*Novels for

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1984 (1949) by George Orwell

All the King's Men (1946) by Robert Penn Warren

All the Pretty Horses (1992) by Cormac McCarthy

Animal Farm (1945) by George Orwell

Anna Karenina (1873-1877) by Leo Tolstoy

A Passage to India (1924) E. M. Forester

As I Lay Dying (1930) by William Faulkner

A Tale of Two Cities (1859) by Charles Dickens

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884) by Mark Twain

Beloved (1987) by Toni Morrison

Billy Budd (Billy Budd, Sailor) (written in 1891 and published in 1924) by Herman Melville

Bless Me, Ultima (1972) by Rudolfo Anaya

Catch-22 (1961) by Joseph Heller

Catcher in the Rye (1945-1946, 1951) by J. D. Salinger

Candide (1759) by Voltaire

Ceremony (1977) by Leslie Marmon Silko

Crime and Punishment (1866-1867) by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Cry, the Beloved Country (1948) by Alan Paton

Ethan Frome (1911) by Edith Wharton

Frankenstein (1818) by Mary Shelley

Go Tell It on the Mountain (1953) by James Baldwin

Great Expectations (1860-1861) by Charles Dickens

Gulliver's Travels (1725) by Jonathan Swift

Heart of Darkness (1899 - 1902) by Joseph Conrad

Invisible Man (1952) by Ralph Ellison

Jane Eyre (1847) by Charlotte Brontë

Jude the Obscure (1894) by Thomas Hardy

Light in August (1932) by William Faulkner

Lord Jim (1900) by Joseph Conrad

Madame Bovary (1856-1857) by Gustave Flaubert

Moby Dick (1851) by Herman Melville

Moll Flanders (1722) by Daniel Dafoe

Mrs. Dalloway (1925) by Virginia Woolf

Native Son (1940) by Richard Wright

Obasan (1981) Joy Kogawa

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (1916) by James Joyce

Portrait of A Lady (1880-81) by Henry James

Pride and Prejudice (1813) by Jane Austen

Song of Solomon (1977) by Toni Solomon

Tess of the D'Ubervilles (1891) by Thomas Hardy

The Awakening (1899) by Kate Chopin

The Bluest Eye (1970) by Tony Morrison

The Canterbury Tales (1387 - 1400) by Geoffrey Chaucer

The Color Purple (1982) by Alice Walker

The Great Gatsby (1925) by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937) by Zora Neale Hurston

The Jungle (1906) by Upton Sinclair

The Lord of the Flies (1954) by William Golding

The Mayor of Casterbridge (1886) by Thomas Hardy

The Scarlet Letter (1850) by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Sound and the Fury (1929) by William Faulkner

The Sun Also Rises (1926) by Ernest Hemingway

The Turn of the Screw (1898) by Henry James

The Underground Railroad (2016) by Colson Whitehead

Things Fall Apart (1962) by Chinua Achebe

Sula (1973) by Toni Morrison

Wide Sargasso Sea (1964-1966) by Jean Rhys

Wuthering Heights (1847) by Emily Brontë

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