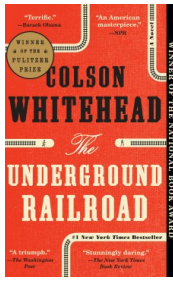


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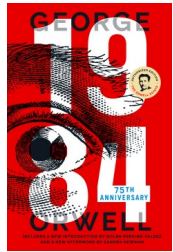
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*The Underground Railroad*  
Whitehead, Colson [FICTION WHITEHEAD, COLSON](#)

After Cora, a pre-Civil War Georgia slave, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South.

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1984  
Orwell, George [YA ORWELL](#)

A dystopian novel published in 1949 by English author George Orwell, is set in the year 1984 when most of the world population have become victims of perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance and propaganda.

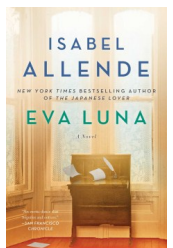
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*All the Light We Cannot See*  
Doerr, Anthony [FICTION DOERR, ANTHONY](#)

A blind French girl on the run from the German occupation and a German orphan-turned-Resistance tracker struggle with their respective beliefs after meeting on the Brittany coast.

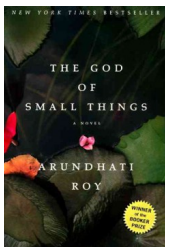
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*Eva Luna*  
Allende, Isabel [S 863 ALL](#)  
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Born in the back room of the mansion where her mother toils, and herself in service from an early age, the ever-enchanted Eva Luna escapes oppression through story telling. Rolf Carle flees Germany for South America, and ultimately works as a documentary film maker, to escape childhood memories of burying the concentration camp dead.

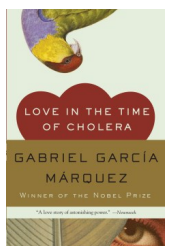
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*The God of Small Things*  
Roy, Arundhati [FICTION ROY, ARUNDHAT](#)

The story of an Indian family during the 1969 Communist disturbances in Kerala province. Told through the eyes of a boy and his sister who are the children of a rich rubber planter.

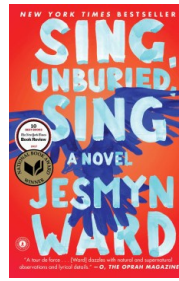
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*Love in the Time of Cholera*  
García Márquez, Gabriel [FICTION GARCIA, GABRIEL](#)

Florentino has never forgotten his first love. He has waited nearly a lifetime in silence since his beloved Fermina married another man. Now her husband is dead and finally Florentino has another chance to declare his eternal passion and win her back.

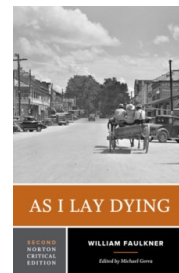
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*Sing, Unburied, Sing*  
Ward, Jesmyn [FICTION WARD, JESMYN](#)

Living with his grandparents and toddler sister on a Gulf Coast farm, Jojo navigates the challenges of his tormented mother's addictions and grandmother's terminal cancer before the release of his father from prison prompts a road trip of danger and hope.

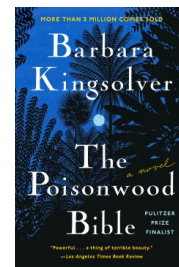
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*As I Lay Dying*  
Faulkner, William [FICTION FAULKNER, WILLIAM](#)

Recounts the Bundren family's odyssey across the Mississippi countryside to bury Addie, their wife and mother, through the eyes of each of the family members.

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*The Poisonwood Bible*  
Kingsolver, Barbara [FICTION KINGSOLV, BARBARA](#)

In 1959, Nathan Price, a evangelical Baptist who has taken his wife and four daughters on a mission to the Belgian Congo, finds that their traditions are no longer secure in this very different world.

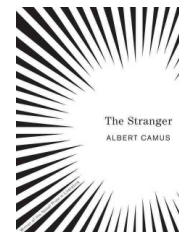
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*Demian*  
Hesse, Hermann [Book on Order](#)

A friend's mother, war, and newly discovered self-respect draw a young man toward his psychological awakening.

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*The Stranger*  
Camus, Albert [FICTION CAMUS, ALBERT](#)

An ordinary man is unwittingly caught up in a senseless murder in Algeria.

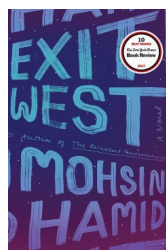
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Beautiful and wealthy Antoinette Cosway's passionate love for an English aristocrat threatens to destroy her idyllic West Indian island existence and her very life.

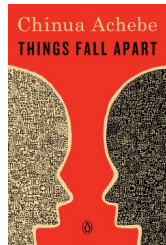
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**Exit West** [FICTION HAMID, MOHSIN](#)  
Hamid, Mohsin

Two young lovers engage in a furtive affair shaped by local unrest on the eve of a civil war that erupts in a cataclysmic bombing attack, forcing them to abandon their previous home and lives.

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A classic novel about the confrontation of African tribal life with colonial rule tells the tragic story of a warrior whose manly, fearless exterior conceals bewilderment, fear, and anger at the breakdown of his society.

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**Sport of Kings** [FICTION MORGAN, C.E.](#)  
Morgan, C.E.

The trailblazing patriarch of a proud Kentucky clan, his daughter and a black ex-prisoner embark on an effort to reclaim the family's near-mythic legacy by breeding champion horses, an endeavor that is challenged by divided ambitions, the farm's ugly past and a willful thoroughbred filly.

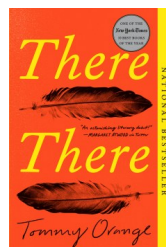
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**The Left Hand of Darkness** [SCIENCE FICTION LEGUIN, URSULA](#)  
Le Guin, Ursula

While on a mission to the planet Gethen, a world whose inhabitants can change their gender, earthling Genly Ai is sent by leaders of the nation of Orgoreyn to a concentration camp from which the exiled prime minister of the nation of Karhide tries to rescue him.

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A novel that grapples with the complex history and identity of Native Americans follows twelve characters, each of whom has private reasons for traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow.

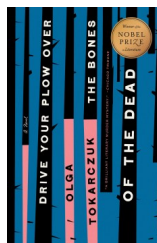
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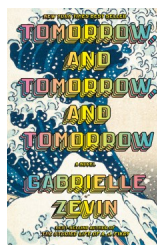
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