

LIST OF NOTABLE FICTION

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This list contains titles of both literary and popular classics. It is nowhere near being complete, but it will provide those interested in reading classic fiction a place to start. In compiling this list, I have consulted many sources and have included authors and titles that are available and recognizable. I haven't made any judgments as to the wholesomeness of the work. For the books I have read and can recommend, see my personal list.

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AMERICAN LITERATURE (pre-1900)

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women. An Old-Fashioned Girl. Eight Cousins. Jack and Jill.*

Alger, Horatio. (Novels for boys.) *The World Before Him. Adrift in New York.*

Bellamy, Edward. *Looking Backward 2000-1887. The Duke of Stockbridge.*

Bierce, Ambrose. *In the Midst of Life.*

Brown, Charles B. *Wieland. Ormond. Arthur Mervyn. Edgar Huntly.*

Burnett, Francis H. *Little Lord Fauntleroy. The Secret Garden.*
(Adult novels too.) *A Woman's Will. That Lass o' Lawries.*

Chopin, Kate. *The Awakening.*

Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Spy. The Pioneers. The Last of the Mohicans. The Prairie. The Pathfinder. The Deerslayer.*

Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage. Maggie, A Girl of the Streets.*

Harte, Bret. (Best work in stories.)

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter. The House of the Seven Gables. The Blithedale Romance. The Marble Faun.*

Holmes, Oliver Wendell. *Elsie Venner. The Guardian Angel. A Mortal Antipathy.*

Howells, William Dean. *The Rise of Silas Lapham. A Traveler from Altruria. A Modern Instance. A Hazard of New Fortunes.*

Irving, Washington. "The Knickerbocker History." *The Sketch Book* (includes "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"). *The Alhambra. Astoria.*

James, Henry. *The American. Daisy Miller* (novella). *The Portrait of a Lady. What Maisie Knew. The Turn of the Screw* (novella). *The Ambassadors.*

Jewett, Sarah Orne. *The Country of the Pointed Fir* (stories). *The Country Doctor. A Marsh Island.*

Melville, Herman. *Piazza Tales. Moby Dick. The Confidence-Man. Billy Budd.*

Norris, Frank. *McTeague. The Octopus. The Pitt.*

Poe, Edgar Allen. *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym. Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque. The Murders in the Rue Morgue. The Literati.*

Pyle, Howard. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.*

Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin.*

Twain, Mark (pen name for Samuel Clemens). *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. The Prince and the Pauper.*

Wallace, Lew. *Ben-Hur.*

AMERICAN LITERATURE (Twentieth Century)

Anderson, Sherwood. *Winesburg, Ohio* (stories). *The Triumph of the Egg* (stories). *Windy McPherson's Son*.

Baldwin, James. *Go Tell It on the Mountain*.

Bellow, Saul. *The Adventures of Augie March*. *Seize the Day* (novella). *Mr. Sammler's Planet*.

Buck, Pearl. *The Good Earth*. *Sons*. *A House Divided*. *The Exile*. *Dragon Seed*. *The Promise*.

Capote, Truman. *Other Voices, Other Rooms*. *The Grass Harp*. *In Cold Blood*.

Cather, Willa. *The Professor's House*. *O Pioneers!* *The Song of the Lark*. *My Antonia*. *One of Ours*.

Dos Passos, John. *Three Soldiers*. *Manhattan Transfer*. *U.S.A. Trilogy*.

Dreiser, Theodore. *Sister Carrie*. *An American Tragedy*.

Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*.

Faulkner, William. *The Sound and the Fury*. *As I Lay Dying*. *Absalom, Absalom!* *The Fable*. *The Town*. *The Mansion*.

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *This Side of Paradise*. *The Beautiful and Damned*. *The Great Gatsby*. *Tender is the Night*. *Flappers and Philosophers* (stories). *Tales of the Jazz Age* (stories).

Gaines, Ernest. *Of Love and Dust*. *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman*. *Bloodline* (stories).

Glasgow, Ellen. *Virginia*. *Life and Gabriella*. *Barren Ground*. *Vein of Iron*. *The Descendant*. *In This Our Life*.

Hemingway, Ernest. *The Sun Also Rises*. *A Farewell to Arms*. *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. *Across the River and Into the Trees*. *The Old Man and the Sea* (novella).

Hersey, John. *A Bell for Adano*. *Hiroshima*.

Kesey, Ken. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. *Sometimes a Great Notion*.

Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Lewis, Sinclair. *Main Street*. *Babbitt*. *Arrowsmith*. *Dodsworth*. *It Can't Happen Here*.

London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild. The Sea Wolf. The Game. White Fang. Smoke Bellow. The Iron Heel.*

Mailer, Norman. *The Naked and the Dead. Barbary Shore. The Deer Park.*

Malamund, Bernard. *The Assistant. The Natural* (baseball fantasy). *The Fixer.*

McCullers, Carson. *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter. The Member of the Wedding.*

Mitchell, Margaret. *Gone with the Wind.*

Michener, James A. *Tales of the South Pacific.*

Montgomery, L.M. (Canadian). *Anne of Green Gables* series.

Morrison, Toni. *Beloved. Bluest Eye. Song of Solomon. Sula.*

O'Conner, Flannery. *Wise Blood. The Violent Bear It Away.* (Many stories.)

Porter, Gene Stratton. *Freckles. A Girl of the Limberlost.*

Porter, Katherine Anne. *Flowering Judas* (stories). *Leaning Tower* (stories). *Ship of Fools. Pale Horse, Pale Rider* (stories).

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *The Yearling.*

Salinger, J.D. *The Catcher in the Rye.*

Saroyan, William. *The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze. My Name is Aram* (related stories). *The Human Comedy.*

Shaara, Michael. *The Killer Angels.*

Sinclair, Upton. *The Jungle. King Coal. Oil! Boston. Lanny Budd* series (pop).

Stein, Gertrude. *Three Lives* (novellas). *Tender Buttons* (stories).

Steinbeck, John. *Tortilla Flat. Of Mice and Men. The Red Pony* (novella). *The Grapes of Wrath. Cannery Row. East of Eden.*

Styron, William. *Lie Down in Darkness. The Confessions of Nat Turner. Sophie's Choice.*

Tarkington, Booth. *The Turmoil. The Magnificent Ambersons. The Midlander. Alice Adams.*

Tyler, Anne. *The Accidental Tourist. Breathing Lessons. Celestial Navigations. Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant. Morgan's Passing. Searching for Caleb.*

Updike, John. *Couples. Rabbit is Rich. Rabbit Redux. Rabbit, Run. Witches of Eastwick.*

Walker, Alice. *The Color Purple.*

Warren, Robert Penn. *Night Rider. All the King's Men. World Enough and Time.*

Welty, Eudora. *The Optimist's Daughter.*

West, Nathanael. *Miss Lonelyhearts. The Day of the Locust.*

Wharton, Edith. *The House of Mirth. Ethan Frome. The Custom of the Country. The Age of Innocence.*

Wilder, Laura Ingles. *Little House* books.

Wilder, Thornton. *The Cabala. The Bridge of San Luis Rey. Our Town* (play). *The Ides of March. The Matchmaker* (Hello, Dolly!).

Wolfe, Thomas. *Look Homeward, Angel. Of Time and the River. The Web and the Rock. You Can't Go Home Again.*

Wouk, Herman. *The Caine Mutiny. The City Boy. Marjorie Morningstar. War and Remembrance. Winds of War. Youngblood Hawke.*

BRITISH CLASSICS

Austen, Jane. *Emma. Mansfield Park. Northanger Abbey. Persuasion. Pride and Prejudice. Sense and Sensibility.*

Barrie, J.M. *Peter Pan.*

Blackmore, R.D. *Lorna Doone.*

Bligh, William. *Mutiny on the Bounty.*

Bronte, Anne. *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall.*

Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre. Shirley. Vilette. The Professor, A Tale.*

Bronte, Emily. *Wuthering Heights.*

Bunyan, John. *The Pilgrim's Progress.*

Butler, Samuel. *The Way of All Flesh.*

Carroll, Lewis. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Through the Looking Glass.*

Chaucer, Geoffrey. *The Canterbury Tales.*

Cleland, John. *Memoirs of Fanny Hill.*

Collins, Wilkie. *The Moonstone. The Woman in White.*

Conrad, Joseph. *Chance. Heart of Darkness and the Secret Sharer (Batam Classics). Lord Jim. The Secret Agent.*

Defoe, Daniel. *Moll Flanders. Robinson Crusoe. Roxana.*

Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield. Great Expectations. Hard Times. Oliver Twist. A Tale of Two Cities. Nicholas Nickleby. Bleak House. The Pickwick Papers. "A Christmas Carol."*

Doyle, Sir A. Conan. *Sherlock Holmes mysteries.*

Eliot, George (pen name of Mary Ann Evans). *Adam Bede. Daniel Deronda. Middlemarch. The Mill on the Floss. Silas Marner.*

Fielding, Henry. *Jonathan Wild. Joseph Andrews. Tom Jones.*

Galsworthy, John. *The Forsyte Saga (trilogy).*

Gaskell, Elizabeth. *Wives and Daughters*.

Goldsmith, Oliver. *The Vicar of Wakefield*. *She Stoops to Conquer*.

Grahame, Kenneth. *The Wind in the Willows*.

Hardy, Thomas. *Far From the Madding Crowd*. *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. *Jude the Obscure*. *The Mayor of Casterbridge*. *The Return of the Native*.

Hudson, W.H. *Green Mansions*.

Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*.

Kipling, Rudyard. *Captains Courageous*. *Kim*. *Just So Stories*.

Lawrence, D.H. *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. *Sons and Lovers*.

Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Joyce, James (Irish). *Finnegan's Wake*. *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*. *Ulysses*.

Malory, Sir Thomas. *Le Morte D'Arthur*.

Maugham, Somerset. *The Moon and Sixpence*. *Of Human Bondage*.

Meredith, George. *The Ordeal of Richard Feverel*.

Baroness Orczy. *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

Orwell, George. 1984. *Animal Farm*.

Richardson, Samuel. *Pamela*.

Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*.

Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.

Shaw, George B. (Irish). *Arms and the Man*.

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*.

Smollett, Tobias. *Humphrey Clinker*.

Stern, Laurence. *Tristram Shandy*.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *The Black Arrow. The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Treasure Island. Kidnapped. A Child's Garden of Verses* (poetry).

Stoker, Bram (Irish). *Dracula*.

Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*.

Thackeray, William. *Henry Esmond. Vanity Fair*.

Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit. The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Trollope, Anthony. *Barchester Towers. The Warden*.

Wells, H.G. *The Time Machine. The Invisible Man. War of the Worlds*.

Wilde, Oscar. *The Picture of Dorian Gray and other Writings* (Batam Classics).

EUROPEAN/WORLD CLASSICS

Balzac, Honore De (French). *Pere Goriot*.

Boccaccio, Giovanni (Italian). *Decameron*.

Cervantes, Miguel (Spanish). *Don Quixote of La Mancha*.

Chekhov, Anton (Russian). *A Doctor's Visit* (stories). *The Cherry Orchard*.

Dostoevsky, Fyodor (Russian). *Crime and Punishment*. *The Idiot*. *The Brothers Karamazov*. *Notes From Underground*.

Dumas, Alexandre (French). *The Count of Monte Cristo*. *The Three Musketeers*. *The Man in the Iron Mask*.

Flaubert, Gustave (French). *Madame Bovary*.

Goethe, Johann W. (German). *The Sorrows of Young Werther*.

Grass, Gunter (German). *Cat and Mouse*.

Hasek, Jaroslav (Czech). *The Good Soldier Schweik*.

Hugo, Victor (French). *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. *Les Miserables*.

Kafka, Franz (Austrian). *The Metamorphosis*.

Leroux, Gaston (French). *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Moliere (French). *The Misanthrope* (play). *Don Juan* (play).

Narayan, R.K. (from India--writes in English). *Gods, Demons, and Others*.

Rostand, Edmond (French). *Cyrano de Bergerac* (play).

Silone, Ignazio (Italian). *Bread and Wine*. *Fontamara*.

Stendhal (French). *The Red and the Black*. *The Charterhouse of Parma*.

Tolstoy, Leo (Russian). *Anna Karenina*. *War and Peace*. *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*.

Turgenev, Ivan (Russian). *Fathers and Sons*.

Verne, Jules (French). *Journey to the Center of the Earth. Around the World in Eighty Days. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. The Mysterious Island.*

Voltaire (French). *Candide.*

Wyss, Johann (Swiss). *Swiss Family Robinson.*

Zola, Emile (French). *Germinal.*

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