

Notable Works Website Edition

Lexile	Reading level	AR Points	Author	Book Title	Book Synopsis
1060	9.0	12	Clarke, Arthur.	<i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i>	Science Fiction: A manned spacecraft and it's intellectual computer, HAL, investigate a monolith buried on the moon for the past 3 million years.
N/A	5.8	36	Mistry, Rohinton.	<i>A Fine Balance</i>	About the lives of Dina Dalal, Ishvar Darji, his nephew Omprakash Darji and the young Maneck Kohlah and how they come together in India.
N/A	6.8	18	King, Laurie	<i>A Grave Talent</i>	A series of shocking murders have occurred and the victims are children. Kate must find the truth even if it means losing everything she holds dear.
940	5.6	25	Heinlen, Robert A.	<i>A Stranger in a Strange Land</i>	The only man to survive the first mission to Mars comes to Earth and explores human experience.
810	5.8	23	Smith, Betty.	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	A young girl comes of age in the squalor and poverty of the Brooklyn slums.
980	5.8	21	Dorris, Michael	<i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>	Three generations of Indian women tell their stories, which are connected through struggle and secrets of the past.
N/A	9.1	25	Faulkner, William.	<i>Absalom, Absalom</i>	The story of Thomas Sutpen, a stranger in Jefferson, trying to gain a fortune.
1260	9.4	42	Eliot, George.	<i>Adam Bede</i>	Adam Bede is a young carpenter who falls in love with a woman while caring for his elderly mother. Leads to dark things.
990	6.6	18	Twain, Mark.	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The</i>	An extremely influential novel about a boy's journey down the Mississippi River with a slave who is running away with him.
1170	8.8	19	Wharton, Edith.	<i>Age of Innocence.</i>	A man about to marry a beautiful yet average woman meets another woman who he falls in love with. He must choose.
910	6.4	6	Coelho, Paulo	<i>Alchemist, The</i>	A tale of one man's journey to find riches, after searching he realizes the riches are waiting for him in an unexpected place.
830	6.0	10	Remarque, Erich Maria.	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	During World War I, Paul Baumer fights through a rigorous war as well as against the principles of hate.
1130	6.8	36	Warren, Robert Penn.	<i>All the King's Men</i>	Willie Stark starts his political career off popular, but soon struggles with keeping his morals.
870	6.2	13	Rodriguez, Luis	<i>Always Running: LaVida Loca Gang Days in LA</i>	A memoir of a Luis Rodriguez's journey through escaping his life in a gang by discovering the power of education. Story is told for his son.
N/A	9.6	23	Doyle, William	<i>American Insurrection, An</i>	How the government learns from there past mistakes and even the presidents mistakes.
850	6.0	12	Say, Meghan Nuttall	<i>Anahita's Woven Riddle</i>	About a girl who makes a fairy tale out of her life when her father promises a man she dislikes can marry her.
N/A	7.7	24	Corwin, Miles	<i>And Still We Rise</i>	Miles Corwin spent time with 12 kids that are exceptionally smart but are set in an environment that is known to have bullets fly through the window.
1110	5.9	23	McCourt, Frank.	<i>Angela's Ashes</i>	The memoir of Frank McCourt's poverty years through childhood up to young adulthood living in Brooklyn New York.

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1080	9.6	69	Tolstoy, Leo.	<i>Anna Karenina</i>	An unfaithful wife Anna Karenina cheats on her husband for a an named Count Vronsky. A tragic love story.
1160	9.5	29	Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Arrowsmith</i>	A doctor who is forced into being an isolated scientist searcher because his foundation wasn't supported by the public any longer.
	5.4	9	Faulkner, William.	<i>As I lay Dying</i>	This novel portrays the story of Addie Bundren of Mississippi, her sons, and the family trip to bury her.
880	5.9	13	Malamud, Bernard	<i>Assistant, The</i>	A man becomes a Jewish grocer's assistant and falls in love with his daughter which causes him to evaluate his beliefs.
1090	8.1	22	Anderson, M. T.	<i>Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, The</i>	American Revolution Era novel about a brilliant black man, held captive for his mind. Experiments performed on him
880	8.2	102	Rand, Ayn.	<i>Atlas Shrugged.</i>	About someone who said they would stop the world from rotating.....and succeeded!
N/A	7.5	22	McEwan, Ian	<i>Atonement</i>	A little girl wants to become a writer, but makes a great mistake and looks for atonement for many years to come on her exploration of writing.
1120	7.5	32	X, Malcolm	<i>Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	The story of the life of Malcom X. A famous black activist in the 1900's.
710	4.6	13	Gaines, Ernest.	<i>Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, The</i>	Story of American history through Jane Pittman's eyes from the 1800's through the civil rights movement.
960	8.5	12	Chopin, Kate.	<i>Awakening, The</i>	A woman who leaves her family, is seduced, and is awakened to new passions and drives that overwhelm her.
1010	7.8	22	Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Babbitt</i>	The story of a conniving, prosperous real estate man who becomes one of the most convincing and ugly figures in American fiction.
1300	7.7	20	Ambrose, Stephen E.	<i>Band of Brothers</i>	The tale of a infantry unit in World War II
900	5.6	13	Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Bean Trees, The</i>	Story of an adopted Indian child's and mother's life.
1100	7.0	19	King, Laurie	<i>Bee Keepers Apprentice</i>	Sherlock Holmes mystery, where he takes on a young apprentice, teaching her the skills of a detective.
1050	7.2	17	Goldberg, Myla	<i>Bee Season</i>	Story of a young Jewish girls coming of age.
750	5.9	13	Hersey, John.	<i>Bell for Adano, A</i>	Story of major Joppolo, an Italian-American major placed in charge of a Italian town during World war II
1140	7.2	11	Plath, Sylvia	<i>Bell Jar, The</i>	Story of Esther Greenwood, a girl working at a magazine company in New York City, who becomes disenchanted and depressed with her situation.
870	6.0	15	Morrison, Toni.	<i>Beloved</i>	Story of an escaped slave and her daughter, trying to build their lives after gaining freedom.

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950	7.4	22	Wright, Richard.	<i>Black Boy (American Hunger). (Biography)</i>	Autobiography of Richard Wright, detailing his life in the south and the racial tension that come along.
970	7.3	23	Bowden, Mark.	<i>Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern Warfare. (Non Fiction)</i>	Recounting of the battle of Mogadishu, as told from the perspective of those who were there.
840	5.4	14	Anaya, Rudolfo.	<i>Bless Me, Ultima</i>	Story of Ultima's attempt to stop witchcraft being practiced in his small Mexican town.
920	5.2	8	Morrison, Toni.	<i>Bluest Eye</i>	A young black girl longs for her eyes to be blue so everyone will think she is pretty and all the bad in her life will change.
730	5.1	18	Markus, Zusak	<i>Book Thief, The</i>	A foster girl's story of survival during WWII. The story is told from Death's perspective!
N/A	6.4	13	Seierstad, Asne.	<i>Bookseller of Kabul, The (Nonfiction)</i>	Description of an Afghani family in Kabul after 9-11
780	5.2	30	McCammon, Robert R.	<i>Boy's Life</i>	A southern boy in the 1960s goes through a car crash with his father that forces him to deal with many obstacles to help his father.
	7.5	11	Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>	This satirical novel describes a future world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.
820	5.0	8	Yolen, Jane	<i>Briar Rose</i>	Rebecca realizes remarkable things while she is fulfilling a promise she made to her dying grandmother that will change everything.
1060	6.6	11	Emecheta, Buchi	<i>Bride Price</i>	Story of a young Nigerian girl forced into marriage, and her struggle to be with the man she loves.
1010	10.4	74	Dostoyevsky, Fyodor.	<i>Brothers Karamazov, The</i>	Story of the murder of a father by his four sons
1080	7.9	27	Brown, Dee	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (nonfiction)</i>	history of the challenges native Americans faced in the late 1800's
910	6.4	34	Wouk, Herman.	<i>Caine Mutiny, The</i>	Story of a mutiny above the U.S.S Cain
930	6.0	8	Steinbeck, John.	<i>Cannery Row.</i>	After the Great Depression, locals in Cannery Row try to appreciate a man they look up to but it does not go the way they planned.
1140	7.1	30	Heller, Joseph.	<i>Catch-22</i>	At the end of World War II, Yossarian battles endlessly to stay alive in a novel that goes from hilarious to heartbreaking without warning.
790	4.7	11	Salinger, J.D.	<i>Catcher in the Rye, The</i>	Holden Caulfield leaves his prep school to go back to his hometown in New York and comes in contact with a wide variety of people.
N/A	6.1	23	Senna, Danzy	<i>Caucasia</i>	Story of a girl growing up in a biracial family in 1970's Boston.
N/A	6.8	19	Strauss, Darin	<i>Chang and Eng</i>	A story of conjoined twins

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990	7.7	12	Clarke, Arthur.	<i>Childhood's End.</i>	Story of an alien invasion that seems to only help humanity...
960	5.7	8	Mah, Adeline	<i>Chinese Cinderella</i>	Story of an unwanted Chinese girl.
820	5.4	8	Cormier, Robert	<i>Chocolate, War The</i>	When a boy refuses to sell chocolate for a school fundraiser, madness ensues.
970	6.6	15	Potok, Chaim.	<i>Chosen, The</i>	Story of two Jewish children who form an unlikely friendship
1210	6.9	27	Frazier, Charles	<i>Cold Mountain</i>	A wounded soldier named Inman decides to walk back to the woman he loves and is met by many dangerous yet intriguing people on his way.
1240	6.1	11	McBride, James	<i>Color of Water</i>	James McBride gives honor to his mother by telling her story and how she raised him and his eleven other siblings.
670	4.0	9	Walker, Alice	<i>Color Purple, The</i>	Story of an underprivileged black woman's life
1450	8.5	28	Styron, William.	<i>Confessions of Nat Turner, The</i>	Nat Turner, son of an African-born slave mother in Southampton County, Virginia, led an uprising of sixty or seventy slaves
1080	9.2	21	Twain, Mark.	<i>Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, A</i>	Story of an American transported back to the times of King Arthur.
1030	7.4	12	Pollack, Jack,	<i>Cork Boat (nonfiction)</i>	Story of a man who builds a boat out of wine corks
930	8.8	34	Dumas, Alexandre.	<i>Count of Monte Cristo, The</i>	Story of a American Indian who plays basketball at her high school
960	7.0	9	Colton, Larry	<i>Counting Coup: A True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn</i>	After traveling to an Indian reservation, Colton gives insight into Sharon LeForge's struggles and talents on the court.
990	8.7	40	Dostoyevsky, Fyodor.	<i>Crime and Punishment.</i>	A suspenseful novel about a man's morals who is haunted by his conscience and tries to avoid the crime he committed.
860	6.2	14	Paton, Alan.	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>	A man and his father live in a place lacking in social justice due to discrimination against blacks.
880	6.0	10	Bradbury, Ray.	<i>Dandelion Wine.</i>	Douglas, a 12-year old boy living in an every day American setting focuses on the simple joys of yesteryear.
1250	8.8	24	Allende, Isabel.	<i>Daughter of Fortune</i>	A story about Eliza Sommers, a Chilean girl, who is raised by an English family, and learns life's lessons about poverty, love, and society.
1070	9.5	66	Dickens, Charles.	<i>David Copperfield</i>	A story about the struggles in the life of David Copperfield from childhood to adulthood.
1010	6.5	14	Edelman, Bernard	<i>Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam</i>	A series of 200 letters from the men and women serving at Vietnam gives us a closer look into the war.

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1150	7.9	12	Cather, Willa.	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i>	The novel follows the attempts of a Catholic bishop and a priest to establish a diocese in New Mexico Territory.
1020	7.9	12	Agee, James.	<i>Death in the Family, A</i>	A novel about a sorrowful impact on the death of a family member, and how quickly a domestic life can be destroyed.
930	6.2	11	Malley, Gemma	<i>Declaration, The</i>	A story set in the future, Anna goes through the opinions of those saying that existence is a crime.
1170	9.2	23	Larson, Erik	<i>Devil in the White City (nonfiction)</i>	A factual account of the mass murder during the World's Fair.
1010	8.2	36	Pasternak, Boris.	<i>Doctor Zhivago</i>	A novel based on how war can destroy idealism and perfection for Doctor Zhivago's life.
1500	13.2	91	Cervantes, Miguel de.	<i>Don Quixote</i>	The adventures of Don Quixote by way of a fictional Moorish chronicler named Cide Hamete Benengeli.
990	6.6	25	Stoker, Bram.	<i>Dracula</i>	Composed of journal entries and newspaper clippings, this is a novel accounting the story of Dracula's life and love.
800	5.7	28	Herbert, Frank.	<i>Dune</i>	A story set in the future about Paul Atreidas and his father's struggle to find "spice"
700	5.3	34	Steinbeck, John.	<i>East of Eden</i>	The story of two families and their interwoven stories...
1080	9.3	30	Austen, Jane.	<i>Emma</i>	A novel about the perils of misconstrued romance
1180	8.6	11	Alexander, Caroline	<i>Endurance: Shackeltons Legendary Antarctic Expedition</i>	Shackelton and a crew of 27 set out to be the first crossing on foot of the Antarctic continent.
1200	7.6	6	Wharton, Edith.	<i>Ethan Frome</i>	A story about Ethan From who is full of dreams and aspirations that turn into a turn of events...
920	6.7	41	Uris, Leon	<i>Exodus</i>	Kitty Fremont must decide between Karen, someone like a daughter to her, and Ari, her lover.
1110	9.7	25	Hardy, Thomas.	<i>Far from the Madding Crowd</i>	A love story about how if Gabriel can make an independent woman fall in love with him.
730	6.0	13	Hemingway, Ernest.	<i>Farewell to Arms, A</i>	A novel switching between the passion of a doomed romance, and the drama of the Great War.
N/A	6.0	13	Danticat, Edwidge	<i>Farming of Bones</i>	Separated from her Haitian lover, Anabelle goes on a journey in search of news of her lover, encountering obstacles along the way.
1240	10.4	22	Schlosser, Eric	<i>Fast Food Nation</i>	An examination of the local and global influence of the United States' fast food industry.
820			Fererris, Zoe.	<i>Finding Nouf</i>	Nayir ash-Sharqi tries to solve the murder of a girl who went missing three days before her arranged marriage.

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920	6.0	15	Ung, Loung	<i>First They Killed My Father</i>	A biography of Loung Ung's life through the Khmer Rouge years.
960	7.0	17	Malamud, Bernard	<i>Fixer, The</i>	True story about a Jew that is unjustly accused and imprisoned for a murder gaining much insight and growth during his imprisonment.
840	5.8	28	Hemingway, Ernest.	<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>	A man was sent to cross enemy lines and bomb a bridge with the help of guerrillas who have been living in the mountains.
1410	12.8	22	Ellis, Joseph	<i>Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation</i>	About the founding brother, men with gifts and flaws, that played a huge part in the development of a new nation.
780	7.0	53	Rand, Ayn.	<i>Fountainhead, The</i>	About a single person that branches out in a collectivist nation to become an individualist with his creativity and architecture.
N/A	6.5	35	Marillier, Juliet	<i>Foxmask</i>	Two boys go in search of one's father and stumble upon an enchanted island where he once lived and help restore piece on it.
1260	8.0	19	Bissinger, H.G	<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	About a high school football team in Texas that makes there way to the state championship.
900	5.8	13	Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Geronimo</i>	One of the best Native American warriors fighting ageist Mexico during the Apache Wars.
980	6.4	6	Noyes, Deborah	<i>Ghosts of Kerfol, The</i>	A ghost story of "kerfol" inspiring five different family's in the same haunted manor over centuries.
830	8.4	28	Rolvaag, Ole.	<i>Giants in the Earth</i>	A classic story of a Norwegian pioneer family trying to make a life in America.
770	5.4	11	Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	A poor girl goes to work for a rich painter to clean his lair and eventually becomes one of his very few subjects without his wife's consent.
1000	6.3	19	Lansens, Lori	<i>Girls, The (nonfiction)</i>	A life story of conjoined twins told through there own eyes.
N/A	8.6	14	Harper, Kenn	<i>Give Me My Father's Body: The Life of Minik, N.Y. Eskimo</i>	A story of a hopeless condition of exile for a group of eskimos.
1010	5.9	12	Walls, Jeannette	<i>Glass Castle: A Memoir, The (Memoir)</i>	A book that chronicles the life of writer Jeanette Walls.
620	3.8	5	Abelove, Joan.	<i>Go and Come Back</i>	The story of two anthropologists who went to live with a tribe in Peru.
1030	6.5	13	Baldwin, James.	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	A novel that examines the role of the Christian Church in the lives of African Americans and also examines racism in the U.S.
620	4.6	14	O'Brien, Tim.	<i>Going After Cacciato</i>	A war novel about the Vietnam War that tells the story of Cacciato who walks from Vietnam to France through Asia.
1100	7.1	71	Mitchell, Margaret.	<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	A romantic novel about Scarlett O'Hara, a spoiled daughter who must come up with the means to get out of poverty that she finds herself in.

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1530	6.8	19	Buck, Pearl.	<i>Good Earth, The</i>	The story of a farmer in China: a story of humility and bravery. Wang Lung is given a former slave as a wife. This is their life story.
680	4.9	25	Steinbeck, John.	<i>Grapes of Wrath</i>	A family is forced out of their home in Oklahoma to California in hopes of a better life.
890	6.5	15	Power, Susan	<i>Grass Dancer</i>	A story about a young Native American boy and his ancestors along with spirits and cultures of Native American life.
1230	9.2	35	Dickens, Charles.	<i>Great Expectations</i>	A man struggles to get out of poverty and then finds himself in debt once again, all while struggling with love.
1070	7.3	8	Fitzgerald, F. Scott.	<i>Great Gatsby, The</i>	A novel about Jay Gatsby that reveals the truth of his past through his attempts to get back his old love, Daisy.
750	5.4	14	Attwood, Margaret.	<i>Handmaid's Tale, The</i>	Fable that takes place in country that was formerly the United States. Women are strictly controlled.
760	6.3	19	McCullers, Carson	<i>Heart is a Lonely Hunter, The</i>	John Singer struggles with a disability and his close friend going insane; many people confide in him without knowledge of his hardships.
1050	9.0	10	Conrad, Joseph.	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>	An Englishman gets assigned a project in Africa which leads him to exploring the three levels of darkness.
N/A	6.1	21	Eggers, Dave	<i>Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius</i>	After the sickness of their parents, Beth, Toph, and Dave set out from Illinois to California...and things get complicated.
1190	8.4	9	Hersey, John.	<i>Hiroshima (Nonfiction)</i>	A book originally made from an article on the bombing of the town Hiroshima during the war.
1000	6.6	16	Tolkien, J.R.R	<i>Hobbit, The</i>	This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.
1290	11.0	22	Hawthorne, Nathaniel.	<i>House of the Seven Gables</i>	Based on a "haunted house" in New England, the current resident deals with the effects of the house on her and her brother.
1090	5.7	28	Llewellyn, Richard.	<i>How Green Was My Valley</i>	As Huw Morgan gets ready to leave his home for good, he recalls his youth and everything that goes along with it.
760	5.8	8	Sayoran, William.	<i>Human Comedy, The</i>	In the midst of World War II, a family of immigrants works to pursue their dreams despite setbacks.
920	7.2	9	Rodriguez, Richard	<i>Hunger of Memory: Education of Richard Rodriguez</i>	Richard Rodriguez's educational journey through college--started off knowing only fifty English words.
1070	6.7	13	Angelou, Maya.	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. (Nonfiction; Graphic)</i>	A coming-of-age novel about how to overcome traumatizing racism.
960	6.7	14	Greenberg, Joanne	<i>I Never Promised You a Rose Garden</i>	Deborah lives with schizophrenia and spends three years in a facility trying to attain a normal life.
1040	10.7	56	Dostoyevsky, Fyodor.	<i>Idiot, The</i>	Scorned for his idiocy, the prince finds himself in the center of a love triangle.

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680	4.4	7	Bradbury, Ray.	<i>Illustrated Man</i>	A man whose entire body is covered in tattoos that come alive and attempt to tell their own story.
1040	7.1	21	Capote, Truman.	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Two unaccomplished people attempt a robbery that does not turn out well which leads to the exploration of the criminal mind and prison.
1210	8.8	14	Philbrick, Nathaniel	<i>In the Heart of the Sea</i>	A story of a whaling ship that was sunk by an 80-foot whale in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.
950	7.2	30	Ellison, Ralph.	<i>Invisible Man</i>	A man living in a black community deals with adversities and feels like he is invisible.
1410	12.9	40	Scott, Walter Sir	<i>Ivanhoe</i>	The story of one remaining Saxon family during a primarily Norman time period.
890	7.9	33	Bronte, Charlotte.	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Jane Eyre fights for her right in a society favored towards men and in the process falls in love with a man she wants to change.
930	5.7	14	Tan, Amy.	<i>Joy Luck Club, The</i>	A novel about the bond between mother and daughters.
1110	8.9	27	Hardy, Thomas.	<i>Jude the Obscure</i>	Two cousins fall in love with each other and start to fall apart when society constantly disapproves of them.
1170	8.0	22	Sinclair, Upton	<i>Jungle, The</i>	A novel exposing the meat-packing industry, caused Theodore Roosevelt to investigate which led to pure-food legislation.
1040	7.1	24	Mathabane, Mark.	<i>Kaffir Boy (Nonfiction)</i>	A boy living in a ghetto in South Africa struggles to escape through education and determination.
N/A	5.7	21	Hickham, Homer	<i>Keeper's Son, The</i>	Josh is constantly reminded of his brother's death and begins to search for him because he believes his brother is still alive.
990	7.6	14	Stevenson, Robert L	<i>Kidnapped</i>	David Balfour sets out to meet his uncle after his father dies and ends up on a long journey.
930	5.2	24	Tan, Amy.	<i>Kitchen God's Wife, The</i>	A story dealing with family relationships and the bond between Chinese mothers and daughters.
840	5.2	16	Hosseini, Khaled.	<i>Kite Runner, The</i>	The eye-opening account, set against the backdrop of Afghanistan's recent and turbulent history.
N/A	5.8	22	Jones, Edward P.	<i>Known World, The</i>	Pulitzer Prize winning book that examines issues regarding the ownership of black slaves by free black people as well as by whites.
1350	10.3	29	Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>Last of the Mohicans, The</i>	A story about the French and Indian War that is rich in details about the scenery.
940	6.0	11	McCarthy, Susan Carol	<i>Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands</i>	After Klansmen kill a 19 year-old African-American in 1951, Reesa McMahon finds the world and people she loves forever changed by the tragedy
970	7.0	15	LeGuin, Ursula	<i>Left Hand of Darkness</i>	Genly Ai must bring his planet back to civilization but to do so their differences must be settled.

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990	9.8	105	Hugo, Victor.	<i>Les Miserables</i>	Focuses on an ex-convict Jean Valejean and his struggle for redemption.
750	4.4	11	Gaines, Ernest.	<i>Lesson Before Dying, A.</i>	A young black man about to be executed tries to leave behind wisdom before he must face his death.
1090	9.1	24	Twain, Mark	<i>Life on the Mississippi</i>	A travel book describing Mark Twain's adventures on the Mississippi during and after the war.
N/A	6.7	25	Faulkner, William.	<i>Light in August</i>	An orphan named Joe is haunted by his past which leads him to commit extreme crimes.
1030	7.2	14	Esquivel, Laura	<i>Like Water for Chocolate</i>	A novel focusing on a young girl longing to marry her lover but can't because of family traditions.
1300	7.9	33	Alcott, Luisa May	<i>Little Women</i>	The lives of four sisters which closely relate to most young people's---while waiting for their father to return home from war.
1010	7.7	38	Wolfe, Thomas.	<i>Look Homeward, Angel</i>	An autobiographical story of how Thomas Wolfe was restless growing up and desired more challenges and deeper intellect.
1110	9.1	24	Conrad, Joseph.	<i>Lord Jim</i>	After abandoning a ship while working as a mate, Jim needs to comes to terms with his past.
760	6.0	11	Hammett, Dashell.	<i>Maltese Falcon, The.</i>	A detective novel that follows Spade who is suspected of killing his partner. Spade plays the police and criminals in order to achieve justice.
950	10.2	34	Dumas, Alexandre.	<i>Man in the Iron Mask, The</i>	The adventures of three musketeers on a journey to fulfill their purposes.
740	6.2	9	Bradbury, Ray.	<i>Martian Chronicles</i>	After a traumatizing event on Earth, humans flee to mars and have conflict with the Martians.
1090	9.5	22	Hardy, Thomas.	<i>Mayor of Casterbridge, The</i>	The book is a mix of love and conflict, fate and tragedy all contained within Hardy's unique area of Wessex.
900	6.3	9	McCullers, Carson	<i>Member of the Wedding</i>	Story of 12-year-old tomboy, who feels disconnected from the world. She dreams of going away with her brother and his bride on their honeymoon
1000	6.5	31	Golden, Arthur	<i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i>	Based on a true story of a Geisha. Filled with neglect, longing, abuse, and the quest for a better life.
1240	10.4	64	Eliot, George.	<i>Middlemarch</i>	The first great multi-plot novel tells the story of a woman who longs to be useful.
N/A	6.0	14	Bates, Judy Fong.	<i>Midnight at Dragon Café</i>	Immigrants flee from China, old world vs. new world values
1120	8.4	38	Rushdie, Salmon	<i>Midnight's Children</i>	A first-person narrative of Saleem Sinai, an obscure thirty-year-old pickle factory worker who writes the fantastic story of his life each night.
1240	9.9	41	Eliot, George.	<i>Mill on the Floss</i>	This story follows the tale a brother and sister growing up on the River Floss. It shows their struggle to grow from childhood to being an adult.

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1120	6.7	73	Bradley, Marion Zimmer.	<i>Mists of Avalon</i>	Retelling of the Arthurian legend, from the point of view of his half-sister. This book has the struggle of growing up in a time of war and searching.
1200	10.3	42	Melville, Herman.	<i>Moby-Dick, or, The Whale.</i>	The adventures of the wandering sailor Ishmael, and his voyage on Pequod, commanded by Captain Ahab. Ahab seeks one specific whale...
940	5.5	7	Watson, Larry	<i>Montana 1948</i>	Story of a man looking back on his childhood. The boy describes the events of the summer of 1948 in a small town in Montana.
1040	7.6	34	Collins, Wilkie.	<i>Moonstone, The . (Early mystery)</i>	Creates many of the characteristics of detective novels, also represented Collins' social views by his treatment of the Indians and servants.
900	6.1	27	Haynes, Melinda	<i>Mother of Pearl</i>	A friendship develops across race lines, that is just one of many miracles waiting to happen in this small Southern town of Petal, Mississippi.
950	7.2	11	Woolf, Virginia.	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>	A novel which depicts one day in the life of Clarissa Dalloway, who is preparing for a party that she is hosting.
1080	8.4	22	Nordoff, Charles.	<i>Mutiny on the Bounty</i>	Based on a true story. Follows life on Pacific islands, romantic affairs with sailors and natives, and power struggles where good triumphs over evil.
1010	6.9	14	Cather, Willa.	<i>My Antonia</i>	The narrator meets a childhood friend, on a train trip crossing Iowa, and they reminisce about growing up in the same small Nebraska town.
970	7.1	8	Latifa	<i>My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban</i>	Memoir of a 16-year-old girl growing up under the Taliban. She records the troubles her family faces and helps her mother run a secret school.
1210	7.2	18	Lahiri, Jhumpa	<i>Namesake, The</i>	A man who feels awkward from birth due to his name achieves many things but cannot quite feel at home anywhere.
N/A	7.9	7	Douglass, Fredrick	<i>Narrative Life of Fredrick Douglass</i>	Memoir of the famous ex-slave Frederick Douglas and his desire to become a free man. The most famous of narratives written by slaves .
700	6.1	24	Wright, Richard.	<i>Native Son</i>	A young black man living in Chicago all but has his fate laid out for him, which seems even more accurate after he commits a murder.
900	6.2	10	Markandaya, K	<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>	A simple woman's priority is to take care and love those who are close to her.
1340	8.5	12	Ehrenreich, Barbara	<i>Nickel and Dimed</i>	Ehrenreich explores life trying to get by without many skills and illuminates how hard work does not always get someone out of poverty.
930	6.7	9	Cather, Willa.	<i>O' Pioneers</i>	The story of a family of Swedish immigrants in the farm country near the fictional town of Hanover, Nebraska, at the turn of the 20th century.
990	6.6	12	Kogawa, Joy.	<i>Obason</i>	Set in 1972, a 36 year old Japanese teacher in Canada has to care for her widowed aunt after her uncle and childhood caretaker passes away.
910	8.3	48	Maugham, Somerset.	<i>Of Human Bondage</i>	An orphaned boy who endlessly tries to connect with people and experience feeling free.
1060	11.3	33	Dickens, Charles.	<i>Oliver Twist</i>	An orphan escapes from an abusive orphanage and travels to London where he meets Dodger, who takes him to Fagin, a caretaker of thieves.

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1110	6.2	18	Kesey, Ken.	<i>One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	An impacting story of life in a mental ward.
1410	8.7	27	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia.	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	One hundred years in a village--both comical and heartbreaking.
880	5.6	6	Welty, Eudora	<i>Optimist's Daughter, The</i>	This partially autobiographical story explores the subtle bonds between parent and child and the complexities of love and grief
1190	8.5	22	Parkman, Francis	<i>Oregon Trail, The (nonfiction)</i>	First-person account of a two month summer tour of the western US. The heart of the book covers three weeks spent hunting buffalo.
1020	6.9	19	McKinley, Robin	<i>Outlaws of Sherwood, The</i>	Retelling of Robin Hood . The story includes both the traditional characters—Little John, Friar Tuck, Allan-a-Dale, and some new.
890	5.4	12	Clark, Water	<i>Ox-Bow Incident, The</i>	Three men in the West are wrongfully punished and neither the law nor decency protects them.
710	4.6	15	Butler, Octavia	<i>Parable of Sower</i>	Set in a future where government has all but collapsed, a young woman possesses the ability to feel the pain of others.
950	7.7	18	Foster, E.M.	<i>Passage to India, A</i>	Novel set in the 1920's, the story revolves around four characters during a trip to the Marabar Caves.
N/A	5.0	13	Vreeland, Susan	<i>Passion of Artemisia</i>	Chronicles the extraordinary life of Artemisia Gentileschi, the first woman to make a significant contribution to art history.
N/A	8.6	26	Allende, Isabel.	<i>Paula</i>	Memoir meant to cover the darkest period of Allende's life. The book is a tribute to her deceased daughter, who fell into a coma and never awoke.
970	7.7	14	Wilde, Oscar.	<i>Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Dorian Gray sacrifices his soul in order to maintain eternal youth and begins to hurt those that are close to him without any care.
1070	8.2	16	Camus, Albert.	<i>Plague</i>	The story of medical workers finding solidarity in their labor as the Algerian city of Oran, which has been swept by the plague.
960	6.6	29	Kingsolver, Barbara.	<i>Poisonwood Bible, The</i>	The story of a fiery missionary who drags his family to the Belgian Congo at the beginning of its revolutionary period in 1959.
N/A	6.7	16	Harris, Robert	<i>Pompeii</i>	A blend of fictional characters with the real-life eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 that overwhelmed Pompeii and its surrounding towns.
1280	8.8	21	Allende, Isabel.	<i>Portrait in Sepia</i>	Revolutionary Chile - love, desire, tragedy, dark family secrets
1220	8.7	16	Joyce, James.	<i>Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>	Story of the everyday events, small and large, of one boy's life in early 20th century Dublin.
710	5.9	12	Greene, Graham.	<i>Power and the Glory, The</i>	After the church is outlawed in Mexico and priests are shot, the one remaining priest explores the nature of religion.
1100	12.0	27	Austen, Jane.	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	A woman deals with issues of manners, upbringing, morality, education and marriage in the society of 19 th -century England.

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1160	9.5	13	Twain, Mark	<i>Prince and the Pauper, The.</i>	An impoverished boy switches clothes with the prince of England; no one believes that the prince is who he says he is because they look so similar.
1410	11.4	13	Kennedy, John F.	<i>Profiles in Courage. (Nonfiction)</i>	Biography of eight US Senators, crossed the lines of what was right in the public eye, for the good of the country.
N/A	4.8	17	Potok, Chaim.	<i>Promise, The</i>	Two men's shared interest in a disturbed boy forces them to use all of their knowledge in attempt to help him.
1340	7.0	6	Shaw, George Bernard	<i>Pygmalion</i>	A Cockney flower girl's metamorphosis into a lady has a lot to say about class, money, freedom, and women's independence.
N/A	6.6	20	Maugham, Somerset.	<i>Razor's Edge, The</i>	The story of an American pilot traumatized by his experiences in WWI, who sets out to find the meaning of life.
N/A	8.4	25	Nafisi, Azar.	<i>Reading Lolita in Tehran</i>	A memoir following Nafisi's return to Iran during the revolution (1978-1981) and lived and taught in Iran until her departure in 1997.
880	6.8	26	DuMaurier, Daphne.	<i>Rebecca</i>	Told in flashback form, the story follows a woman who travels from hotel to hotel in Europe with her husband. Troubles occur
920	8.0	8	Crane, Stephen	<i>Red Badge of Courage</i>	Story of a soldier, Henry Fleming. He dreams of going off to war to receive the glory that accompanies it, but is changed by his experiences.
970	6.1	16	Faulkner, William.	<i>Reivers, The</i>	Follows the journey of Lucius Priest and friends. Throughout the ordeals in the story, the group learns the value of morals, dignity, and friendship.
1040	10.2	42	Hardy, Thomas.	<i>Return of the Native</i>	Tragic story of a confused tangle of lovers. Diggory is in love with Thomasin, who was supposed to marry Damon. ...
N/A	6.0	14	Simon, Rachel	<i>Riding the Bus With My Sister</i>	An inspiring story of everything that a sister learns from riding a bus six days a week with her mentally challenged sister.
1070	12.3	27	Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Known as the first "novel", the book follows a shipwrecked man and his journey alone on an island.
1220	8.2	7	Woolf, Virginia.	<i>Room of One's Own, A</i>	A book about women in society and their accomplishments.
N/A	6.2	16	Card, Orson Scott	<i>Sarah</i>	A Jewish woman, Sarah, pretends to be her husband's sister and deals with many painful repercussions.
1330	11.7	14	Hawthorne, Nathaniel.	<i>Scarlet Letter, The</i>	Story of Hester Prynne, an outcast in her small, colonial Boston.
1150	8.6	25	Keneally, Thomas.	<i>Schindler's List</i>	The story takes place in Krakow during WWII. Schindler, a member of a Nazi party, attempts to save as many Jews as possible.
1180	8.4	22	Austen, Jane.	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Two opposite sisters have one thing in common---experiencing love.
1110	6.9	10	Knowles, John.	<i>Separate Peace, A</i>	Two boys sharing a room at a prep school form a close bond that brings out each other's true colors.

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	5.6	10	Sofer, Dalia	<i>Septembers of Shiraz</i>	It takes place during the Iranian revolution (1979) and focuses on a family that is Jewish.
1330	9.7	14	Eliot, George.	<i>Silas Marner</i>	Living in the slums of Northern England, Marner is falsely accused of stealing from the congregation's funds.
1340	11.5	19	Carson, Rachel.	<i>Silent Spring</i> . (Nonfiction)	Book is credited for launching the environmental movement. The book shows detrimental effects of pesticides on the environment.
850	6.0	8	Vonnegut, Kurt.	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i> .	Pilgrim has to relive his WWII prisoner of war, his marriage, death of wife, and abduction by the Tralfamadorians.
970	7.9	10	Rogasky, Barbara	<i>Smoke and Ashes: Story of the Holocaust</i>	Examines the causes, events, and legacies of the Holocaust. A great book but a lot of graphic images and thoughts.
1080	7.0	23	Guterson, David.	<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>	A novel rich in detail about a man in Washington-primarily about a murder trial.
980	6.5	16	See, Lisa	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>	19th century in China, two very close friends highlight village and family life.
870	5.0	14	Morrison, Toni.	<i>Song of Solomon</i>	A novel that depicts four very different generations of black families.
870	4.4	14	Faulkner, William.	<i>Sound and the Fury, The</i>	Centers around the Compson family, former southern aristocrats, struggling to deal with the dissolution of their family and its reputation.
1140	7.0	34	Hegi, Ursula	<i>Stones from the River</i>	This story is about a woman who has dwarfism. The book chronicles her life in Germany in the years before, during and after World War II.
900	6.1	31	Wroblewski, David	<i>Story of Edgar Sawtelle, The</i>	Modern Hamlet set in rural Wisconsin. Edgar is a mute who runs away, but returns hoping to prove his suspicions that his uncle killed his father.
1090	6.8	12	Keller, Helen	<i>Story of My Life (nonfiction)</i>	Includes words that Helen Keller wrote and the story of her life up to age 21, and was written during her time in college.
1050	6.4	8	Morrison, Toni.	<i>Sula</i>	A story of motherhood, friendship, and love. Follows two girls from childhood to adulthood, describes the way their bond is tested by society.
610	4.4	10	Hemingway, Ernest.	<i>Sun Also Rises, The</i>	Post World War I, Jake Barnes suffers from a war wound that is especially difficult when he falls in love with a woman.
990	8.8	20	Fitzgerald, F. Scott.	<i>Tender Is the Night</i>	A novel that parallels Fitzgerald's life about a man who falls apart once his wife is diagnosed with schizophrenia.
1160	9.5	23	Hardy, Thomas.	<i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i>	Story of a family once part of a great family. Sends daughter to actual family to get information. They are not the family and she is mistreated.
1080	5.6	10	Hurston, Zora Neale.	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	The story of an African American woman in her 40's, told in extended flashback by her best friend. Her life has three major periods.
890	6.2	8	Achebe, Chinua.	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Seven years of a man's exile until he finally returns.

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880	5.8	10	O'Brien, Tim.	<i>Things They Carried, The.</i>	Vietnam testament from soldiers - they carried malaria tablets, love letters, mine detectors and unrelenting images of war.
830	5.4	16	Hosseini, Khaled.	<i>Thousand Splendid Suns, A</i>	The story of 2 women living in turbulent Afghanistan. Strong female characters, a vivid and engaging setting.
960	11.3	42	Dumas, Alexandre.	<i>Three Musketeers, The</i>	The d'Artagnan travels to Paris to join the Musketeers. He suffers misadventure and is challenged to a duel by each. They eventually unite...
1030	7.2	12	Woolf, Virginia.	<i>To the Lighthouse</i>	A thought provoking novel about a family's visit to Scotland over the span of ten years.
N/A	8.2	22	Hickham, Homer	<i>Torpedo Junction</i>	Little known story of the deadly U-boat action off the North Carolina coast in the early days of World War II.
870	8.3	12	Stevenson, Robert L	<i>Treasure Island</i>	A story about a boy who has a man in his house with a treasure chest, and evil pirates are out to get the map and the treasure he will soon possess.
670	4.9	13	Geras, Adele	<i>Troy</i>	This is the story of Troy: a ten-year-long battle between the Spartans and Trojans.
960	8.2	13	Lederer, William J.	<i>Ugly American, The</i>	An exposé of American arrogance, incompetence, and corruption in Southeast Asia.
	7.7	24	Hillenbrand, Lauren	<i>Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption (Biography)</i>	This biography Olympic runner and WWII bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who survived in the ocean after his plane crashed.
1050	9.3	32	Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin.</i>	Claimed to help start the Civil War, this novel follows the lives of slaves and shows the truth about life in the south pre-emancipation.
1190	9.0	42	Ambrose, Stephen E.	<i>Undaunted Courage</i>	Follows the Lewis and Clark Expedition through the heart-stopping moments of the actual trip, to Lewis's lonely demise on the Natchez Trace.
1270	12.4	66	Thackeray, William M.	<i>Vanity Fair</i>	Referring to a stop along a pilgrim's journey, the fair represents man's sinful attachment to worldly things.
1420	8.7	21	Thoreau, Henry David	<i>Walden</i>	part personal declaration of independence, social experience, and voyage of spiritual discovery and self reliance.
1200	10.1	118	Tolstoy, Leo.	<i>War and Peace</i>	A novel with graphic details leading up to the French Revolution.
1020	9.1	11	Wells, H.G.	<i>War of the Worlds</i>	As the narrator roams the streets of London, the town is attacked by Martians.
880	6.2	25	Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i>	A group of hardy rabbits share many adventures together as they look for a safe place to establish a new home after the destruction of theirs.
N/A	8.7	19	Norman, Elizabeth	<i>We Band of Angels</i>	A mixture of letters, diaries, and personal interviews, this novel documents the lives of three women.
N/A	7.4	30	Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>We Were the Mulvaney</i>	A picture perfect family experiences an event one day that never gets spoken of and threatens to break their close bond.

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1000	6.1	10	Crutcher, Chris	<i>Whale Talk</i>	A boy in high school who loves to swim strives to fulfill his goals as a swimmer despite his school not having a pool
960	6.9	29	Smith, Zadie	<i>White Teeth</i>	A man who feels inferior sits in his car and lets the flip of a coin decide if he will stay alive or not.
930	6.6	61	Wouk, Herman.	<i>Winds of War, The</i>	Partly fiction, and partly fact this novel documents stories during World War II.
880	5.7	11	Kingston, Maxine Hong.	<i>Woman Warrior.</i>	A novel that is a mixture between an autobiography and Chinese folktales.
880	11.3	23	Bronte, Emily.	<i>Wuthering Heights.</i>	18th century England, two families become intertwined through marriage, passion, and the dominating force of a man called Heathcliff.
1080	6.9	17	Brooks, Geraldine	<i>Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague</i>	After a plague hits a town called Eyem, they quarantine themselves to prevent the disease from spreading further.

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