

LUMEN CHRISTI CLASSIC TITLES – 2016-2017 (UPDATED (11/17/16))

20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA-VERNE

A scientist who is an unwilling passenger on the submarine, Nautilus, tells of Captain Nemo and undersea adventures they encounter.

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY-CLARKE

When a 3-million year old alien artifact is found buried under the moon's surface, astronaut David Bowman discovers something that will cause everything else to seem insignificant.

2010: ODYSSEY TWO-CLARKE

When the director of the original mission sets out to discover what happened to HAL 9000, he comes face to face with something claiming to be David Bowman.

2061: ODYSSEY THREE-CLARKE

Stranded after a space jacking, a crew awaits rescue before the ever-changing moon of Jupiter claims their lives.

**ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN-TWAIN

Huck and a runaway slave raft down the Mississippi River searching for freedom, but finds adventure instead.

ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD-VIVIAN

A friend of the poor fights against the tyranny of John and the Sheriff of Nottingham during King Richard's absence from England.

ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, THE-DOYLE

The detective solves twelve different cases, as described by Dr. Watson.

ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER-TWAIN

Tom Sawyer and his friend Huck Finn, witness a murder. They run away, then come home only to have further entanglements with the killer.

ALAS BABYLON-FRANK

Who knows when a nuclear attack might happen and what will happen the day after?

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND-CARROLL

Alice enters a fantasy world where a white rabbit worries about being late, cats grin, flowers talk and croquet is played with live flamingoes for mallets.

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT-REMARQUE

Four young German men are pulled from school to serve as soldiers in WW I. Who will survive and how will they feel about war?

ANIMAL FARM-ORWELL

"Man is the only creature that consumes without producing," Major told the animals; however, it is only much later that they learn not all pigs are as trust-worthy as Old Major, nor that all animals are created equal.

ANNE FRANK: DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL-FRANK (940.54/F85)

The diary of a young German-Jewish girl tells of her life and feelings while hiding with her family in a warehouse in Amsterdam during World War II.

ANPAO: AN AMERICAN INDIAN ODYSSEY-HIGHWATER (398.2H)

Out of love for Ko-komik-e-is, a brave young American Indian journeys over deserts, mountains, and prairies, into the future to battle magical mystical creatures.

**ANTHEM-RAND

Set in the future, this is a novel about one individual fighting against a powerful collective state.

ANTIGONE-SOPHOCLES (882.01/SOP)

Who will survive in this classic Greek tragedy involving King Creon, his wife Eurydice, their son Haemon, and Haemon's fiancée, Antigone?

ARROWSMITH-LEWIS

Martin Arrowsmith, a brilliant doctor and research scientist battles with medical ethics and his own ambitions.

AS I LAY DYING-FAULKNER

After the death of his wife, a man takes his family on a trip to bury her. Each chapter is told from the point of view of one of the characters.

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AS YOU LIKE IT-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/AS)

After being banished from her uncle's kingdom, a young woman and her cousin escape to a forest disguised as men; what follows is a story of mistaken identity and love.

**ATLAS SHRUGGED-RAND

A look at what might happen when mankind decides to start governing itself on needs and brotherly love instead of intelligence and personal drive.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITTMAN-GAINES

The life story of a 110-year old ex-slave begins during the Civil War in the 1860s and ends during the 1960s and the rise of the Civil Rights movement.

BABBITT-LEWIS

A satire on American middle class life focuses on a “regular fellow” who does all the “right things” without thinking for himself.

BARCHESTER TOWERS-TROLLOPE

A peaceful community is disrupted as high church tradition is challenged by the new Low Church.

BELL FOR ADANO, A-HERSEY

An Italian-American major wins the respect of a small Sicilian village as he works to replace the town bell that was melted down by the Fascists to make bullets.

+BEN-HUR-WALLACE

After the Romans dispossess a Jewish man and his family, he becomes a follower of Jesus.

BLACK ARROW-STEVENSON

A young man lives in a time of political turmoil as two houses face a battle for the crown.

+BLACK BOY-WRIGHT (921/WRI)

A story about the life of a black child in the 1920s in the south.

BLACK ELK SPEAKS-NEIHARDT (921/BLA)

Black Elk imparts his own life story and the story of the Oglala Sioux during the time of the battle of Custer, the Ghost dance and the Wounded Knee Massacre.

BLACK LIKE ME-GRIFFIN (301.45/G87)

The author, who is a white, Catholic Texan, darkens his skin to experience life as an African-American traveling in the Deep South.

BLACK STALLION, THE-FARLEY

A boy and a stallion are stranded on a desert island and develop a special bond.

BLACK UNICORN, THE-BROOKS

Ben Holiday battles against wizard Meeks in her search for the prism cat and the mysterious black unicorn.

BLESS THE BEASTS AND CHILDREN-SWARTHOUT

Six rich, unwanted teenagers join together at camp under the leadership of Cotton to prevent the wanton slaughter of buffalo.

BORN FREE-ADAMSON (599.7A)

Relates the adventures of the famous lion club, reared and loved for three years by a game warden and his wife.

BRAVE NEW WORLD-HUXLEY

A so-called savage who believes in spirituality is sent to a utopia ruled by science, where humans emerge from test tubes, families are obsolete, and pleasure is regulated.

BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE-BROWN (970.5/Bro)

A narrative chronicling the tragic decimation of the Indian culture in the latter half of the 19th century.

CAINE MUTINY-WOUK

An American mine sweeper patrols the Pacific in World War II under the command of paranoid Captain Queeg.

CALL OF THE WILD-LONDON

Six stories about the law of the club and the fang, man's instinctive reversal to primitive behavior when pitted against the brute force of nature.

CANDIDE-VOLTAIRE

A tale of the woes suffered by young Candide and his companions.

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CANNERY ROW-STEINBECK

A novel about the struggles of those attempting to survive the hardships of life in a small California fishing village.

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS-KIPLING

A spoiled English boy learns humility and courage from some simple fishermen after he falls overboard from a luxury liner.

CATCH 22-HELLER

A funny look at World War II as lived by American airmen based on an Italian island.

CATCHER IN THE RYE-SALINGER

The saga of teenage Holden Caulfield who runs away from boarding school and the three days he spends in New York City.

CAVES OF STEEL-ASIMOV

The unlikely partners of a New York City detective and a humanoid robot must learn to work together to solve the murder of a prominent Spacer.

CHILDREN OF DUNE-HERBERT

On Arrakis, men, nature and time attend the messianic growth of the children of the mighty Muad'Dib.

+CHRISTMAS CAROL-DICKENS

Stingy, grumpy Scrooge learns about life and love with the help of three ghosts.

+CHRISTY-MARSHALL

At 19, Christy Huddleston left home to teach school in the Smokies after being inspired by a minister, where she comes to know and care for the wild mountain people.

COLD SASSY TREE-BURNS

Will Tweedy's newly widowed grandfather elope with Love Simpson, half his age and a Yankee to boot?

COLLECTED POEMS, THE-PLATH (811 PLA)

Haunting poetry of Sylvia Plath spans her early writing until her death in 1963.

CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT, A-TWAIN

Through time travel, a swaggering Yankee is plummeted into the age of chivalry and knighthood.

+COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO-DUMAS

A young French sailor unjustly imprisoned for 15 years escapes and digs up a fabulous treasure he uses for revenge, until he learns to forgive and that revenge is in the hands of God.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT-DOSTOEVSKY

This classic in Russian literature begins with a desperate young man who plans the perfect crime - the murder of a despicable pawnbroker.

CRUCIBLE-MILLER (812/M)

The drama and emotion of the Salem Witch Trials come to life in this play.

+CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY-PATON

Stephen Kumalo, a Zulu pastor in South Africa, tries to save his son Absalom, accused of murdering a young white attorney.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC-ROSTAND (842 RO)

A romantic drama portraying the swordsman and poet, Cyrano de Bergerac.

DANDELION WINE-BRADBURY

In the summer of 1928, Douglas has freedom to do all he enjoys, but as summer ends he has to learn about saying good-bye.

DAVID COPPERFIELD-DICKENS

Story of a gentle orphan discovering life and love in a world filled with people like his wrathful stepfather Mr. Murdstone, deceitful Steerforth, snivelling Uriah Heep and dim-witted Dora.

DAY OF INFAMY-LORD (940.542 L)

A moment-by-moment account of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

DEATH BE NOT PROUD-GUNTHER (921/GUN)

A father recounts his teenage son's courageous fight for life during the months he was battling a brain tumor.

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DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP-CATHER

Father Latour spreads the Catholic faith in the new American territory of New Mexico.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY, A-AGEE

Rufus and his younger sister come to terms with their father's death.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN-MILLER (812/M)

Daydreamer Willy Loman, an aging, failing salesman, makes his living riding on a smile and a shoeshine.

DON QUIXOTE-CERVANTES

Classic 17th-century novel where Quixote and his squire roam the countryside looking for adventure and fame

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE-STEVENSON (Or: The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories, or Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stores of the Supernatural)

The classic story about a well-respected doctor who turns himself into a murderous madman.

DRACULA-STOKER

Jonathan Harker discovers the dark secret of the Count who comes to London.

DUNE-HERBERT

The first of a series tells of the Atreides family who are banished to the Planet Dune where the ferocious Fremen live.

DUNE MESSIAH-HERBERT

The second book in the Dune Chronicles continues the adventures of the Atreides family leading the Fremen against the enemy.

EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON MAN IN THE MOON MARIGOLDS-ZINDEL (812/ZIN)

Beatrice is a mother and the ringmaster of the circus Hunsdorfer, featuring 3 generations of crazy ladies living together.

EMMA-AUSTEN

Witty, imaginative, self-deluded Emma thinks she knows what is best for everybody, including herself.

ETHAN FROME-WHARTON

A young man struggles to rise above the spiritual and intellectual poverty of a small New England community through his forbidden love for his cousin Mattie Silver.

**FAHRENHEIT 451-BRADBURY

In a fascist state where all books are banned, a book-burner meets a woman who changes his life.

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD-HARDY

A story of the life and loves of a young farmer, and the special relationship with her shepherd.

FAREWELL TO ARMS-HEMINGWAY

A tragic love affair between a soldier and a nurse is set against the background of Italy during World War I.

FARTHEST SHORE, THE-LEGUIN

Ged tests the ancient prophecies of Earthsea, when it is thought the wizards forgot their spells.

+FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING-TOLKIEN

Frodo Baggins, a young hobbit, goes on a journey to destroy the magic ring he inherited from his Uncle Bilbo.

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS-HEMINGWAY

The love story of American Robert Jordan and a young woman named Maria is set in the turbulence of the Spanish Civil War.

FOUNDATION-ASIMOV

To preserve knowledge and shorten the Dark Years, the Encyclopedia Foundation was set up and staffed with the most intelligent scholars and scientists available, but now the Foundation is in danger of destruction by greedy War Lords.

FOUNDATION AND EARTH-ASIMOV

Councilman Golan Trevize is wondering if he was right to choose a collective mind as the best possible future for humanity over the anarchy of contentious individuals, nations and planets.

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FOUNDATION AND EMPIRE-ASIMOV

An ambitious general from the decaying Empire attacks the beleaguered Foundation whose only hope is in the mutant talent of Mule, a man with tremendous power.

FOUNDATION'S EDGE-ASMIOV

Book 4 in the Foundation series takes place several hundred years after the close of "Second Foundation."

**FOUNTAINHEAD, THE-RAND

A young architect battles against conventional standards and his lover who struggles to defeat him.

FRANKENSTEIN-SHELLEY

The story of Victor Frankenstein, a scientist, who oversteps the bounds of consciousness and a monster is brought to life.

+FRIENDLY PERSUASION, THE-WEST

A Quaker's fondness for fast horses is an amusing sidelight in this tale of friends who dealt with the Civil War in their own way.

GATHERING OF OLD MEN, A-GAINES

A sheriff is summoned to a southern plantation and finds one young white woman, about 18 black men and one dead Cajun farmer.

GLASS MENAGERIE, THE-WILLIAMS

(812 W)

A tender play about a lonely young woman, her collection of glass animals and her "gentleman caller."

**GO ASK ALICE-FIC ANO

Diary of a 15-year old girl who was unsuspectingly introduced to drugs and became severely addicted to them.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN-BALDWIN

John searches for the strength to cope with the harsh realities of growing up in Harlem.

GOD EMPEROR OF DUNE-HERBERT

Leto II trades his humanity for immortality and attempts to save mankind.

GODS THEMSELVES, THE-ASIMOV

Humanity is hooked on an invention that provides limitless energy.

GONE WITH THE WIND-MITCHELL

The romance of impetuous Scarlet O'Hara and scandalous Rhett Butler is set against the background of Georgia during and following the U.S. Civil War.

GOOD-BYE, MR. CHIPS-HILTON

Little does young and ambitious Mr. Chipping know as he begins his teaching career that he will become an icon at school.

GOOD EARTH-BUCK

Wang Lung and his wife O-lan, Chinese peasants in the 19th century, struggle to rise from poverty to positions as rich landowners.

GRAPES OF WRATH, THE-STEINBECK

Oklahoma farmers struggle to survive as they look for work as migrant workers during the Dustbowl days.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS-DICKENS

Pip, raised by a blacksmith and his wife, until an attorney tells him an anonymous person will pay for his education and training to become a gentleman.

GREAT GATSBY-FITZGERALD

Following World War I, when millionaire Jay Gatsby reunites with his former love Daisy Buchanan, their relationship leads to tragedy.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS-SWIFT

Lemuel Gulliver, a ship's physician, sails to fantastic worlds inhabited by tiny people and giants, far sighted horses; and "wise men".

HAMLET-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

The melancholy prince of Denmark plots to avenge his father's murder.

HARD TIMES-DICKENS

Life in a drab Victorian industrial city is not easy. Rich or poor, factory owner or factory worker, everyone has problems that can't be solved by money.

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+HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER-MCCULLERS

Deaf mute John Singer finds himself in the center of a strange circle of four lonely people in the Southern town where he lives.

HEART OF DARKNESS-CONRAD

Traveling the Congo, Marlow sees the terrible treatment of natives by the white foreigners in his quest to find one man.

HENRY IV-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

Part I of the history of Henry the IV.

HENRY V -SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

Events surrounding Henry's invasion of France are presented in the form of a play.

+HIDING PLACE-TEN BOOM

How Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian, helped Jews hide from the Germans during World War II in Holland.

HIROSHIMA-HERSEY (940.54/H)

A non-fiction account of the aftermath of the first atom bomb dropped on Japan.

HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY-ADAMS

Arthur Dent was having a bad day and then the earth disappeared. What's next for Arthur?

+HOBBIT, THE-TOLKIEN

Bilbo Baggins joins a band of dwarves on a fantastic expedition filled with adventure while in search of the treasure stolen by Smaug, the dragon.

HORSE AND HIS BOY, A-LEWIS

Shasta runs away from home with a talking horse who fills his head with pictures of Narnia.

HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES-DOYLE

The eerie howling on the moor and strange deaths at Baskerville Hall test Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES, THE-HAWTHORNE

A novel based on the legend of a curse placed on Nathaniel Hawthorne's own family by a woman who was condemned to death during the Salem witchcraft trials.

HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME-HUGO

The world of medieval Paris comes alive in this sprawling novel centered on faithful Quasimodo and the object of his adoration, the gypsy Esmeralda.

I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN-GREENBERG

A sixteen-year-old girl sinks into schizophrenia and spends the next three years fighting her way from madness to reality.

I, ROBOT-ASIMOV

Here are stories of robots gone mad, mind-reading robots, robots with a sense of humor, robot politicians, and robots who secretly run the world.

ILIAD-HOMER (883.01/H)

This epic of courage and terror focuses on Achilles, the greatest warrior of the ten year siege of Troy, and his desperate battle to destroy the once magnificent city.

ILLUSTRATED MAN, THE-BRADBURY

A collection of stories that are all played out on the canvas of a man's tattooed skin.

IMPERIAL WOMAN-BUCK

The story of a beautiful 17-year-old woman who rules the Dragon Throne of China.

IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST-WILDE (822/WIL)

A Victorian comedy revolving around mistaken identities and the amorous pursuits of two young men who face social obstacles when they woo young ladies of quality.

INHERIT THE WIND-LAWRENCE AND LEE (812 L)

A dramatic recreation of the Scopes evolution trial that pitted Clarence Darrow against William Jennings Bryan.

INVISIBLE MAN-ELLISON

Strange, gripping saga of a black man who struggles from the South to the North, always running into other people's preconceived notions about him.

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IVANHOE-SCOTT

Noble young Ivanhoe returns home to claim his inheritance and the love of Princess Rowen, and becomes involved in the struggle between Richard the Lionhearted and his brother John.

JANE EYRE-BRONTE

When shy Jane Eyre becomes the governess for a young girl, she falls in love with Edward Rochester, but a terrible secret ruins her wedding.

JESSE OWENS: AN AMERICAN LIFE-BAKER (921/OWE)

This is a biography of a gifted Black American track and field athlete who triumphed over Hitler at the 1936 Olympic Games and became world renowned.

JOY IN THE MORNING-SMITH

A young couple struggle through financial and emotional problems during the first years of their marriage.

+JULIE-MARSHALL

18 year-old Julie finds love and adventure when her family moves to a flood-prone Pennsylvania town during the Depression.

JULIUS CAESAR-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/SH1)

Why was the Roman emperor murdered and what did Brutus have to do with it?

JUNGLE-SINCLAIR

Jurgis Rudkus, a Lithuanian immigrant recently arrived in Chicago, takes a job in the stockyards only to discover deplorable and dangerous working conditions.

KIDNAPPED-STEVENSON

The escape and adventures of young David Balfour, who is cheated of his rightful estate and then wrongly suspected of murder.

KING LEAR-SHAKESPEARE (822.33 SH1)

Which of the king's daughters can prove she loves him most?

+LAST BATTLE, THE-LEWIS

When an Ape tells a Donkey to disguise himself as the ruler, a chain of bad events begins.

LAST OF THE MOHICANS-COOPER

During the French and Indian Wars, the scout Hawkeye and his Iroquois friends must rescue the daughters of the British commander.

LEAVES OF GRASS-WHITMAN (811/WHI)

Walt Whitman's views of the Civil War in poems.

LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW-IRVING

The tale of schoolmaster Ichabod Crane who encounters a headless horseman.

LES MISERABLES (ADAPTED)-HUGO

A man, released from prison, struggles to help others while constantly being sought by a man who wishes to imprison him again.

LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI-TWAIN

Mark Twain notes the changes when returning to the river after 21 years after becoming a steamboat pilot.

LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, AND EVERYTHING-ADAMS

The third book of the Hitchhikers series. with time traveler Arthur Dent on a mission to prevent killer robots from destroying the universe.

+LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE, THE-LEWIS

Four schoolchildren find their way to magical Narnia and triumph over the White Witch.

LITTLE PRINCE, THE-SAINT EXUPERY

A fable of an airplane pilot who crashes in the desert, where he meets a little prince who tells of his adventures on different planets.

LITTLE WOMEN-ALCOTT

Meet the four March sisters who learn the hard lessons of poverty and of growing up in New England during the Civil War.

LORD OF THE FLIES-GOLDING

Stranded on an island without adults, a group of English schoolboys' struggle for survival degenerates into savage chaos.

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**LORD JIM-CONRAD

A momentary act of cowardice changes the hero's entire life.

LOST HORIZON-HILTON

Four travelers crash in the Tibetan Mountains and end up in the utopia of Shangri-La. Is it paradise or madness?

MACBETH-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/MAC)

A tragedy set in Scotland shows the results of uncontrolled ambition.

+MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW-LEWIS

While trying to return the wicked witch to her own world, Digory and Polly end up in Narnia.

MAIN STREET-LEWIS

When a woman leaves college and marries a country doctor, she finds it difficult to adjust to the rejection of her ideas by the people of the town.

MALTESE FALCON, THE-HAMMETT

Detective Sam Spade is lured into finding a missing piece of art.

MARTIAN CHRONICLES-BRADBURY

Interrelated stories tell how various earthlings colonize the planet Mars.

MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE, THE-HARDY

After selling his wife and daughter, a man eventually becomes a mayor, but the past will come back to haunt him.

MERCHANT OF VENICE-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

A dramatic comedy about a dangerous gamble, love, friendship and a villain.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM-SHAKESPEARE (822/Sh1)

A dramatic comedy about two pairs of lovers lost in an enchanted forest.

MIRACLE WORKER-GIBSON (812/GIB)

Deaf, blind, and mute, 12 year old Helen Keller struggles to be released from a prison of eternal darkness and silence.

MOBY DICK-MELVILLE

Driven by revenge, Captain Ahab pursues the ferocious giant white whale that bit off his leg.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

The doubling of romantic plots results in doubling complications.

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS-CHRISTIE

Hercule Poirot investigates a murder while riding on the "Orient Express."

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY-NORDHOFF

When Captain Bligh's actions lead to a mutiny by the crew, young Roger Byam is caught up in the aftermath.

MY ANTONIA-CATHER

A New York lawyer, recalling his boyhood, tells the story of Czech immigrants, Antonia Shimerda and her family, pioneering in Nebraska, and the difficulties they face.

MY LIFE AND HARD TIMES-THURBER (817.5/T)

James Thurber describes his life through a series of quirky family events that helped to shape his unique sense of humor.

NAKED SUN-ASIMOV

Detective Elijah Baley and robot R. Daneel Olivaw are sent from Earth to Solaria to solve the murder of a recluse who only appeared to others through holographic projection.

NARRATIVE OF THE LIFE OF FREDRICK DOUGLASS (973.8D)

Frederick Douglass provides a graphic description of his childhood as a slave, and his dramatic escape to the North and freedom.

NEMESIS-ASIMOV

A death star called Nemesis is wrongly believed to be that last hope for the survival of humanity.

NEVER CRY WOLF-MOWAT (599.773/M)

The true story of a man's adventures studying a pack of wolves and learning about their ways.

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+NIGHT (921/WIE)

The true story of how a teenager survived Nazi concentration camps.

NIGHT TO REMEMBER, A- LORD (910.4/L)

All the drama, horror, and tragedy of the grim, heart-breaking night when the “unsinkable” Titanic made history.

O PIONEERS!-CATHER

A young woman takes over the family farm when her father dies.

ODYSSEY-HOMER (883.01/H)

The epic tale of Ulysses’ adventures with the Cyclops, Lotus Eaters and many fantastic others during his ten-year journey from Troy to home.

**OEDIPUS REX-SOPHOCLES (882.01/S)

The great tragedy of Oedipus Rex.

OF HUMAN BONDAGE-MAUGHAM

One man tries to cope with an obsessive relationship and loss of all of his money.

OF MICE AND MEN-STEINBECK

Two friends dream of the time when they can set up a rabbit farm in California.

OLD MAN AND THE SEA-HEMINGWAY

On his 85th day of fishing without a catch an old fisherman hooks a large fish and engages in a draining struggle to land the fish and bring it to shore.

OLIVER TWIST-DICKENS

When orphan Oliver Twist goes from a London workhouse to the underworld of British society and is forced to become a pickpocket, he struggles to escape from a life of crime.

ON THE BEACH-SHUTE

The last survivors on earth after an accidental nuclear war must face the final days of their lives.

ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVICH-SOLZHENITSYN

Drawing on his own experiences, the author writes about one day, from reveille in the morning to lights-out at the end of the day, in a Siberian labor camp.

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OTHELLO-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/SH1)

A tragedy of lies, slander and jealousy's effect on love.

OUR TOWN-WILDER (812.52/WIL)

This drama deals with the simplest and most touching aspects of small town life by focusing on Emily Webb’s family and the family of George Gibbs, the boy-next-door.

+OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET-LEWIS

In this first book in the Space Trilogy, the remarkable Dr. Ransom is kidnapped and taken on a space ship to the eerie red planet of Malacandra.

OX BOW INCIDENT-CLARK

Cattle rustlers in the Old West face mob vengeance and lynching when local men take justice into their own hands.

PEARL-STEINBECK

Kino, a poor fisherman, lives a happy life with his wife and child until he finds a pearl and is besieged by dishonest pearl merchants and envious neighbors.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA-LEROUX (843.912/P)

In the underground labyrinth of the great Opera House of Paris, the mysterious disfigured Erik falls in love with innocent singer Christine Daae’.

PICKWICK PAPERS, THE-DICKENS

On the Pickwick Club's journey to see the world, they have encounters with different people.

**PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, THE-WILDE

A spoiled man is willing to sell his soul to retain his youthful beauty.

PIGMAN, THE-ZINDEL

Two teenagers must face the responsibility of causing the death of an old man they befriended.

PIGMAN'S LEGACY, THE-ZINDEL

Two young people discover the Pigman's identity and legacy.

+PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, THE-BUNYAN

On their quest for the Celestial Kingdom, several travelers find their path is challenging, yet find companionship in those who seek the same goal.

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PLAGUE-CAMUS

A ravaging epidemic of bubonic plague, which symbolizes other spiritual and political plagues, throws the city of Oran, Algiers into agony.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN, A-JOYCE

A semi-autobiographical novel about the life of a boy growing up in poverty in Dublin at the turn of the century.

**+PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANY, A-IRVING

A small New England town and its prep school is the setting for Owen Meany and his best friend to discover their destinies.

PRELUDE TO FOUNDATION-ASIMOV

The story of Hari Seldon, who possesses the power of prophecy, which makes him the most wanted man in the Empire.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE-AUSTEN

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have five daughters to marry off and one girl, Elizabeth, is very stubborn about developing any relationship with the rich Mr. Darcy.

PRINCE AND THE PAUPER, THE-TWAIN

A comedy of sorts results when two look alike teenage boys from very different backgrounds switch clothing and identities.

+PRINCE CASPIAN: THE RETURN TO NARNIA-LEWIS

Four children help the Prince's army of Talking Beasts free Narnia from evil.

PROFILES IN COURAGE-KENNEDY (920 KEN)

This book by John F. Kennedy demonstrates the courage of standing up for one's convictions in these stories of 8 US senators who defied strong opposition during their careers.

PUDD'NHEAD WILSON-TWAIN

A slave woman switches her infant son with the son of her master. The deception leads to murder and an interesting trial.

PYGMALION-SHAW (822/SHA)

A cockney flower girl is transformed from a raggedy street person to an elegant lady who is mistaken for a princess.

**RAGTIME-DOCTOROW

A classic novel mixing real-life characters with fictional characters.

RAISIN IN THE SUN-HANSBERRY (812/HA)

A middle-class African-American family in Chicago learns about money and love when they receive an unexpected windfall.

REBECCA-DUMAURIER

A timid young woman, married to a wealthy man whose first wife died mysteriously, wonders about her own marriage.

RED BADGE OF COURAGE-CRANE

Union soldier Henry Fleming, fresh from the farm, had dreamed of battles all his life, but now with war all around him his feelings are changing.

RED PONY-STEINBECK

A young boy growing up in California in a loving family is helped with a colt by an old hired man.

+RETURN OF THE KING-TOLKIEN

While the evil Dark Lord Sauron conquers all of Middle-Earth, Frodo and Sam struggle deep into Mordor to destroy Ring of Power.

RETURN OF THE NATIVE, THE-HARDY

When a man returns to the village where he was born, he falls in love with a young woman and their stormy marriage ends in violent tragedy.

RICHARD II-SHAKESPEARE (822.33 Sh1)

Another of the history plays by Shakespeare.

RICHARD III-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/SH1)

The story of how a spectacular villain became King of England.

RING OF ENDLESS LIGHT-L'ENGLE

Vicky Austin, sixteen and spending the summer with her dying grandfather, finds herself the center of attraction for three very different boys.

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ROBINSON CRUSOE-DEFOE

The classic shipwreck story set on a deserted island tells how Robinson Crusoe managed to survive with only a knife, a box of tobacco and a pipe.

ROBOTS AND EMPIRE-ASIMOV

Kelden Amadiro seeks revenge for his defeat 200 years ago by Elijah Baley and R. Daneel Olivaw.

ROBOTS OF DAWN-ASIMOV

Earth detective Elijah Baley travels to the planet Aurora, to find the murderer of Jander Parnell and prove Han Pastofle's innocence.

ROMEO AND JULIET-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

A romantic tragedy of young lovers from two families warring against each other.

ROSA PARKS: MY STORY-PARKS (921 PAR)

Life story of the woman who moved civil rights issues from the back of the bus to the front of American conscience.

ROSE IN BLOOM-ALCOTT

A sequel to "Eight Cousins," 20 year old Rose comes home to find her cousins have grown up and love is in the air.

**ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD-STOPPARD

The story of Hamlet as seen through the eyes of two minor characters in the play.

+SAINT JOAN-SHAW (822 SHA)

Courageous country Joan leads the French army to victory over the English; however, did Joan truly hear voices from God, or is she the heretic many claim she is?

SCARLET LETTER-HAWTHORNE

Will Hester Prynne ever reveal the name of the father of her illegitimate daughter?

SCHINDLER'S LIST-KENEALLY (940.53 KEN)

Based on the true story of Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist who saved more than 1,000 Jews in Nazi, Germany.

+SCREWTAPE LETTERS, THE-LEWIS (248 L)

Classic satire about an elderly devil who writes a series of letters to Wormwood, his apprentice and nephew.

SECOND FOUNDATION-ASIMOV

Young Arkady Darrell thinks she has discovered the terrible secret about the Second Foundation and its power over the Foundation.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY-AUSTEN

Follow Elinor as she struggles to provide home and hearth for her family while searching for love.

SEPARATE PEACE-KNOWLES

Life in an English private school during the Second World War is full of promises until the rivalry of two roommates leads to disaster.

SIDDHARTHA-HESSE

A young man goes through many experiences searching for answers to loneliness and discontent and the meaning of his life.

SILAS MARNER-ELIOT

Accused of theft, Silas Marner lives a solitary life as a handloom weaver until he finds a little girl and is redeemed.

+SILMARILLION, THE-TOLKIEN

Tales of the world's beginnings of the First Age, focusing on the theft of the Elves' jewels.

+SILVER CHAIR, THE-LEWIS

When Prince Rilean is missing, Jill and Eustace are called from their world into Narnia to find him.

SKYWATER-POPHAM

Come on a journey with a coyote who shares what he thinks, sees, feels and dreams when traveling down the Colorado River.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE-VONNEGUT

Travel with Billy Pilgrim through time as he tries to explain war to extraterrestrials.

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SO BIG-FERBER

Will Selina Peake become a slave to the soil after she's widowed with a young son and has to run a farm to survive?

**SOJOURNER TRUTH: AIN'T I A WOMAN?-MCKISSACK (305.5/McK)

After she was freed in 1827, the slave Isabelle chose Sojourner Truth as her new name. Unable to read, she became a preacher, and a leader in the struggle for human rights.

SOULS OF BLACK FOLK, THE-DUBOIS (305.8/D)

Mr. DuBois writes about the struggle of racism as he looks at the lives of such notables as Booker T. Washington and others.

SPEAKER FOR THE DEAD-CARD

Ender Wiggins as Speaker for the Dead plays a vital role in preventing war when a second nonhuman intelligent race is discovered.

+STORY OF A SOUL, THE-ST. THERESE (921 THE)

Written in obedience to her Carmelite superior, Theresé's personal story was published following her death in 1897 at the age of 24.

STORY OF MY LIFE, THE-KELLER (921/KEL)

Deaf and blind Helen Keller overcomes adversities with the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan.

STRANGER, THE-CAMUS

Psychologically compelling story of a man who cannot feel sadness for the death of his mother or for the murder he committed.

STUDY IN SCARLET-DOYLE

Sherlock Holmes investigates the murder of two Americans.

**SULA-MORRISON

Two childhood friends reunite and try to rekindle their friendship after they go different way.

SUN ALSO RISES, THE-HEMINGWAY

After WWI a group of expatriates seek personal asylum in their own way.

SWIFTLY TILTING PLANET, A-L'ENGLE

Can Meg's brother help avert a nuclear war by finding clues related to an old Irish rune?

SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON-WYSS

A family of castaways on a deserted island learns to survive and discovers how to be a happy family as well.

SWORD IN THE STONE-WHITE

A tale of King Arthur's youth and upbringing in medieval England, and the events which led him to become King of England.

SWORD OF SHANNARA-BROOKS

At the urging of a mysterious sorcerer, an adopted orphan named Shea reluctantly searches for the Sword of Shannara, a blade that can defeat evil.
SYBIL-SCHREIBER (616.8582 S)

The true story of a young lady who suffered from multiple personalities.

TALE OF TWO CITIES, A-DICKENS

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" during the French Revolution with the guillotine looming in the lives of Darnay and the lovely Lucy.

TAMING OF THE SHREW, THE-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/Sh1)

A battle of the sexes pits Katharina in a contest of wills with sly Petrucchio.

TANGLEWOOD TALES-HAWTHORNE

Greek mythology tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

TARZAN OF THE APES-BURROUGHS

The classic story of Tarzan, who was raised by apes in the wilderness.

TEHANU: EARTHSEA CYCLE BK4-LE GUIN

Sparrow Hawk returns from the dark land without his magical powers and finds refuge with the aging widow Tenar and a crippled girl who carries an unknown destiny.

TENDER IS THE NIGHT-FITZGERALD

Rosemary meets the Diver's on the French Riviera and does not see the problems under their perceived perfection.

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THREE MUSKETEERS, THE-DUMAS

The swashbuckling tale of D'Artagnan, his three friends and their adventures in France during the reign of Louis XIII and Louis XIV.

+THINGS FALL APART-ACHEBE

A simple story of a "strong man" whose life is dominated by fear and anger.

TITUS ANDRONICUS-SHAKESPEARE (822.33/SH1)

A Roman general engages in revenge with his enemy Tamora, the Queen of the Goths.

TIME MACHINE-WELLS

The inventor of the time machine travels into the future and witnesses different stages in the degeneration of life on earth.

**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD-LEE

Young Scout tells of the time when her father defends a black man wrongfully accused of raping a white woman in a small Alabama town during the 1930's.

TO LOVE THIS LIFE-KELLER (808.81/K)

Book of quotations by Helen Keller of her views on various subjects.

TOMBS OF ATUAN-LE GUIN

Tenar is a high priestess to the Nameless Ones, but when the young wizard Ged comes to the Tombs of Atuan to steal its powerful ring, he helps set Tenar free.

TREASURE ISLAND-STEVENSON

Young Jim Hawkins has the treasure map that the evil pirate trio of Pew, Black Dog and Long John Silver need so they can find the treasure.

TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN, A-SMITH

Life in Brooklyn in the early 1900's is rough, but young Francie Nolan reaches out for happiness despite poverty and her father's alcoholism.

+TWO TOWERS-TOLKIEN

Frodo Baggins continues his adventures with the Ring of Power and the evil forces that are after it.

**UNCLE TOM'S CABIN-STOWE

Faithful old slave Uncle Tom meets a variety of slaves and experiences extremes of treatment as he is sold from one owner to another.

+UP FROM SLAVERY-WASHINGTON (921 WAS)

The life and accomplishments of Booker T. Washington, who rose from slavery.

UPON THE HEAD OF THE GOAT-SEIGAL (947.718 S)

Based on the author's own childhood experiences, the story of 9 year old Piri Davidowitz and her family is that of countless Jews in Europe during World War II.

VANITY FAIR-THACKERAY

The exploits of an unscrupulous young woman determined to achieve wealth and social success.

VIRGINIAN-WISTER

A man rules a Western town with courage and respect.

VOICES FROM VIETNAM-DENENBERG (959.704)

The psychological and physical effects of the Vietnam War are discussed by those who fought there.

+VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER-LEWIS

Three friends sail to Narnia where one of them is transformed into a green dragon.

WALDEN AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE- THOREAU (818.303 T)

Two stories that were written by the author while living on the shores of Walden Pond.

WAR AND PEACE-TOLSTOY

The sweeping saga of Napoleon's invasion of Russia is interwoven with the lives of Natasha, Prince Andrey and Pierre.

WAR OF THE WORLDS-WELLS

Martians land their spaceships in England and use their superior weapons to subdue and prey on people.

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WATERSHIP DOWN-ADAMS

A small group of male rabbits in England searching for a new home must defeat an enemy rabbit fortress.

WHEN THE LEGENDS DIE-BORLAND

In 1912, Thomas Black Bull and his parents, members of the Ute tribe, take refuge in the wilderness after his father kills another brave. When his parents die, Thomas must learn to survive as his forefathers once did.

WHITE DEER, THE-THURBER

Three princes must perform a perilous labor to wed a princess.

WHITE FANG-LONDON

Only one man saw White Fang's intelligence and nobility and had the courage to offer the killer wolf a new life.

WINESBURG, OHIO-ANDERSON (SC/A)

The consequences of misunderstanding are revealed in this small 1900 town.

WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT, THE-STEINBECK

Ethan Allen Hawley learns about honesty and success in his own life and his family's lives.

WIZARD OF EARTHSEA-LE GUIN

Jed, a great sorcerer who once was called Sparrowhawk, is tested and gains magical powers.

WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ, THE-BAUM

Dorothy's adventure after leaving Kansas via a twister to a strange and wonderful place called Oz.

WUTHERING HEIGHTS-BRONTE

Heathcliff, as wild as the English moor, and Cathy, as stubborn as the granite beneath it, are entwined in a love that could consume their lives.

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