A separate peace

by John Knowles

A conflict of loyalties between Gene and his fearless friend, Phineas, leads to tragedy.

The bell jar

by Sylvia Plath

Esther Greenwood, a talented and successful writer, finally begins to succumb to madness when the world around her begins to falter.

All quiet on the Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque

The testament of Paul Baumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I, illuminates the savagery and futility of war.

The little prince

by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

The catcher in the rye

by J. D. Salinger

In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, sixteen-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.

A tree grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith

Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

Huck and his companion Jim, a runaway slave, travel down the Mississippi to escape from slavery and "sivilization".

Slaughterhouse-five

by Kurt Vonnegut

Billy Pilgrim returns home from the Second World War only to be kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore, who teach him that time is an eternal present.

The color purple

by Alice Walker

The lives of two sisters--Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man she hates--are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years.

All the king's men

by Robert Penn Warren

Willie Stark's obsession with political power leads to the ultimate corruption of his gubernatorial administration.

The time machine

by H. G. Wells

A time traveler voyages into the year 802701 to discover that the world is divided into two groups, the Morlocks and the Eloi.



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Classic Books

Watership Down

by Richard Adams

A group of wild rabbits are forced to flee their doomed warren and find a safe place to live in the face of brutal challenges.

Little women

by Louisa May Alcott

Jo, Beth, Meg, and Amy March and their mother endure the hardships of poverty while the girls' father is away fighting in the Civil War.

I know why the caged bird sings

by Maya Angelou

The critically acclaimed author and poet recalls the anguish of her childhood in Arkansas and her adolescence in northern slums.

Emma

by Jane Austen

Content with her life and not interested in marriage, Emma Woodhouse, a rich and beautiful heiress, causes complications with her matchmaking schemes.

Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Bronte

A plain but spirited Victorian governess's growing love for her mysterious employer, the brooding Mr. Rochester, is threatened by the tragic secret of his mansion.

A clockwork orange

by Anthony Burgess

Satire of the present inhumanity of man to man through a futuristic culture where teenagers rule with violence.

The secret garden

by Frances Hodgson Burnett

A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Tarzan of the apes

by Edgar Rice Burroughs

The adventures of an aristocratic English child reared by African apes after the death of his parents.

The Red Badge of Courage

by Stephen Crane

The glory, pride, horror, and cowardice that are associated with war are depicted in a classic account of a young soldier's Civil War experiences.

A tale of two cities: and, Great expectations

by Charles Dickens

The tale of love, courage, and sacrifice set against the cataclysmic events of the French Revolution, and the story of the orphan Pip and his rise in Victorian society when a mysterious benefactor allows him to be educated as a gentleman.

The Count of Monte Cristo

by Alexandre Dumas

Edmond Dantes is wrongfully imprisoned in an unreachable sea fortress and discovers a hidden treasure that he uses to finance elaborate vengeance on the people who wronged him.

The three musketeers

by Alexandre Dumas

D'Artagnan, an impetuous young man determined to join the King's Musketeers, finds himself in an alliance with three of the group's finest swordsmen.

Invisible man

by Ralph Ellison

A black man's search for success and the American dream leads him out of college to Harlem and a growing sense of personal rejection and social invisibility

The great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic tale set in the Roaring Twenties was even banned at the college level, due to language and sexual references. Reissue.

The Scarlet letter

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Hester Prynne is ostracized from her seventeenthcentury Puritan community for refusing to name the father of her child.

Catch-22

by Joseph Heller

The struggles of a United States airman attempting to survive the lunacy and depravity of a World War II airbase.

A farewell to arms

by Ernest Hemingway

A volunteer ambulance driver wounded on the Italian front and the English nurse he loves and leaves behind.

The old man and the sea

by Ernest Hemingway

Story of an old fisherman's struggle against natural obstacles that hinder the catch of a huge marlin.

Siddhartha

by Hermann Hesse

An Indian aristocrat's efforts to renounce sensual and material pleasures and discover ultimate spiritual truths.

Brave new world

by Aldous Huxley

Huxley's terrifying prophetic novel describes the socialized horrors of a futuristic utopian society devoid of individual freedom.