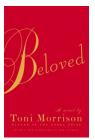


Metamorphosis and Other Stories

by Franz Kafka

A seemingly typical man wakes up one morning to discover he has been transformed into a gigantic insect, and must deal with the depression over his new physical alteration, as well as the rejection of his family.



Beloved

by Toni Morrison

F Morrison Sethe, an escaped slave living in post-Civil War Ohio with her daughter and mother-in-law, is haunted persistently by the ghost of the dead baby girl whom she sacrificed.



1984

by George Orwell

F Orwell

London is a grim city where Big Brother is always watching you and the Thought Police can practically read your mind. Winston is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory still functions.



The Grapes of Wrath

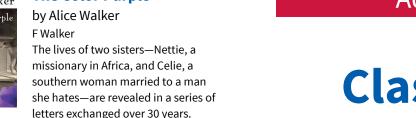
by John Steinbeck F Steinbeck

Depicts the hardships and suffering endured by the Joad family as they journey from Oklahoma to California during the Great Depression.



The Color Purple

The lives of two sisters—Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man letters exchanged over 30 years.



Science Fiction

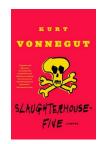


Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

F Bradbury

Firefighter Guy Montag is assigned to locate, confiscate, and burn books. He is content doing this until he discovers the valuable knowledge found within books. Now he must decide what to do.



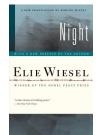
Slaughterhouse-Five

by Kurt Vonnegut

F Vonnegut

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

Nonfiction



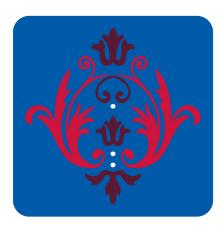
Night

by Elie Wiesel 940.531 Wie

The memoir of a boy who lived through Auschwitz and Buchenwald provides a short and terrible indictment of modern humanity.



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Things Fall Apart

by Chinua Achebe

F Achebe

Traces the growing friction between village leaders and Europeans determined to save the "heathen souls" of Africa. The hero, a noble man who is driven by destructive forces, speaks a universal tongue.

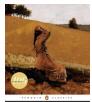


The Stranger

by Albert Camus

F Camus

When a young Algerian kills a man, his subsequent imprisonment and trial are puzzling and absurd. The apparently amoral Meursault seems to be on trial less for his murderous actions, and more for what the authorities believe is his deficient character.



My Ántonia

by Willa Cather

F Cather

The reminiscences of a New York lawyer, Jim Burden, about his boyhood in Nebraska, particularly a young Bohemian girl named Ántonia Shimerda, are set against the backdrop of the American assimilation immigrants.



The Awakening and **Selected Stories**

by Kate Chopin

F Chopin

When a Louisiana woman meets a young resort owner while on vacation, she begins to fall in love with him despite her own marriage.



Great Expectations

by Charles Dickens

F Dickens

Pip, a blacksmith's young nephew, falls deeply in love with the haughty and mysterious Estella, who does not reciprocate his feelings, but their lives remain intertwined through the rise and fall of his fortunes.



Crime and Punishment

by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

F Dostovevsky

Believing he can commit the perfect crime, Roderick Raskolnikov robs and murders an elderly pawnbroker. He eventually finds himself engaged in a battle of wits with inspector Porfiry, a policeman who is determined to wring a confession from Raskolnikov.



Rebecca

by Daphne Du Maurier

F Du Maurier

A young girl becomes the second Mrs. Max de Winter, only to find that she is not the mistress of Manderley. Instead the house and its occupants are dominated by the memory of Rebecca, her predecessor.

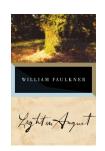


Invisible Man

by Ralph Ellison

F 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.

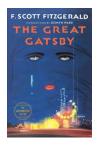


Light in August

by William Faulkner

F Faulkner In a novel about hopeless perseverance in the face of mortality, guileless Lena Grove searches for the father of her unborn child, Reverend Hightower is plagued by visions of Confederate horsemen, and drifter Joe Christmas

is consumed by his mixed ancestry.



The Great Gatsby

by F. Scott Fitzgerald F Fitzgerald

The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby, his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, and of lavish parties on Long Island.



One Hundred Years of Solitude

by Gabriel García Márquez F García Márquez The evolution and eventual decadence of a small South American town is mirrored in the family history of the Buendias.



A Farewell to Arms

by Ernest Hemingway F Hemingway A volunteer ambulance driver and a beautiful English nurse fall in love when he is wounded on the Italian front in World War I.

