

Reading List

CLASSICS

Anna Karenina - Tolstoy
The Classic Fairy Tales - Tatar
Crime and Punishment –
Dostoevsky
Death of Ivan Ilich – Tolstoy
Ethan Frome - Wharton
Farewell to Arms - Hemingway
Grapes of Wrath – Steinbeck
Huckleberry Finn - Twain
Jane Eyre – Bronte
Lolita – Nabokov
Mrs. Dalloway - Woolf
1984 - Orwell
Pride and Prejudice – Austen
Room with a View - Forster
Tender is the Night – Fitzgerald
The Sound and the Fury - Faulkner
The Stranger - Camus
The Sun Also Rises - Hemingway
A Tale of Two Cities - Dickens
Tess of the D'urbervilles - Hardy
Wuthering Heights - Bronte
Women in Love - D.H. Lawrence
Yellow Wallpaper - Gilman

PRIVATE LIVES

After Long Silence – Fremont
Ake – Soyinka
Alias Olympia--Lipton
Angela's Ashes – McCourt
An American Childhood - Dillard
Autobiography of a Face - Grealy
A Beautiful Mind – Nasar
The Bell Jar - Plath
Black Boy – Wright
Black Ice - Cary
This Boy's Life - Wolff
The Boys of My Youth - Beard
The Color of Water - McBride
Colored People – Gates
Elegy for Iris - Bayley
Familiar Spirits - Lurie
Farewell to Manzanar - Wokatsaki
French Lessons – Kaplan
Frida--Mujica
Girl Interrupted - Kaysen
Growing Up - Baker
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings -
Angelou
Lost in Place - Salzman
Mama's Girl – Chambers
A Match to the Heart - Ehrlich
Maus and Maus II - Spiegelman
A Moveable Feast - Hemingway
Night - Wiesel

One Writer's Beginnings - Welty
The Power of One - Courtenay
Paula - Allende
The Road from Coorain - Conway
The Shadow Man - Gordon
Slaves in the Family – Ball
Sleep with Angels - Fisher
Sleeping Arrangements -
Cunningham
'Tis – McCourt
Wait Till Next Year - Goodwin
Wasted - Hornbacher
West with the Night - Markham
Woman Warrior – Kingston

FAR AWAY PLACES

African Silences - Mathiessen
Ali and Nino - Said
Baumgartener's Bombay - Desai
Cracking India - Sidhwa
Cry of the Kalahari - Owens &
Owens
Cry the Beloved Country - Paton
Exodus - Uris
Fasting, Feasting - Desai
Going After Cacciato - O'Brien
Heat and Dust – Jhabvala
House of the Winds - Yun
Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard –
Desai
Inheritance - Ganesan
Iron and Silk – Salzman
The Joys of Motherhood -
Emecheta
July's People - Gordimer
Kaffir Boy - Mathabane
Life and Death in Shanghai - Nien
Cheng
Maps – Farah
Memoirs of a Geisha- Golden
Nectar in a Sieve-Markandavva
One Day in the Life of Ivan
Denisovich – Solzhenitsyn
Palace Walk – Mahfouz
Snake Charmer- Nigam
Songlines - Chatwin
The Sound of Waves - Mishima
Spring Moon - Lord
Wedding Song - Mahfouz
A Winter in Arabia – Stark
Women of Sand and Myrrh –
al-Shaykh
A Year in Provence – Mayle

Reading List

RECENT NOVELS

About a Boy – Hornby
The Alchemist - Coehlo
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay - Chabon
Amy and Isabelle - Strout
Animal Dreams – Kingsolver
Bastard Out of Carolina – Allison
The Beach – Garland
Bel Canto--Patchett
Black and Blue – Quindlen
The Bird Artist - Norman
The Bloody Chamber - Carter
Breath, Eyes, Memory - Danticat
Breathing Lessons – Tyler
Caramelo--Cisneros
Cat's Eye - Atwood
The Centaur – Updike
Charms for the Easy Life - Gibbons
Clay's Quilt - House
Coffee Will Make You Black - Sinclair
Cold Mountain - Frazier
A Confederacy of Dunces - Toole
Consider This, Senora - Doerr
Corelli's Mandolin – deBernieres
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night--Haddon
Decorations in a Ruined Cemetery – Brown
Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya
Sisterhood – Wells
The Dogeaters - Hagedorn
Einstein's Dreams – Lightman
Ellen Foster - Gibbons
Ferris Beach – McCorkle
First, Body - Thon
Floating on My Mother's Palm - Hegi
Franny and Zooey - Salinger
The Giant's House – McCracken
Girl with a Pearl Earring - Chevalier
Girl's Guide to Hunting & Fishing - Bank
The God of Small Things - Roy
Green Grass, Running Water - King
Haroun and the Sea of Stories - Rushdie
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius – Eggars
The Hours - Cunningham
House Made of Dawn – Momaday
House of Sand and Fog - Dubus
The House on Mango Street - Cisneros
Housekeeping - Robinson
How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents – Alvarez
How to be Good--Hornby
The Hundred Secret Senses – Tan
The Ice Storm – Moody
Icy Sparks – Rubio
If on a Winter's Night a Traveler - Calvino
I Know This Much Is True - Lamb
Imagining Argentina -Thornton
In Country - Mason
In the Lake of the Woods - O'Brien
Interpreter of Maladies - Lahiri
In the Name of Salome - Alvarez
In the Time of Butterflies - Alvarez
Invisible Circus – Egan
Ishmael – Quinn
Jim the Boy - Early
The Last Samurai – DeWitt
Lesson in a Time of Dying - Gaines
Life of Pi—Martel
The Little Friend--Tartt
Lives of Girls and Women – Munro
Lovely Bones--Sebold
Lying Awake - Salzman
Magician's Assistant – Patchett
Map of the World – Hamilton
The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint - Udall
Money - Amis
Monkeys - Minot
Of Kings and Planets - Canin
One True Thing - Quindlen
Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha – Doyle
The Passion of Artemesia -- Vreeland
Patron Saint of Liars – Patchett
Peace Like a River--Enger
Plainsong – Haruf
Poisonwood Bible - Kingsolver
Post Cards - Proulx
A Prayer for Owen Meany - Irving
Prince of Tides – Conroy
Rapture of Canaan - Reynolds
Reservation Blues - Alexie
The Risk Pool - Russo
Rose's Garden – Brown
Rule of the Bone - Banks
Running with the Family - Ondaatje
The Saskiad – Hall
The Secret Life of Bees--Kidd
She's Come Undone – Lamb
Ship Fever - Barrett
Shipping News – Proulx
Snow Falling on Cedars - Guterson

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Snow in August - Hamill
Sophie's World – Garrder
Speak--Anderson
The Stone Diaries - Shields
Stones from the River - Hegi
Stones for Ibarra – Doerr
In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden -
Cambor
The Sweet Hereafter - Banks
These Same Long Bones - Parker
A Thousand Acres - Smiley
The Virgin Suicides – Eugenides
Veronika Decides to Die-Coelho
Voyage of the Narwhal--Barrett
Walking Across Egypt - Edgerton
We Were the Mulvaneys - Oates
The Wedding - West
White Oleander - Fitch
Who Will Run the Frog Hospital? -
Moore
Wild Life – Gloss
The Woman Who Walked into
Doors – Doyle
Wonder Boys - Chabon
Yellow Raft on Blue Water - Dorris
Yo - Alvarez
Zen Zele - Maraire

NONFICTION

Arctic Dreams – Lopez
Auschwitz Explained to my
Daughter--Wieviorka
The Art of Eating - Fisher
Bird by Bird - Lamott
A Brief History of Time - Hawking
Civil Action - Harr
In Cold Blood - Capote
Crossing Open Ground - Lopez
A Country Year - Hubbell
The Dancing Wu Li Masters -
Zukav
Desert Solitaire - Abbey
Essentials of Tibetan Buddhism-
Thurman
Fast Food Nation – Schlosser
Great Books - Denby
High Tide in Tucson - Kingsolver
Hiroshima - John Hersey
The Hot Zone - Preston
If You Want to Write - Ueland
I Have a Dream (Selected Essays)
– King
In the Heart of the Sea--Philbrick
The Immense Journey - Eisely
Into the Wild - Krakauer
Into Thin Air - Krakauer

The John McPhee Reader -
McPhee
Lives of a Cell - Thomas
Living Out Loud - Quindlen
Longitude – Sobel
A Natural History of the Senses-
Ackerman
The Orchid Thief - Orlean
Nickel and Dime - Ehrenreich
No Ordinary Time-Goodwin
Panda's Thumb – Gould
Passionate Minds - Pierpont
A Perfect Storm - Junger
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek – Dillard
Portrait of a Bull as a Young Calf--
Lovenheim
Refuge - Williams
The Risk Pool - Russo
A Room of One's Own - Woolf
Sand County Almanac - Leopold
The Science of Harry Potter--
Highfield
Silent Spring - Carson
Slouching Toward Bethlehem -
Didion
The Solace of Open Spaces -
Ehrlich
Soviet Women – Gray
Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice -
Plotkin
Thinking Out Loud – Quindlen
The Tipping Point - Gladwell
Two in the Wild - Rogers
Undaunted Courage – Ambrose
Wild Orphans--Ellis
The Writing Life - Dillard
Writing A Woman's Life - Heilbrun

WHODUNNIT

Bad Company - Cody
Burn Marks - Paretsky
By the Pricking of My Thumbs -
Christie
Death at Rainy Mountain -
Medawar
Death of a Nightingale - James
Devil in a Blue Dress - Mosley
Emily Dickinson is Dead - Langton
Gaudy Night – Sayers
A Great Deliverance--George
Head Stones - Rendell
Killing Orders - Paretsky
Light Thickens-Marsh
The Little Drummer Girl - le Carre
The Maltese Falcon – Hammett
The Moonstone--Collins

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Rebecca - DuMaurier
Strong Poison - Sayers
Ten Little Indians - Christie
The Theban Mysteries - Cross
A Thief in Time - Hillerman
Traitor's Gate - Perry
Tree of Hands - Rendell
Underdog - Berenson
Whom the Gods Love - Ross

FANTASY AND SCI-FI

Childhood's End - Clarke
The Dispossessed - Ursula Le
Guin
The Foundation Trilogy- Isaac
Asimov
Growing Up Weightless - Ford
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy -
Adams
Left Hand of Darkness - LeGuin
Lord of the Rings - Tolkien
Martian Chronicles - Bradbury
The Mists of Avalon - Bradley
Ringworld - Larry Niven
Stranger in a Strange Land –
Heinlein

POETRY

Another America – Kingsolver
Beowulf – Heaney, trans.
The Best American Poetry 2001
Birthday Letters – Hughes
Blood, Tin, Straw - Olds
A Book of Women Poets from
Antiquity to Now – Barnstone &
Barnstone
Claiming the Spirit Within – Sewell,
Ed.
Collected Poems - Plath
The Country Between Us - Forche
Dear John, Dear Coltrane – Harper
The Flag of Childhood—Nye, Ed.
The Language of Life - Moyers, Ed.
More Light: Father & Daughter
Poems - Shindler, Ed.
Mother Love – Dove
New and Selected Poems - Lux
New and Selected Poems - Oliver
No More Masks - Howe, Ed.
Picnic, Lightning - Collins
Poetry Out Loud - Rubin, Ed.
Poets for Life: 76 Poets Respond to
AIDS - Klein, Ed.
Sailing Alone Around the Room
(New and Selected Poems) -

Collins
Selected Poems - Hughes
Selected Poems - Rich
Selected Poems - Sexton
Selected Poems - Williams, W.C.
Selected Poetry, 1966-1987-
Heaney
Sweet Machine - Doty
Tangled Vines (mother & daughter
poems) - Lifshin, Ed.
The Unswept Room--Olds
View with a Grain of Sand –
Szyborska
What the Living Do - Howe
What Work Is – Levine
The Words Under the Words--Nye

CONTEMPORARY CLASSICS

All the Pretty Horses - McCarthy
Beloved - Morrison
Ceremony - Silko
Catch 22 - Heller
Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
Cat's Cradle - Vonnegut
Cold Sassy Tree - Burns
Crossing to Safety - Stegner
Dharma Bums-Kerouac
The Fool's Progress - Abbey
A House for Mr. Biswas - Naipaul
Love Medicine (expanded ed.) -
Erdrich
On the Road - Kerouac
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest -
Kesey
One Hundred Years of Solitude -
Marquez
Remains of the Day - Ishiguro
Slaughterhouse Five - Vonnegut
The Wide Sargasso Sea - Rhys
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle
Maintenance - Pirsig

DIVERSE VOICES

(see also Faraway Places)
All Bright Court – Porter
Betsey Brown - Shange
Black Boy - Wright
In Another Country - Baldwin
Bless Me, Ultima – Anayo
The Bluest Eye - Morrison
Bone - Ng
Brothers and Keepers – Wideman
Caramelo-- Cisneros
The Color Purple - Walker
Dreaming in Cuban - Garcia
Go Tell It on the Mountain -

Reading List

Baldwin
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl -
Harriet Jacobs
The Invisible Man - Ellison
The Joy Luck Club - Amy Tan
Kitchen - Yoshimoto
Kitchen God's Wife - Tan
Lucy - Kincaid
Muriel and Other Stories - Ann
Petry
Narrative of the Life of Frederick
Douglass
Native Son - Wright
The Piano Lesson - Wilson
A Raisin in the Sun - Hansberry
Selected Poems - Hughes
Selected Poems – Brooks
Song of Solomon – Morrison
The Sweeter the Juice – Haizlip
When the Emperor was Divine--
Otsuka
Woman Hollering Creek - Cisneros
The Women of Brewster Place -
Naylor

HISTORICAL NOVELS

The Baron of the Trees - Calvino
Bread Givers - Yeziarska
Bull from the Sea - Renault
Dr. Zhivago – Pasternak
The Farming of Bones - Danticat
Fathers and Sons – Turgenev
The Ghost Road – Baker
In My Father's House - Rinaldi
I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem -
Conde
Les Miserables - Hugo
Name of the Rose - Eco
Ragtime - Doctorow
Sally Hemings – Riboud
The Servant's Tale – Fraser
Treason by the Book - Spence
Wolf by the Ears – Rinaldi
Year of Wonders - Brooks

