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### 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*

### Horror, Vampires, and Unworldly Things
- 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*

### 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. *Th1rteen R3asons 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*
- 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*

### 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*
- 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
Kingsover, 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*
- 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*
- Peet, Mal. *Keeper*
- Peña, Matt de la. *Ball Don’t Lie*
- 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*
- 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, 20th 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* *
- Froshch, 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)
- Baldwin, James. *If Beale Street Could Talk*
- 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*
- 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*
- Hooksett, Bell. *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood* (NF)
- Jimenez, Francisco. *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*
- Jimenez, Francisco. *Breaking Through*
- Martínez, Manuel Luis. *Drift*
- Martínez, Victor. *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida: A Novel*
- Rodríguez, 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)

### Asian American
- Bagdasarian, Adam. *Forgotten Fire*
- Chang, Pang-Mei. *Bound Feet & Western Dress* (NF)
- Compestine, Ying Chang. *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*
- 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* (NF)
- 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)

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