

## Great Reads Around 250 Pages! (More or Less...)

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\*=Quicker read NF=Nonfiction

### Fiction Classics

Anaya, Rudolfo A. *Bless Me, Ultima: A Novel*  
Cather, Willa. *My Antonia*  
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*  
Golding, William. *Lord of the Flies*  
Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*  
Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*  
Keyes, Daniel. *Flowers for Algernon*  
Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*  
Kosinski, Jerzy. *Being There*  
Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*  
London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild and Other Stories*  
Salinger, J. D. *The Catcher in the Rye*  
Steinbeck, John. *Of Mice and Men*  
Steinbeck, John. *The Pearl* \*

### Mystery

Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle: A Novel\**  
Brown, Rita Mae and Sneaky Pie Brown. *Pay Dirt, or, Adventures at Ash Lawn*  
Christie, Agatha. *The A.B.C. Murders*  
Christie, Agatha. *And Then There Were None*  
Christie, Agatha. *Death on the Nile*  
Christie, Agatha. *Sleeping Murder*  
Grafton, Sue. *"C" Is For Corpse*  
Hillerman, Tony. *Dance Hall of the Dead*  
Plum-Ucci, Carol. *The Body of Christopher Creed*  
Reynolds, Marjorie. *The Starlite Drive-In*  
Werlin, Nancy. *Black Mirror: A Novel*

### Thriller

Asher, Jay. *Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel*  
Dexter, Catherine. *I Dream of Murder\**  
Duncan, Lois. *Killing Mr. Griffin\**  
Duncan, Lois. *I Know What You Did Last Summer\**  
Duncan, Lois. *Stranger with My Face\**  
Giles, Gail. *Shattering Glass*  
Giles, Gail. *What Happened to Cass McBride?*  
Gilstrap, John. *Nathan's Run*  
McNamee, Graham. *Acceleration*  
O'Dell, Scott. *The Castle in the Sea* \*  
Roberts, Willo Davis. *The Kidnappers: A Mystery\**  
Scott, Elizabeth. *Living Dead Girl*  
Sebold, Alice. *The Lovely Bones*  
Werlin, Nancy. *Double Helix*  
Werlin, Nancy. *The Killer's Cousin*

### Horror, Vampires, and Unworldly Things

Duncan, Lois. *Summer of Fear*  
Jenkins, A. M. *Night Road*  
Jenkins, A. M. *Repossessed*  
King, Stephen. *Carrie*  
Westerfeld, Scott. *Peeps*  
Wooding, Chris. *The Haunting of Alaiabel Cray*

### Her Reality

Block, Francesca Lia. *Violet & Claire\**  
Caletti, Deb. *Honey, Baby, Sweetheart*  
Dessen, Sarah. *Dreamland: A Novel*  
Ferris, Jean. *Bad*  
Gottlieb, Lori. *Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former Self* (NF)  
Hopkins, Ellen. *Burned*  
Nicholson, Joy. *The Tribes of Palos Verdes*  
Simon, Rachel. *Riding the Bus with my Sister: A True Life Journey* (NF)  
Scott, Elizabeth. *Living Dead Girl*  
Sones, Sonya. *One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies*  
Woods, Brenda. *Emako Blue\**  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Behind You*

### His Reality

Flinn, Alex. *Breathing Underwater*  
Green, John. *Looking for Alaska*  
Hinton, S. E. *The Outsiders\**  
Hinton, S. E. *That Was Then, This is Now\**  
Jenkins, A.M. *Out of Order*  
Koller, Jackie French. *The Falcon\**  
Myers, Walter Dean. *Autobiography of My Dead Brother*  
Oaks, J. Adams. *Why I Fight*  
Salisbury, Graham. *Blue Skin of the Sea: A Novel in Stories*  
Salzman, Mark. *Lost in Place: Growing Up Absurd in Suburbia* (NF)  
Strasser, Todd. *Boot Camp*  
Trueman, Terry. *Cruise Control\**  
Trueman, Terry. *Stuck in Neutral\**  
Werlin, Nancy. *The Rules of Survival*  
Woods, Brenda. *Emako Blue\**  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Miracle's Boys*

## Teen Parents

Bechard, Margaret. *Hanging on to Max*  
Donofrio, Beverly. *Riding in Cars with Boys: Confessions of a Bad Girl Who Makes Good* (NF)  
Johnson, Angela. *The First Part Last*  
Pennebaker, Ruth. *Don't Think Twice*  
Porter, Connie Rose. *Imani All Mine*  
Werlin, Nancy. *Impossible: A Novel*

## Romance

Bat-Ami, Miriam. *Two Suns in the Sky*  
Berry, Liz. *The China Garden*  
Blume, Judy. *Forever...: A Novel*  
Caletti, Deb. *Wild Roses*  
Dessen, Sarah. *Someone Like You*  
Dessen, Sarah. *This Lullaby*  
Hobbs, Valerie. *How Far Would You Have Gotten If I Hadn't Called You Back*  
Klass, David. *Screen Test\**  
Segal, Erich. *Love Story*  
Soto, Gary. *Accidental Love\**  
Tyler, Anne. *Celestial Navigation*  
Wittlinger, Ellen. *Sandpiper*

## Overcoming Odds

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Speak*  
Ferris, Jean. *Of Sound Mind*  
Frank, E.R. *Wrecked*  
Guest, Judith. *Ordinary People*  
Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*  
Holman, Felice. *Slake's Limbo*  
Hopkins, Ellen. *Burned*  
Keyes, Daniel. *Flowers for Algernon*  
Marsden, John. *Letters from the Inside*  
Orr, Wendy. *Peeling the Onion*  
Rottman, S.L. *Head Above Water*  
Rottman, S.L. *Stetson*  
Sachar, Louis. *Holes\**  
Sebold, Alice. *Lucky* (NF)

## Seeking Identity

Cormier, Robert. *Beyond the Chocolate War: A Novel*  
Cormier, Robert. *The Chocolate War*  
Green, John. *Paper Towns*  
Koertge, Ronald. *Boy Girl Boy*  
Oaks, J. Adams. *Why I Fight*  
Patterson, Katherine. *Jacob Have I Loved*  
Wiesel, Elie. *Day*  
Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*

## Poetry

Bell, Marvin. *Stars Which See, Stars Which Do Not See: Poems*  
Soto, Gary. *Junior College*  
Willard, Nancy. *Step Lightly: Poems for the Journey*

## Humor

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. *Does My Head Look Big in This?*  
Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees: A Novel*  
Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Notes from the Midnight Driver*  
Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Under the Persimmon Tree*  
Tyler, Ann. *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*

## Adventure & Survival

Carter, Aldren R. *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*  
Hall, Elizabeth. *Child of the Wolves\**  
Krakauer, Jon. *Into the Wild*. (NF)  
Krakauer, Jon. *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster* (NF)  
Paulsen, Gary. *Brian's Winter.\**  
Paulsen, Gary. *Dogsong\**  
Shusterman, Neal. *Unwind*  
Sweeney, Joyce. *Free Fall*

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

Anderson, M. T. *Feed*  
Berry, Liz. *The China Garden*  
Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*  
Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*  
Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*  
Crichton, Michael. *The Andromeda Strain*  
Crichton, Michael. *Congo*  
Cooper, Susan. *The Dark Is Rising\**  
Cooney, Caroline B. *Prisoner of Time\**  
Jenkins, A. M. *Night Road*  
Kotzwinkle, William. *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*  
Lowry, Lois. *The Giver\**  
Orwell, George. *Animal Farm*  
Shusterman, Neal. *Everlost*  
Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Annotated Hobbit: The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again*  
Werlin, Nancy. *Impossible: A Novel*  
Westerfeld, Scott. *Peeps*  
Yarbro, Chelsea Quinn. *Monet's Ghost\**

## Addictions

Anonymous. *Go Ask Alice\**  
Cheripko, Jan. *Imitate the Tiger*  
Hanauer, Cathi. *My Sister's Bones: A Novel*  
Hesser, Terry Spencer. *Kissing Doorknobs\**  
Hopkins, Ellen. *Crank*  
Hopkins, Ellen. *Identical*  
Levenkron, Steven. *The Luckiest Girl in the World*  
Levenkron, Steven. *The Best Little Girl in the World*  
McCormick, Patricia. *Cut\**

## Sports

Bennett, James. *The Squared Circle*  
Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine*  
Cheripko, Jan. *Imitate the Tiger*  
Coy, John. *Crackback*  
Crutcher, Chris. *Ironman: A Novel*  
Crutcher, Chris. *Whale Talk*  
De la Peña, Matt. *Ball Don't Lie*  
Deuker, Carl. *Gym Candy*  
Deuker, Carl. *Night Hoops\**  
Freedman, Russell. *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion* (NF)  
Kinsella, W.P. *Shoeless Joe Jackson Comes to Iowa\**  
Jordan, Tom. *Pre: The Story of America's Greatest Running Legend Steve Prefontaine* (NF)\*  
Lipsyte, Robert. *The Contender*  
Lipsyte, Robert. *Raiders Night*  
Malamud, Bernard. *The Natural*  
Oaks, J. Adams. *Why I Fight*  
Peet, Mal. *Keeper*  
Peña, Matt de la. *Ball Don't Lie*  
Voigt, Cynthia. *The Runner*  
Volponi, Paul. *Black and White*  
Wallace, Rich. *One Good Punch*  
Wallace, Rich. *Wrestling Sturbridge\**

## Animals

Adamson, Joy. *Born Free, A Lioness of Two Worlds*  
Adamson, Joy. *Forever Free*  
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey\**  
Gipson, Frank. *Old Yeller*  
Mowat, Farley. *Never Cry Wolf*  
Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years\**

## Graphic Novels

Spiegelman, Art. *Maus: A Survivor's Tale*  
Satrapi, Marjane. *Persepolis*  
Satrapi, Marjane. *Persepolis 2*  
Talbot, Bryan. *Alice in Sunderland*  
Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*

## War & Terrorism

Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* (NF)  
Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two*  
Chambers, Aidan. *Postcards From No Man's Land*  
Chotjewitz, David. *Daniel Half Human: And the Good Nazi*  
Cormier, Robert. *After the First Death*  
Cormier, Robert. *Heroes: A Novel*  
Foreman, James D. *The Traitors*  
Jolin, Paula. *In the Name of God*  
Kass, Pnina Moed. *Real Time: A Novel*  
Mason, Bobbie Ann. *In Country: A Novel*  
Myers, Walter Dean. *Fallen Angels*  
Morpurgo, Michael. *Private Peaceful*  
Rosoff, Meg. *How I Live Now*  
Salisbury, Graham. *Eyes of the Emperor*  
Smith, Sherri. *Flygirl*

## Historic Fiction before 1900

Blake, Michael. *Dances with Wolves*  
Charbone, Eliza. *Stealing Freedom\**  
Chevalier, Tracy. *Girl with a Pearl Earring*  
Draper, Sharon. *Copper Sun*  
Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House\**  
Gaines, Ernest J. *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*  
Gregory, Kristiana. *The Legend of Jimmy Spoon\**  
Hudson, Jan. *Sweetgrass\**  
Johnson, Charles. *Middle Passage*  
Laxalt, Robert. *Dust Devils*  
Paulson, Gary. *Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War\**  
Portis, Charles. *True Grit: A Novel*  
O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins\**  
O'Dell, Scott. *Streams to the River, River to the Sea: A Novel of Sacagawea\**  
O'Dell, Scott. *The Serpent Never Sleeps: A Novel of Jamestown and Pocahontas*  
Richter, Conrad. *The Light in the Forest\**  
Yep, Laurence. *Dragon's Gate\**

## Historic Fiction, 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Greene, Bette. *Summer of My German Soldier\**  
Levandoski, Robert. *Going to Chicago*  
Pennebaker, Ruth. *Don't Think Twice*  
Voigt, Cynthia. *The Runner*  
Watson, Larry. *Justice*  
Watson, Larry. *Montana 1948*

## Short Stories & Anthologies

DiYanni, Robert. *Twenty-Five Great Essays*  
Ferrell, Carolyn. *Don't Erase Me: Stories\**  
Frosch, Mary, ed. *Coming of Age in America: A Multicultural*  
Haslem, Alexandra and Gerald, eds. *Where Coyotes Howl and Wind Blows: Growing Up in the West*  
Hernandez, Lisa. *Migrations and Other Stories*  
Mazer, Anne, ed. *America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories\**  
Mazer, Anne, ed. *Working Days: Short Stories about Teenagers at Work*  
O'Connor, Flannery. *A Good Man Is Hard to Find, and Other Stories*  
Pearson, Gayle. *The Secret Box\**  
Rochman, Hazel. *Leaving Home \**  
Rochman, Hazel. *Who Do You Think You Are?: Stories of Friends and Enemies\**  
Silvey, Anita. *Help Wanted: Short Stories about Young People Working\**  
Soto, Gary, ed. *Pieces of the Heart: New Chicano Fiction*  
Taylor, Theodore. *Rogue Wave: And Other Red-Blooded Sea Stories\**  
Wilson, Budge. *Mothers and Other Strangers: Stories\**  
Yep, Laurence. *The Rainbow People\**

## Contemporary Multicultural Fiction & Nonfiction

### African American

- Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (NF)
- Armstrong, William. *Souder\**
- Baldwin, James. *If Beale Street Could Talk*
- Campbell, Bebe Moore. *Sweet Summer: Growing Up With and Without My Dad* (NF)
- Chambers, Veronica. *Mama's Girl* (NF)
- Childress, Alice. *A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich\**
- Canada, Geoffrey. *Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America* (NF)
- Delany, Sarah and Elizabeth. *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* (NF)
- Fradin, Dennis. *Ida B. Wells: Mother of the Civil Rights Movement\** (NF)
- Gaines, Ernest J. *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*
- Gaines, Ernest J. *A Lesson Before Dying*
- Hewett, Lorri. *Lives of Our Own*
- Hill, Earnest E. *A Life for a Life: A Novel*
- Hooks, Bell. *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood* (NF)
- Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- Morrison, Toni. *The Bluest Eye*
- Myers, Walter Dean. *Autobiography of My Dead Brother*
- Myers, Walter Dean. *Monster*
- Myers, Walter Dean. *Somewhere in the Darkness*
- Porter, Connie Rose. *Imani All Mine*
- Smith, Sherri. *Flygirl*
- Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Fast Talk on a Slow Track\**
- Woods, Brenda. *Emako Blue\**
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *Behind You*
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *Miracle's Boys*

### Asian American

- Dallas, Sandra. *Tallgrass*
- Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki. *Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II* (NF)
- Kingston, Maxine Hong. *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* (NF)
- Na, An. *A Step from Heaven\**
- Ng, Fae Myenne. *Bone*
- Mori, Kyoko. *Shizuko's Daughter\**
- Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club*
- Uchida, Yoshiko. *Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family* (NF)
- Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*

### Hispanic

- Alvarez, Julia. *Before We Were Free*
- Alvarez, Julia. *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*
- Anaya, Rudolfo A. *Bless Me, Ultima: A Novel*
- Augenbraun, Harold and Ilan Stavans, eds. *Growing Up Latino: Memoirs and Stories*

- Beatty, Patricia. *Lupita Mañana\**
- Cisneros, Sandra. *House on Mango Street\**
- Esquivel, Laura. *Like Water for Chocolate*
- Grande, Reyna. *Across a Hundred Mountains: A Novel*
- Hart, Elva Treviño. *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child* (NF)
- Jimenez, Francisco. *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child\**
- Jimenez, Francisco. *Breaking Through\**
- Martinez, Manuel Luis. *Drift*
- Martinez, Victor. *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida: A Novel\**
- Rodriguez, Luis J. *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* (NF)
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Esperanza Rising\**
- Sáenz, Benjamin Alire. *Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood*
- Soto, Gary. *Afterlife\**
- Soto, Gary. *Buried Onions\**
- Soto, Gary. *Jesse\**
- Soto, Gary. *Living Up the Street: Narrative Recollections* (NF)

### Other Countries & Other Cultures

- Bagdasarian, Adam. *Forgotten Fire*
- Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* (NF)
- Chang, Pang-Mei. *Bound Feet & Western Dress* (NF)
- Compestine, Ying Chang. *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*
- Filipovic, Zlata. *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo\** (NF)
- Kincaid, Jamaica. *Annie John*
- McCormick, Patricia. *Sold*
- Naidoo, Beverly. *No Turning Back: A Novel of South Africa*
- Jaffe, Nina and Steve Zeitlin. *The Cow of No Color: Riddle Stories and Justice Tales from Around the World\**
- Kawabata, Yasunari. *Thousand Cranes*
- Porte, Barbara Ann. *Hearsay: Strange Tales from the Middle Kingdom\**
- Soto, Gary. *Pacific Crossing\**
- Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Under the Persimmon Tree*
- Ung, Loung. *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* (NF)

## Biographies & Personal Accounts (All Nonfiction)

Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
Beah, Ishmael. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*  
Campbell, Bebe Moore. *Sweet Summer: Growing Up With and Without My Dad*  
Chambers, James. *Genghis Kahn*  
Chambers, Veronica. *Mama's Girl*  
Chang, Pang-Mei. *Bound Feet & Western Dress*  
Charney, Ann. *Dobryd*  
Davin, Delia. *Mao Zedong*  
Delany, Sarah and Elizabeth A. *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*  
Dillard, Annie. *An American Childhood*  
Donofrio, Beverly. *Riding in Cars with Boys: Confessions of a Bad Girl Who Makes Good*  
Fradin, Dennis. *Ida B. Wells: Mother of the Civil Rights Movement\**  
Frank, Anne. *The Diary of a Young Girl*  
Freedman, Russell. *Lincoln: A Photobiography*  
Freedman, Russell. *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights\**  
Filipovic, Zlata. *Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo\**  
Giblin, James. *Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero*  
Hall, William. *James Dean*  
Harmer, H.J.P. *Martin Luther King*  
Hart, Elva Treviño. *Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child*  
Haskins, James. *Queen of the Blues: A Biography of Dinah Washington*  
Haskins, James. *Scott Joplin*  
Hayden, Torey L. *Ghost Girl the True Story of a Child in Peril and the Teacher Who Saved Her*  
Holiday, Billie. *Lady Sings the Blues*  
Hooks, Bell. *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood*  
Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki. *Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II*  
Kingston, Maxine Hong. *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts*  
Lang, Paul. *Maria Tallchief: Native American \**  
Lawlor, Laurie. *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit\**  
McBride, James. *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*  
Morley, Sheridan. *Marilyn Monroe*  
Neimark, Anne. *Johnny Cash: A Twentieth Century Life*  
Parks, Rosa. *Rosa Parks: My Story\**  
Partridge, Elizabeth. *John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth*  
Rice, E. E. *Alexander the Great*  
Rochman, Hazel, comp. *Bearing Witness: Stories of the Holocaust*  
Rodriguez, Luis J. *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.*  
Roubickova, Eva M. *We're Alive and Life Goes On: A Theresienstadt Diary*  
Salzman, Mark. *Iron & Silk*

Salzman, Mark. *Lost in Place: Growing Up Absurd in Suburbia*  
Scott, Robert A. *Douglas MacArthur and the Century of War*  
Sinclair, Andrew. *Che Guevara*  
Soto, Gary. *Living Up the Street: Narrative Recollections*  
St. George, Judith. *To See with Heart: The Life of Sitting Bull\**  
Stanley, Jerry. *Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution\**  
Stanley, Jerry. *Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp\**  
Stanley, Jerry. *Frontier Merchants: Lionel and Barron Jacobs and the Jewish Pioneers Who Settled the West\**  
Toth, Susan. *Blooming: A Small-town Girlhood\**  
Uchida, Yoshiko. *Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family*  
Wilson, Stephen. *Sigmund Freud*  
Wiesel, Elie. *Night*  
Wolff, Tobias. *This Boy's Life: A Memoir*