

200 books-to-read list

Fiction

- 1984*, George Orwell
- A Handful of Dust*, Evelyn Waugh
- A House for Mr. Biswas*, V.S. Naipaul
- A Passage to India*, E.M. Forster
- A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, James Joyce
- A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens
- Animal Farm*, George Orwell
- Anna Karenina*, Leo Tolstoy
- Beloved*, Toni Morrison
- Black Mischief; Scoop; The Loved One; The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold*, Evelyn Waugh, Evelyn
- Brideshead Revisited*, Evelyn Waugh
- Canterbury Tales*, Chaucer
- Carried Away*, Alice Munro
- Catch-22*, Joseph Heller
- Collected Stories*, Raymond Chandler
- Collected Stories*, Roald Dahl
- Collected Stories*, Franz Kafka
- Collected Stories*, W. Somerset Maugham
- Crime and Punishment*, Fyodor Dostoevsky
- David Copperfield*, Charles Dickens
- Doctor Zhivago*, Boris Pasternak
- Dubliners*, James Joyce
- Great Expectations*, Charles Dickens
- Heart of Darkness*, Joseph Conrad
- Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Brontë
- Joseph and His Brothers*, Thomas Mann
- Lolita*, Vladimir Nabokov
- Love in the Time of Cholera*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Madame Bovary*, Gustave Flaubert
- Midnight's Children*, Salman Rushdie
- Moby Dick*, Herman Melville
- Malloy; Malone Dies; The Unnamable: A Trilogy*, Samuel Beckett
- Mr. Sampath: The Printer of Malgudi; The financial Expert; Waiting for the Mahatma*, R.K. Narayan
- Mrs. Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf
- My Antonia*, Willa Cather
- Offshore; Human Voices; The Beginning of Spring*, Penelope Fitzgerald
- Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens
- One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Pale Fire*, Vladimir Nabokov
- Persuasion*, Jane Austen

- Pnin*, Vladimir Nabokov
- Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
- Rabbit Angstrom*, John Updike
- Sense and Sensibility*, Jane Austen
- Song of Solomon*, Toni Morrison
- Swami and Friends; The Bachelor of Arts; The Dark Room; The English Teacher*, R.K. Narayan
- The Big Sleep; Farewell My Lovely; The High Window*, Raymond Chandler
- The Bookshop; The Gate of Angels; The Blue Flower*, Penelope Fitzgerald
- The Border Trilogy*, Cormac McCarthy
- The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky
- The Castle*, Franz Kafka
- The Complete Henry Bech*, John Updike
- The Complete Short Novels*, Anton Chekhov
- The Complete Short Stories*, Evelyn Waugh
- The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, Giorgio Bassani
- The General in His Labyrinth*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
- The House of Spirits*, Isabel Allende
- The Human Factor*, Graham Greene
- The Lady in the Lake; The Little Sister; The Long Goodbye; Playback*, Raymond Chandler
- The Magic Mountain*, Thomas Mann
- The Maltese Falcon; The Thin Man; Red Harvest*, Dashiell Hammett
- The Mill on the Floss*, George Eliot
- The Name of the Rose*, Umberto Eco
- The Plague; The Fall, Exile and the Kingdom, and Selected Essays*, Albert Camus
- The Postman Always Rings Twice; Double Indemnity; Mildred Pierce; and Selected Stories*, James M. Cain
- The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie; The Girls of Slender Means; The Driver's Seat; The Only Problem*; Muriel Spark
- The Radetzky March*, Joseph Roth
- The Scarlett Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Stranger*, Albert Camus
- The Tale of Genji*, Shikibu Murasaki
- The Talented Mr. Ripley; Ripley Underground; Ripley's Game*, Patricia Highsmith
- The Trial*, Franz Kafka
- Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe
- This Side of Paradise*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
- To the Lighthouse*, Virginia Woolf
- Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
- Ulysses*, James Joyce
- Zeno's Conscience*, Italo Svevo
- The Best of Wodehouse*, P.G. Wodehouse
- Dain Curse; The Glass Key; and The Selected Stories*, Dashiell Hammett
- Death Comes for the Archbishop*, Will Cather

- Ficciones*, Jorge Luis Borges
- If on a Winter's Night a Traveler*, Italo Calvino
- The Master and Margarita*, Mikhail Bulgakov
- Sons and Lovers*, D.H. Lawrence
- The Cairo Trilogy*, Naguib Mahfouz
- The Sword of Honor*, Evelyn Waugh
- Three Novels of Ancient Egypt: Khufu's Wisdom; Rhapodis of Nubia; Thebes at War*, Naguib Mahfouz
- Mansfield Park*, Jane Austen
- Northanger Abby*, Jane Austen
- Emma*, Jane Austen

Non-Fiction

- Democracy in America*, Alexi de Tocqueville
- Essays*, George Orwell
- Meditations*, Marcus Aurelius
- Rights of Man and Common Sense*, Thomas Paine
- Speak, Memory*, Vladimir Nabokov
- The Republic*, Plato
- The Prince*, Niccolo Machiavelli
- The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith
- Walden*, Henry David Thoreau
- We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live*, Joan Didion
- Waugh Abroad: Collected Travel Writing*, Evelyn Waugh
- A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, Mary Wollstonecraft

Religion

- Tao Te Ching*, Lao-Tzu
- The Collected Works*, Kahil Gibran
- The Confessions*, Augustine

Poetry

- The Aenid*, Virgil
- The Divine Comedy*, Alighieri Dante
- The Iliad*, Homer
- The Odyssey*, Homer
- Marriage Poems*, John Hollander
- Baudelaire: Poems*, Charles Baudelaire

Philosophy

- The Analects*, Confucius

History

- The Histories*, Herodotus

Biography

- The Periodic Table*, Primo Levi
- The Woman Warrior; China Men*, Maxine Hong Kingston
- The Life of Samuel Johnson*, James Boswell

Children's

- Adventures of Robin Hood*, Roger Lancelyn Green

- Aladdin and Other Tales*, W. Heath Robinson
- Anne of Green Gables*, L.M. Montgomery
- A Apple Pie & Nursery Rhymes*, Kate Greenaway
- The BFG*, Roald Dahl
- Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell
- A Book of Nonsense*, Edward Lear
- A Child's Garden of Verses*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens
- Daddy Long Legs*, Jean Webster
- Don Quixote of the Mancha*, Miguel de Cervantes
- English Fairy Tales*, Joseph Jacobs
- The Everyman Anthology of Poetry for Children*, Gillian Avery
- The Everyman Book of Nonsense Verse*, Louise Guinness
- Fables*, Aesop
- Fairy Tales*, Hans Christian Andersen
- Fairy Tales*, The Brothers Grimm
- Jack the Giant Killer*, Richard Doyle
- Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling
- King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*, Roger Lancelyn Green
- The Light in the Forest*, Conrad Richter
- Little Red Riding Hood & Other Stories*, Charles Perrault
- Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott
- Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes*, Walter Jerrold
- Peter Pan*, J.M. Barrie
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin*, Robert Browning
- The Princess and the Goblin*, George MacDonald
- Ride a Cock-Horse and Other Rhymes and Stories*, Randolph Caldecott
- Robin Crusoe*, Daniel Defoe
- Russian Fairy Tales*, Gillian Avery
- The Scarlett Pimpernel*, Baroness Orczy
- The Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Sherlock Holmes*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Sleepy Beauty*, C.S. Evans
- The Three Musketeers*, Alexandre Dumas
- Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Wind in the Willows*, Kenneth Grahame
- The Wizard of Oz*, L. Frank Baum
- A Wonder Book for Boys & Girls*, Nathaniel Hawthorne