 New York a psychiatrist must stop a serial killer
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia</i>	Set in the plains of 19 th century America, a novel about a boy and the girl who influences his life
Chabon, Michael	<i>The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay</i>	Two cousins in 1930's New York, one an escapee from the Nazis, the other a talented writer, create a comic book empire
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	Sixteen year old Griet is hired to work as a maid in the home of the famous painter Johannes Vermeer in 17 th century Holland
Chopin, Kate	<i>The Awakening</i>	Edna Pontellier seeks independence from her husband and Victorian New Orleans society
Christie, Agatha	<i>Death on the Nile</i>	Detective Hercule Poirot must solve a perplexing murder case
Cisneros, Sandra	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>	Interrelated stories set in Chicago's Hispanic community
Clark, Mary Higgins	<i>Where Are the Children</i>	A woman's search for her missing children
Clarke, Arthur C.	<i>Childhood's End</i>	Earth is overtaken by a race that eliminates disease and poverty, but then mankind begins to end
Collier, James	<i>My Brother Sam Is Dead</i>	A boy's experiences during the American Revolution
Collins, Wilkie	<i>The Moonstone</i>	The theft of a yellow diamond sparks an investigation. The first modern mystery
Conroy, Pat	<i>The Lords of Discipline</i>	Life inside a Southern military academy
Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>	Classic novel of adventure along the Colonial American frontier
Crichton, Michael	<i>The Andromeda Strain</i>	Scientists rush to find the cure for a disease that's killing anyone in its path
	<i>Timeline</i>	A group of scientists/explorers travel back to 14 th century Europe
Daly, Maureen	<i>Seventeenth Summer</i>	A young girl's last summer at home before college
Diamant, Anita	<i>The Red Tent</i>	The Old Testament of the <i>Bible</i> told from the women's point of view
Dickens, Charles	<i>David Copperfield</i> <i>Oliver Twist</i>	A young man grows up in 19 th century England Orphan Oliver Twist must overcome great obstacles to make his way in the world
Dillard, Annie	<i>The Shipping News</i>	A man trying to rebuild his life moves his family to a small seaside town in Nova Scotia
Doctorow, E.L.	<i>Ragtime</i>	A huge cast of characters, both historical and fictional, presents life in early 20 th century New York
Dorris, Michael	<i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>	Three generations of American Indian women each learn from the others
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Sherlock Holmes investigates a mysterious ghostly dog
Doyle, Roddy	<i>Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha</i>	Life among the lower classes of Ireland as seen through the eyes of a young boy
Dreiser, Theodore	<i>An American Tragedy</i>	Two young men commit murder to prove their superiority
DuMaurier, Daphne	<i>Rebecca</i>	A young wife is haunted by the ghost of her husband's former wife
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> <i>The Three Musketeers</i>	A man unjustly imprisoned returns to seek revenge Four men, soldiers of King Louis, defend their country and king
Eco, Umberto	<i>The Name of the Rose</i>	A mystery set in medieval Europe
Ellison, Ralph	<i>Invisible Man</i>	A young black man tries to make his way in mid 20 th century America
Eliot, George	<i>Adam Bede</i>	The life of a farmer in rural 19 th century England

Erdrick, Louise the Midwest	<i>Tracks</i>	Several generations in the lives of Ojibway Indians in
Evanovitch, Janet New Jersey female bounty hunter	<i>One for the Money</i>	First in the series of Stephanie Plum adventures, a
Fast, Howard through the eyes of a teenager in Massachusetts	<i>April Morning</i>	The beginnings of the American Revolution as seen
Faulkner, William in early 20 th century Mississippi	<i>As I Lay Dying</i> <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>	A family goes on a journey to bury their mother The very dysfunctional Compton clan and their lives
Faulks, Sebastian War II, an English woman must go undercover to rescue him	<i>Birdsong</i> <i>Charlotte Gray</i>	An English soldier's experiences in World War I When her lover disappears in France during World
Fielding, Henry England	<i>Tom Jones</i>	The life and loves of an foundling in 18 th century
Finney, Jack where he solves a mystery and falls in love	<i>Time and Again</i>	A modern man time travels to 19 th century New York
Fitch, Janet enters the foster care system	<i>White Oleander</i>	When her mother goes to jail for murder, a young girl
Fitzgerald, F. Scott the French Riviera	<i>Tender is the Night</i> <i>This Side of Paradise</i>	A couple fall in and out of love against the scenery of A young man from a privileged background becomes
Forster, E.M. relations with the natives of India during the	<i>A Passage to India</i>	Novel revolving around the English and their English domination of the country
Forsyth, Frederick before he can assassinate a major political figure	<i>The Day of the Jackal</i>	In Europe, agents frantically search for a terrorist
Fowles, John town along the English coast, rumors fly about who she is and why she's there	<i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i>	When a mysterious woman moves to a small
Frazier, Charles who is having her own problems surviving the Civil War	<i>Cold Mountain</i> <i>Thirteen Moons</i>	A Confederate soldier tries to return home to his wife An orphaned boy grows to manhood with the
Gaines, Ernest awaiting execution	<i>A Lesson before Dying</i>	A teacher forms a bond with a convicted killer
Garcia, Cristina deal with the Cuban Revolution	<i>Dreaming in Cuban</i>	Three generations of woman in America and Cuba
Gaiman, Neil changed when he leaves the reality of London and enters the city's sewers and abandoned subway stations	<i>Neverwhere</i>	Richard helps an abandoned girl and finds his life
Gish, Jen to the cultural changes	<i>Typical American</i>	A Chinese family comes to America and must adapt
Golden, Arthur of the 20 th century	<i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i>	Life of a Japanese geisha during the turbulent years
Greene, Betty a German prisoner of war because he is kind to her	<i>The Summer of My German Soldier</i>	A mistreated Jewish girl befriends
Greene, Graham come to terms with his survival	<i>The Tenth Man</i>	A man who escapes execution by the Nazis must
Grisham, John his client, a black man accused of taking the law into his own hand by killing his daughter's murderer	<i>A Time to Kill</i>	A white defense attorney struggles to save the life of
Guterson, David Americians in a small community in the Pacific Northwest	<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>	A murder causes racial tension against Japanese
Haley, Alex Africa to freedom	<i>Roots</i>	The author's fictionalized account of his family from
Hall, James and Nordhoff, Charles Based on a true story	<i>Mutiny on the Bounty</i>	British seamen mutiny against a tyrannical captain.

Hamill, Pete	<i>Snow in August</i>	An elderly Orthodox Jew and a young Christian boy are brought together by their love of baseball
Hardy, Thomas	<i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i>	A woman seduced and abandoned by her lover spirals down to ruin
Harris, Mark	<i>Bang the Drum Slowly</i>	A star pitcher has to deal with the terminal illness of his best friend, the team's catcher
Haruf, Kent	<i>Plainsong</i>	The lives of several very different people intertwine in this touching novel set on the American plains
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The House of the Seven Gables</i>	Mystery, romance, and death in an old Massachusetts house
Hegi, Ursula	<i>Stones from the River</i>	A dwarf becomes the conscience of her German village during World War II
Heinlein, Robert	<i>Stranger in a Strange Land</i>	An alien comes to Earth and becomes a modern day spiritual leader
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch 22</i>	Classic satire of bureaucratic insanity during World War II
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>A Farewell to Arms</i> <i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>	Love story set against the backdrop of World War I An idealistic American joins the fight against Fascism during the Spanish Civil War
Herbert, Frank	<i>Dune</i>	The struggle to survive on an arid planet where water is a precious commodity
Hesse, Herman	<i>Siddhartha</i>	A story of the search for identity and self-enlightenment
Hijuelos, Oscar	<i>The Mambo King Plays Songs of Love</i>	Cuban brothers play their music and live their lives in New York City
Hillerman, Tony	<i>Listening Woman</i>	An old man and a high school girl are found murdered after a Navajo spiritual ceremony
Hilton, James	<i>Goodbye Mr. Chips</i> <i>Lost Horizon</i>	The life of a teacher at an English boys' school and the boys whose lives he touches A group stumbles upon the fabled kingdom of Shangri-la where no one grows old
Hoffman, Alice	<i>Blackbird House</i>	A small farmhouse on Cape Cod has many stories to tell from its building in the 17 th century to the present day
Hugo, Victor	<i>Les Miserables</i> <i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>	Escaped convict Jean Valjean tries to put his past behind him and build a new life Set in medieval Paris, the story of Quasimodo, the hunchback bell ringer, and Esmerelda, the Gypsy woman he loves
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	In the South of the early 20 th century, Janie seeks love and her place in the world
Hurwin, Davida Wills	<i>A Time for Dancing</i>	Four close friends must learn to deal with death and dying when one of them is diagnosed with cancer
Irving, John	<i>The Cider House Rules</i> <i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>	An orphaned boy grows up amidst the staff and patients of a New England sanatorium The life and death of a very special character affects the lives of those who love him.
Jin, Ha	<i>Waiting</i>	The love between an unhappily married Chinese doctor and his nurse endures over 17 years
Johnson, Charles	<i>The Middle Passage</i>	A freed slave instigates a mutiny aboard a slave ship
Jones, James	<i>From Here to Eternity</i>	Life and love at Pearl Harbor in the weeks leading up to the attack
Kerouac, Jack	<i>On the Road</i>	Two men travel through post World War II America
Kesey, Ken	<i>One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	A man organizes a rebellion against the administrators in a mental hospital
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	A young girl searches for clues to her mother and finds acceptance and understanding with African American sisters

King, Stephen prisoner of a haunted hotel	<i>The Green Mile</i> <i>The Shining</i> <i>The Stand</i>	An elderly prison guard remembers one very special A man and his family spend the winter as caretakers Survivors of a plague in America get caught up in the
Kingsolver, Barbara finds love to the Belgian Congo in the 1960's.	<i>Animal Dreams</i> <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>	A woman returns reluctantly returning to her home An American preacher brings his wife and daughters
Kingston, Maxine Hong Kinkaid, Jamaica the Caribbean as seen through the eyes of a 12 year old girl.	<i>Woman Warrior</i> <i>Annie John</i>	Multiple narrators tell of life as a Chinese woman The relationship between a mother and daughter in
Kinsella, W.P. field in a cornfield. Basis for the movie <i>Field of Dreams</i>	<i>Shoeless Joe</i>	A man hears a voice telling him to build a baseball field in a cornfield. Basis for the movie <i>Field of Dreams</i>
Kipling, Rudyard fishing vessel with a Portugese fisherman and learns about life	<i>Captain's Courageous</i>	A spoiled rich boy spends his summer aboard a fishing vessel with a Portugese fisherman and learns about life
Kogawa, Joy the internment camps of World War II	<i>Obasan</i>	The experience of a young Japanese Canadian girl in the internment camps of World War II
Kosinski, Jerzy aftermath of World War II	<i>The Painted Bird</i>	A young Jewish boy searches for his family in the aftermath of World War II
Lamb, Wally Lee, Chang-Rae man	<i>I Know This Much Is True</i> <i>Native Speaker</i>	A man cares for his disabled brother Life as seen through the eyes of a Chinese American man
Lee, Gus cultures– modern American and traditional Chinese	<i>China Boy</i>	A Chinese immigrant boy is caught between two cultures– modern American and traditional Chinese
LeGuin, Ursula friendly relations on a remote planet	<i>The Left Hand of Darkness</i>	An ambassador from Earth tries to establish friendly relations on a remote planet
Lewis, C.S. discover the wonders of a distant world	<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>	On a future Earth, a kidnapped professor escapes to discover the wonders of a distant world
Lewis, Sinclair London, Jack the ruthless Wolf Larson	<i>Main Street</i> <i>The Sea Wolf</i>	Life in a small Minnesota town Sea adventure aboard a Pacific vessel captained by the ruthless Wolf Larson
Maguire, Gregory the stepsisters the West	<i>Confessions of a Ugly Stepsister</i> <i>Wicked</i>	Cinderella from the point of view of one of the stepsisters <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> – as seen by the Wicked Witch of the West
Malamud, Bernard Marquez, Gabriel Garcia town and the family who founds it	<i>The Natural</i> <i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	The story of a would-be great baseball player The history of a isolated South American town and the family who founds it
Maugham, Somerset in a small town in England follow his dreams as a painter	<i>Of Human Bondage</i> <i>The Moon and Sixpence</i>	A young man with a clubfoot experiences loneliness in a small town in England A man abandons a comfortable, conventional life to follow his dreams as a painter
McCaffrey, Anne menace to life. The first book in the <i>Dragonriders of Pern</i> series	<i>Dragonflight</i>	On a remote planet, humans use dragons to fight a menace to life. The first book in the <i>Dragonriders of Pern</i> series
McCammon, Robert 1960's Alabama society and battle evil	<i>Boy's Life</i> <i>Swan Song</i>	A 14 year old boy and his father seek a killer in 1960's Alabama Survivors of a nuclear holocaust must create a new society and battle evil
McCarthy, Cormac death, and love. First book in the <i>Border</i> trilogy search for safety	<i>All the Pretty Horses</i> <i>The Road</i>	A young man travels to Mexico and learns about life, death, and love. First book in the <i>Border</i> trilogy In a post-apocalyptic America, a man and his son search for safety
McCullers, Carson of those with whom she comes in contact	<i>The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter</i>	A very special young girl touches the lives of those with whom she comes in contact

McDermott, Alice	<i>Charming Billy</i>	A dead man's daughter pieces together the story of his life and loves
McEwan, Ian	<i>Atonement</i>	In 1930's England, a young girl's actions have repercussions that echo through the years
McMurtry, Larry	<i>Lonesome Dove</i>	Epic story of a cattle drive in the Old West
Miller, Walter	<i>A Canticle for Leibowitz</i>	Life in a very changed future America
Mitchell, Margaret	<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	Beautiful Scarlett O'Hara has men falling at her feet, except the one she really wants. Famous novel of the Old South
Momaday, M. Scott	<i>House Made out of Dawn</i>	A young Indian man returns from World War II and must adjust to life and his heritage
Morrison, Toni	<i>Beloved</i> <i>The Bluest Eye</i>	A black woman is haunted by the ghost of her child A young black girl thinks her life would be perfect if only she had blue eyes
Mukherjee, Bharati	<i>Jasmine</i>	An Indian woman adjusts to life in America
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Fallen Angel</i>	A young man from the streets of Harlem winds up in the jungles of Vietnam
Naylor, Gloria	<i>The Women of Brewster Place</i>	The lives of a group of women in an African American inner city community
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>We Were the Mulvaney</i>	A close-knit family is divided by tragedy
O'Brien, Tim	<i>Going after Cacciato</i>	A group of soldiers chase an AWOL member in Vietnam
	<i>In the Lake of the Woods</i>	An up and coming politician is haunted by his past actions in Vietnam
Ondaatje, Michael	<i>The English Patient</i>	A man is haunted by the memory of a love in North Africa
Packer, Ann	<i>The Dive from Clausen's Pier</i>	A woman has to deal with the tragic accident that befalls her fiancé, changes her life, and reveals to her the woman within
Pasternak, Boris	<i>Dr. Zhivago</i>	Love, loss, and death set against the turbulent backdrop of the Russian Revolution
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>	The clash of cultures in racially divided South Africa
Peters, Elizabeth	<i>Crocodile on the Sandbank</i>	Daring Victorian woman Amelia Peabody finds adventure and romance in Egypt. First book in the <i>Amelia Peabody</i> series
Plath, Sylvia	<i>The Bell Jar</i>	Semi-autobiographical account of the poet's early years
Potok, Chaim	<i>The Chosen</i>	In a rivalry between two Jewish boys' schools, possible hostility results in friendship and understanding
Power, Susan	<i>The Glass Dancer</i>	This Native American chronicle spans several generations
Pratchett, Terry	<i>Thief of Time</i>	Comic novel of an alien society
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	<i>The Yearling</i>	A Florida boy forms a bond with a young deer he finds in the swamps
Remarque, Erich Maria	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	World War I as seen through the eyes of a German soldier in the trenches
Renault, Mary	<i>The King Must Die</i>	Modern retelling of the adventures of Greek hero Theseus
Saberhagen, Fred	<i>First Book of Lost Swords</i>	First book in sci/fi fantasy series dealing with ancient gods
Scott, Sir Walter	<i>Ivanhoe</i>	Knights and fights in medieval England
Sebold, Alice	<i>The Lovely Bones</i>	Following her murder, a young girl comments on her life and her family from heaven
Shaara, Michael	<i>The Killer Angels</i>	The Battle of Gettysburg as seen through the eyes of several different participants
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Classic tale of the monster who just seeks understanding and acceptance
Shute, Neville	<i>On the Beach</i>	Survivors of a nuclear holocaust gather in Australia

Siegel, Jan	<i>Prospero's Children</i>	A 16 year old British girl with special powers obtains the key to Atlantis
Silko, Leslie Marmon	<i>Ceremony</i>	A Native American man returns from World War II and must adjust to life back on the reservation
Sinclair, Upton	<i>The Jungle</i>	Explosive novel that uncovered the horrors in the meat packing industry and led to the Pure Food and Drug Act
Singer, Isaac Bashevis	<i>Enemies: A Love Story</i>	The effects of the Holocaust on a survivor who settles in Brooklyn
Smiley, Jane	<i>Horse Heaven</i>	The life of a racehorse and the people surrounding him
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	Francie Nolan lives with her family in a poor section of Brooklyn in the early years of the 20 th century
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>	Life in the Russian Gulag, the prison system for political prisoners
Stegner, Wallace	<i>Angle of Repose</i>	Wheelchair bound man writes the story of his grandparents and their lives in the mining areas of the American West
Steinbeck, John	<i>East of Eden</i>	The lives of two brothers, their conflicts, and heartaches
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Kidnapped</i>	A Scottish boy undergoes many adventures after his evil uncle arranges his kidnapping
Stewart, Mary	<i>The Crystal Cave</i>	The story of Merlin, King Arthur's advisor
Stoker, Bram	<i>Dracula</i>	Famous novel of the vampire from Transylvania
Stone, Monica	<i>Nisei Daughter</i>	The experiences of a Japanese American girl in the internment camps in Idaho in World War II
Tan, Amy	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>	The story of four mothers, their lives, and their relationships with their daughters
Tolstoy, Leo	<i>Anna Karenina</i> <i>War and Peace</i>	A woman in a repressive marriage seeks love The Napoleonic Wars and their effect on several Russian families
Twain, Mark	<i>A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i> <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	A 19 th century American time travels back to Camelot Tom and his pal Huck Finn pull off all sorts of escapades
Tyler, Anne	<i>The Accidental Tourist</i>	A travel writer meets a dog handler who draws him out of his loneliness and shows him life
Uris, Leon	<i>Exodus</i> <i>Mila 18</i> <i>Trinity</i>	A group of Jews flee to Palestine in the aftermath of World War II and take part in the founding of Israel During World War II, the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto hold off the Nazis who intend to take them to the death camps Novel about Ireland's struggle for independence from Britain
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> <i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>	The adventures of a man and his servant who attempt to travel around the world A scientific team has many adventures on their way to the earth's core
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Cat's Cradle</i> <i>The Sirens of Titan</i>	Satirical novel of the invention of Ice Nine, a substance capable of destroying the world The richest man on Earth takes a wild space journey to distant worlds, learning about the meaning of life on the way
Warren, Robert Penn	<i>All the King's Men</i>	Life of a flamboyant Southern politician
Watson, Larry	<i>Montana 1948</i>	A boy's experiences during a momentous time will shape his life
Waugh, Evelyn	<i>Brideshead Revisited</i>	A young man is affected by his best friend and his friend's family, a group of English aristocrats
Wharton, Edith	<i>The Loved One</i> <i>The Age of Innocence</i>	Satirical look at the American funeral business Life among high society in late 19 th century America

White, T.H.	<i>The Once and Future King</i>	Classic retelling of the story of King Arthur
Wiggins, Marianne	<i>John Dollar</i>	Stranded on a desert island, two adults and eight students struggle for survival
Woolf, Virginia	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>	One day in the life of a frustrated English woman
Wouk, Herman	<i>The Caine Mutiny</i> <i>The Winds of War</i>	Sailors rebel against an abusive captain The lives of an American naval family in the years leading up to World War II
Zindel, Paul	<i>The Pigman</i>	Two bored teenagers enjoy playing practical jokes – until they meet the Pigman

Non-Fiction

Adams, Joy	<i>Born Free</i>	Raising an orphaned baby lion in Africa
Ambrose, Stephen	<i>Band of Brothers</i>	Follows one U.S. Army unit in the closing months of World War II
	<i>Citizen Soldier</i>	U. S. Army soldiers from D-Day to the surrender of Germany
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Poet Angelou's memoir of her younger years
Armstrong, Lance	<i>It's Not about the Bike</i>	Armstrong's chronicle of his battle against cancer and his winning of the Tour de France
Baker, Russell	<i>Growing Up</i>	Baker's humorous account of his childhood
Behan, Brendan	<i>Confessions of an Irish Rebel</i>	Author and playwright Behan writes of his experiences fighting for Irish independence
Bird, Larry	<i>Drive</i>	The famed ex-Boston Celtic tells of his life in basketball
Blinn, William	<i>Brian's Song</i>	The story of the friendship between two pro football players
Brokaw, Tom	<i>The Greatest Generation</i>	Stories of the men and women both on the battlefields and home front in World War II
Brown, Claude	<i>Manchild in the Promised Land</i>	Growing up black and poor in America
Brown, Dee	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i>	The history of the white man's dominance of the American Indians
Capote, Truman	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Two men murder a Kansas family
Caputo, Philip	<i>A Rumor of War</i>	Soldiers' experiences in Vietnam
Carson, Rachel	<i>Silent Spring</i>	Account of the damage to the environment caused by the use of pesticides
Caton, Bruce	<i>The Coming Fury</i>	Volume one in a three part trilogy of the Civil War
Conroy, Pat	<i>The Water Is Wide</i>	The author's experiences teaching at a rural black school
Connaughton, Shane	<i>My Left Foot</i>	The story of how a severely handicapped man became successful
Delany, Sarah and Elizabeth	<i>Having Our Say</i>	The life story of two African American sisters who have reached the age of 100
Denenberg, Barry	<i>Voices from Vietnam</i>	The Vietnam experience told in the words of the men and women who served
Douglas-Hamilton, Iain & Oria	<i>Among the Elephants</i>	Close up and personal observations of Tanzanian elephant families
Fossey, Dian	<i>Gorillas in the Mist</i>	Fossey's acceptance into a gorilla family and her attempts to protect them from poachers
Goodall, Jane	<i>Through a Window</i>	Ground breaking study of chimpanzees which cause the scientific world to redefine human beings
Goodall, Jane	<i>Woman's Inhumanity to Woman</i>	The murderous behaviors of an adult chimpanzee and her daughter

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