Contemporary Classics (post 1950)

Achebe, Chinua – Things Fall Apart

Adams, Richard – Watership Down

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi - Americanah

Albee, Edward – Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Allende, Isabel – House of the Spirits

Amis, Kingsley – Lucky Jim

Angelou, Maya – I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Atkinson, Kate – Life After Life

Atwood, Margaret – Handmaid’s Tale

Baldwin, James – Giovanni’s Room

Baker, Nicolson – Mezzanine

Beauvoir, Simone de – Second Sex

Beckett, Samuel – Waiting for Godot

Bellow, Saul – Herzog

Borges, Jorge Luis – Labyrinths

Bradbury, Ray – Fahrenheit 451

Brooks, Geraldine – March

Bulgakov, Mikhail – Master and Margarita

Burroughs, William S. – Naked Lunch

Butler, Octavia – Kindred

Calvino, Italo – Invisible Cities

Capote, Truman – In Cold Blood

Chabon, Michael – Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay

Coates, Ta-Nehisi – Between the World and Me

Coelho, Paulo - Alchemist

Coetzee, J.M. – Waiting for the Barbarians

Delillo, Don – White Noise

Diaz, Hernan - Trust

Diaz, Junot – Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Didion, Joan – Play It as It Lays

Due, Tananarive – Reformatory

Dunn, Katherine – Geek Love

Eco, Umberto – Foucault’s Pendulum

Egan, Jennifer – A Visit from the Goon Squad

Eggers, Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius

Ellison, Ralph – Invisible Man

Everett, Percival – James

Ferrante, Elena – My Brilliant Friend

Franzen, Jonathan – The Corrections

Gay, Roxane – Bad Feminist

Golding, William – Lord of the Flies

Grass, Gunter – Tin Drum

Gyasi, Yaa – Homegoing

Hansberry, Lorraine – A Raisin in the Sun

Hawking, Stephen – A Brief History of Time

Heinlein, Robert – Stranger in a Strange Land

Heller, Joseph – Catch-22

Hemingway, Ernest – Old Man and the Sea

Highsmith, Patricia – Strangers on a Train

Hinton, S.E. – Outsiders

Hosseini, Khaled – Kite Runner

Irving, John – A Prayer for Owen Meany

Ishiguro, Kazuo – Never Let Me Go

Jackson, Shirley – We Have Always Lived in the Castle

Kerouac, Jack – On the Road

Kesey, Ken – One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

Keyes, Daniel – Flowers for Algernon

King, Stephen – The Stand

Kingsolver, Barbara – Demon Copperhead

Knowles, John – Separate Peace

Kundera, Milan – Unbearable Lightness of Being

Lahiri, Jhumpa – Interpreter of Maladies

Lee, Harper – To Kill a Mockingbird

Lee, Min Jin – Pachinko

Mailer, Norman – Executioner’s Song

Malcolm X – Autobiography of Malcolm X

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia – One Hundred Years of Solitude

Martell, Yann – Life of Pi

Maurier, Daphne du - Rebecca

McBride, James – Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

McCarthy, Cormac – The Road

McCourt, Frank – Angela’s Ashes

McEwan, Ian - Atonement

McMurty, Larry – Lonesome Dove

Miller, Arthur – Death of a Salesman

Miller, Henry – Tropic of Cancer

Moore, Lorrie - Bark

Morgenstern, Erin – The Night Circus

Morrison, Toni – Beloved

Mukherdee, Siddartha – Emperor of All Maladies

Murakami, Haruki – Kafka on the Shore

Murray, Paul – The Bee Sting

Nabokov, Vladimir – Lolita

Naipaul, V.S. – A House for Mr. Biswas

Ng, Celeste – Little Fires Everywhere

O’Brien, Flann – At Swim Two Birds

O’Brien, Tim – Things They Carried

O’Connor, Flannery – The Complete Stories

Ondaatje, Michael – English Patient

Orange, Tommy – There There

Pamuk, Orhan – My Name Is Red

Patchett, Ann – Bel Canto

Plath, Sylvia – The Bell Jar

Pyncheon, Thomas – Crying of Lot 49

Rhys, Jean – Wide Sargasso Sea

Rooney, Sally – Beautiful World, Where Are You

Roth, Philip – Portnoy’s Complaint

Roy, Arundhati – God of Small Things

Rushdie, Salman – Haroun and the Sea of Stories

Salinger, J.D. – Catcher in the Rye

Saunders, George – Lincoln in the Bardo

Sedaris, David – Barrel Fever

Sexton, Anne – Transformations

Skloot, Rebecca – Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Smith, Zadie – White Teeth

Stoppard, Tom – Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

Strout, Elizabeth – Olive Kitteridge

Tan, Amy – The Joy Luck Club

Tartt, Donna – The Secret History

Thompson, Hunter S. – Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Tolkien, J.R.R. – Lord of the Rings

Toole, John Kennedy – Confederacy of Dunces

Towles, Amor – Lincoln Highway

Vonnegut, Kurt Jr. – Slaughterhouse Five

Walker, Alice – Color Purple

Wallace, David Foster – Infinite Jest

White, T.H. – Once and Future King

Whitehead, Colson – Underground Railroad

Wiesel, Elie – Night

Wolfe, Tom – Bonfire of the Vanities

Wright, Richard – Native Son

Zusak, Markus – Book Thief