

# 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

## GROSSMONT COLLEGE ENGLISH 98R READING LIST

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE /GENRE/READING LEVEL</u>	<u>PAGE CREDIT</u>
	Description	
Achebe, Chinua* .....	<b><i>Things Fall Apart</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	210
	The contemporary African writer's classic novel depicting the destruction of traditional tribal life by the white man.	
Adams, Richard* .....	<b><i>Watership Down</i></b> /Fantasy/I.....	500
	Adams's <i>Watership Down</i> takes focuses on a world people have never truly seen. It is an experience showing the remarkable life that teems in the fields, forests, and riverbanks far beyond our cities and towns.	
Ahmedi, Farah, and Ansary, Tamin*..	<b><i>The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky</i></b> /Autobiography/B & I.....	250
	Farah loses a leg as a child and is shipped to Germany for two years to get better medical care. When she returns to her home in Afghanistan, she is surrounded by violence and war. When she loses her entire family except her mother, Farah decides to take her mother to America for a better life. After many health battles and emotional struggles, they finally reach America only to discover that life in the US isn't what they expected.	
Albom, Mitch* .....	<b><i>For One More Day</i></b> /Fiction/B &I.....	150
	A man on the brink of suicide has a car accident after which he spends one final day with his deceased mother and survives with a renewed desire to live.	
Albom, Mitch* .....	<b><i>The Five People You Meet in Heaven</i></b> /Fiction/B & I .....	150
	Eddie is an eighty-three-year-old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life fixing rides at an amusement park. After a tragic accident kills him, he awakes in the afterlife where he learns that heaven is a place where your life is explained to you by five people. One by one, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life and revealing the purpose of his life on earth.	
Albom, Mitch* .....	<b><i>Tuesdays With Morrie</i></b> /Memoir/B & I .....	190
	Mitch Albom rediscovers Morrie, his college professor from nearly twenty years previous, in the last months of the Morrie's life. Even though Morrie was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live.	

Alcott, Louisa.....	<b><i>Little Women</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	550
While their father is away in the Civil War, the four sisters and their mother work hard to maintain a happy and peaceful home.		
Aldrich, Bess* .....	<b><i>A Lantern in Her Hand</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	275
After marrying Will Deal and moving to Nebraska, Abbie endures the difficulties of frontier life and raises her children to pursue the ambitions that were once her own.		
Anaya, Rudolfo* .....	<b><i>Bless Me, Ultima</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	275
This story pits good against evil, Catholic beliefs against the "old ways," and education against the gift of intuition; the book ends with acceptance and new life challenges.		
Anderson, Marian.....	<b><i>My Lord, What a Morning</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	300
In this autobiography, first published in 1956, the contralto recounts her musical career and her battles with racism.		
Angelou, Maya* ..	<b><i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i></b> /Autobiography/I.....	280
This memoir traces Maya Angelou's childhood in a small, rural community during the 1930s.		
Anthony, Piers* .....	<b><i>A Spell for Chameleon</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	345
Xanth is the enchanted land where magic rules—where every citizen has a special spell only he can cast.		
Armstrong, Lance* .....	<b><i>It's Not About the Bike</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	275
This is the story of the athlete as a young boy and his relationship with his single mother, his success as a world-class cyclist, and his friends in that world.		
Asimov, Isaac* .....	<b><i>Foundation</i></b> /Fiction/I.....	300
<i>Foundation</i> marks the first of a series of tales set so far in the future that Earth is all but forgotten by humans who live throughout the galaxy.		
Ayer, Eleanor* .....	<b><i>Parallel Journeys</i></b> /Biography/I .....	250
The author tells the true story of the Holocaust through the voices of a Jewish woman and a Hitler youth.		
Baca, Santiago.....	<b><i>A Place to Stand</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	265
Jimmy Santiago Baca tells the story of his time in prison. He begins by briefly describing his troubled childhood and then moves on to his somewhat peaceful late . teens. He is thrown in jail for drug dealing, and the rest of the story focuses on his . experiences in prison over the next five years.		

Bach, Richard* .....	<b><i>Jonathan Livingston Seagull</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	115
"Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight—how to get from shore to food and back again," writes author Richard Bach in this allegory about a unique bird named Jonathan Livingston Seagull.		
Ball, John* .....	<b><i>In the Heat of the Night</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	190
From an Edgar Award-winning author comes this international bestseller that was made into an Oscar-winning film starring Rod Steiger and Sidney Poitier. The murder of a noted orchestra conductor at a local music festival pits black, big-city homicide expert Virgil Tibbs against the bigoted police department in a small Southern town, when they are forced to join forces to solve the crime.		
Beals, Melba Pattillo* .....	<b><i>Warriors Don't Cry (abridged)</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	240
	<b><i>Warriors Don't Cry (unabridged)</i></b> .....	325
In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen and became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, <i>Brown v. Board Education</i> , she was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School. This is her remarkable story.		
Bettis, Jerome.....	<b><i>The Bus</i></b> /Autobiography/I .....	210
Jerome Bettis tells his life story from a youngster until he retired from his football career. He recounts the trials and tribulations that brought him from a Detroit ghetto to a Super Bowl victory.		
Boulle, Pierre .....	<b><i>The Bridge On the River Kwai</i></b> /Historical Fiction/I.....	230
<i>Bridge on the River Kwai</i> tells the story of three POWs who endure the hell of the Japanese prison camps on the Burma-Siam railway. One prisoner, Colonel Nicholson, is a man prepared to sacrifice his life but not his dignity.		
Boulle, Pierre .....	<b><i>Planet of the Apes</i></b> /Science Fiction/I .....	200
In the novel <i>Planet of the Apes</i> , the three Frenchmen making the first interstellar journey discover a remarkably Earth-like world orbiting Betelgeuse. There is, however, one crucial difference: The humans are dumb beasts, and the apes are intelligent.		
Bradbury, Ray* .....	<b><i>Fahrenheit 451</i></b> /Science Fiction/I .....	185
In <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> , firemen start fires. Fireman Guy Montag loves to rush to a fire and watch books burn up. Then he met a seventeen-year old girl who told him of a past when people were not afraid, and a professor who told him of a future where people could think. Guy Montag knew what he had to do.		

- Bradbury, Ray\* .....***The Illustrated Man***/Science Fiction/I .....190  
 His body was a riot of rockets and fountains and people in such intricately detailed illustrations and color that one could hear the voiced murmuring, small and muted, from the crowds that inhabited his body.
- Bradford, Richard\* .....***Red Sky at Morning***/Historical Fiction/I .....250  
 The classic coming-of-age story set during World War II about the enduring spirit of youth and the values in life that count.
- Braithwaite, E.R. ....***To Sir, With Love***/Fiction/I .....220  
*To Sir, With Love* is the account of Braithwaite's experiences as a teacher at Greenslade Secondary School in the east end of London providing a picture of his natural ability to teach, counsel, and inspire the young.
- Card, Orson Scott\* .....***Ender's Game***/Science Fiction/I & A .....325  
 Intense is the word for *Ender's Game*. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses and then training them in the arts of war.
- Cather, Willa\* .....***My Ántonia***/Fiction/I.....240  
 Infused with a gracious passion for the land, *My Ántonia* embraces its uncommon subject—the hardscrabble life of the pioneer woman on the prairie. With poetic certitude, it renders a deeply moving portrait of an entire community.
- Cather, Willa\* .....***O Pioneers!***/Fiction/I .....250  
 Written in 1913, *O Pioneers!* was Willa Cather's first great novel. It faithfully conveys both the sharp physical realities and the mythic sweep of the transformation of the American frontier—and the transformation of the people who settled it. Cather's heroine is Alexandra Bergson, who arrives on the wind-blasted prairie of Hanover, Nebraska, as a girl and grows up to make it a prosperous farm.
- Chen, Da\* .....***China's Son***/Autobiography/I.....225  
 The author tells the true story of his childhood and the realization of his dream to go to college.
- Chen, Da .....***Colors of the Mountain***/Autobiography/I .....310  
 The author tells the true story of his childhood living in Communist China. He is discriminated against since his parents were landlords before Communism overtook the country. His story shows his path to realizing his dream to go to college.

- Christie, Agatha\* .....***And Then There Were None***/Mystery/I.....200  
**AKA: Ten Little Indians**  
 Ten houseguests, trapped on an isolated island, are the prey of a diabolical killer. When they realize that every one of them is marked for murder, terror mounts as their number dwindles.
- Christie, Agatha\* .....***Murder on the Orient Express***/Mystery/I .....240  
 The best-loved and best-known of all of Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot mysteries—this is the story of one thrillingly exotic journey, one brutally stabbed victim, and seventeen extremely suspicious suspects.
- Clark, Walter\* .....***The Ox-Bow Incident***/Fiction/I .....275  
 Set in 1885, *The Ox-bow Incident* is a realistic portrayal of frontier life and mob violence in the American west. First published in 1940, it focuses on the lynching of 3 innocent men and the tragedy that ensues when law and order are abandoned.
- Collier, James and Christopher.....***My Brother Sam is Dead***/Historical Fiction/I.....210  
 A boy tells a story of his family during the war-torn American Revolution.
- Cooper, Susan\* .....***The Dark is Rising***/Fiction/I .....245  
 On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers he is the last of the Old Ones, dedicated to fighting the forces of evil. Will searches for the six magical signs that will be needed for the battle between the Dark and the Light.
- Craven, Margaret\* .....***I Heard the Owl Call My Name***/Fiction/I.....160  
 This novel tells of a young vicar named Mark, sent to a remote Kwakiutl village not knowing he has less than three years to live. In the village, Mark comes to understand the Kwakiutl Indians around him and sees how their traditions are being destroyed through the influence of white men.
- Creech, Sharon\*.....***Walk Two Moons***/Fiction/I.....280  
 A young girl tries to reconcile her mother's leaving as she tells a story about her friend to her grandparents on a road trip.
- Curie, Eve.....***Madame Curie***/Non-fiction/Biography/I .....390  
*Madame Curie* is a beautiful account of the life and passion of Marie Curie, discoverer of the radioactive elements radium and polonium. The book, written by her daughter, details the professional triumphs and personal struggles of a pioneering woman scientist.
- Daly, Maureen .....***Seventeenth Summer***/Fiction/I .....290  
 Until the summer before college, Angie Morrow did not really date. Her mother did not like her to go out much. But no one—not even Angie's mother—can resist the charm of strikingly handsome Jack Duluth.

- Darwish, Nonie .....***Now They Call Me Infidel***/Autobiography/I/A .....260  
 An Arabic woman tells the story of her life, specifically focusing on the politics during her childhood and adolescence. Coming from a highly-respected military family, she struggles to understand her culture and its intolerance. She eventually moves to America where she gains perspective about her culture and ultimately rejects most aspects of it.
- Day, Clarence .....***Life With Father***/Fiction/I.....240  
 Clarence Day's comic stories of his father, Clarence "Clare" Day Senior are taken from the "New Yorker" magazine. They portray a rambunctious, overburdened Wall Street broker who demands that everything from his family should be just so.
- Delany, Sarah & Elizabeth\* .....***Having Our Say***/Biography/I .....275  
 In a memoir that is as much a historical record as a testimony to two extraordinary women, the Delaney sisters recall their remarkable lives, spanning more than a century of the African-American experience.
- Dickens, Charles\* .....***A Christmas Carol***/Fiction/I.....150  
 Scrooge was a miser. His money was his life. Then, one Christmas Eve, Scrooge received a trio of visitors who showed him not only the true meaning of Christmas, but the true meaning of his life as well. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has it all: heroes, villains, ghosts, time travel, long-lost love, and a happy ending.
- Donovan, Robert.....***PT 109***/Biography/I.....250  
 In the early morning darkness of August 2, 1943, in the waters of Blakett Strait in the Solomon Islands, the Japanese destroyer *Amagiri* sliced an American PT boat in two, leaving its crew for dead in a flaming sea. Over the next three days, the boat's skipper, a boyish lieutenant from Boston named John Fitzgerald Kennedy, repeatedly risked his life in an effort to summon help until he finally secured his crew's rescue.
- Doyle, Arthur Conan\* .....***The Hound of the Baskervilles***/Mystery/I.....250  
 Sherlock Holmes and his companion Dr. Watson confront one of their most difficult cases ever: Is there truly a curse on the old Baskerville estate? Is there truly a ghostly beast lurking on the dark, eerie moors?
- Dumas, Firoozeh\* .....***Funny in Farsi***/Autobiography/I.....198  
 A seven year old girl's family immigrates to the U.S. from Iran in 1972. She tells of her family's journey living in and understanding American culture.
- Duncan, Lois\* .....***Stranger With My Face***/Fiction/I.....275  
 Laurie feels a spirit presence around her, and the spirit begins to cause problems for Laurie.

- Dunn, Jancee.....***But Enough About Me***/Autobiography/I .....275  
A *Rolling Stone* journalist gives her version of the important events in her life. She intersperses her narrative with anecdotes about some of her various interviews during her time at the magazine.
- Farmer, Nancy\* .....***The House of the Scorpion***/Futuristic Mystery/I.....400  
The experiences of a boy caught in a futuristic world of cloning, drugs, and violence.
- Fast, Howard\* .....***April Morning***/Historical/Fiction/I .....190  
The story of one day in the life of a young American boy in colonial Lexington, the day on which he joined the militia and saw his father shot down by the British.
- Flynn, Alex.....***Breathing Underwater***/Fiction/I.....265  
This is a story of a young boy’s journey to self-realization through a court-imposed anger management course after hitting his girlfriend.
- Frank, Anne\* .....***Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl***/Autobiography/I ..... 300  
The autobiographical reminiscences of a young Jewish girl coming of age during World War II describes her life in hiding from the Nazis and offers a poignant study of the tragedy of the Holocaust.
- Freedman, Benedict & Nancy\* ....***Mrs. Mike***/Fiction/I .....280  
A moving love story set in the Canadian wilderness, *Mrs. Mike* is a classic tale that has enchanted millions of readers worldwide. It brings the fierce, stunning landscape of the Great North to life, and tenderly evokes the love that blossoms between Sergeant Mike Flannigan and beautiful young Katherine Mary O’Fallon.
- Gantos, Jack\* .....***Hole in my Life***/Contemporary Nonfiction/I.....200  
For ten thousand dollars, Jack Gantos agreed to crew a boat loaded with drugs from the Virgin Islands to New York City, setting sail on an ill-fated expedition that eventually landed him in federal prison.
- Garner, Eleanor .....***Eleanor’s Story***/Autobiography/I .....260  
Eleanor’s family was originally from Germany, but they immigrated to America when Eleanor was a child. After living in America for a few years, the family moves back to Germany only to find out on their way over that Hitler had started a war. Eleanor tells her story of the confusion and misery of living in Germany during the dangerous World War.

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- Gilbreth, Jr. and Carey .....***Cheaper by the Dozen***/Fiction/I.....180  
 No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan. First, there are a dozen red-haired, freckle-faced kids to contend with. Then there's Dad, a famous efficiency expert who believes a family can be run just like a factory. And there's Mother, his partner in everything except discipline. Some escapades include forgetting Frank, Jr., in a roadside restaurant or going on a first date with Dad in the backseat or having their tonsils removed en masse.
- Golding, William\* .....***Lord of the Flies***/Fiction/I.....220  
*Lord of the Flies* is a classic tale about a group of English schoolboys who are plane-wrecked on a deserted island. The fiercest antagonist is Jack, the redheaded leader of the pig hunters, who manages to lure away many of the boys to join his band of painted savages. The situation deteriorates as the trappings of civilization continue to fall away, until Ralph discovers that instead of being hunters, he and Piggy have become the hunted.
- Greenberg, Joanne\* .....***I Never Promised You a Rose Garden***/Fiction/I.....250  
 Chronicles the three-year battle of a mentally ill, but perceptive, teenage girl against a world of her own creation, emphasizing her relationship with the doctor who gave her the ammunition of self-understanding with which to help herself.
- Griffin, John Howard\* .....***Black Like Me***/Nonfiction/I .....175  
 The author tells of his experiences after he darkened his skin and traveled through the South in order to find out how it feels to be black.
- Grogan, John\* .....***Marley and Me***/Nonfiction/I.....300  
 A charming and enlightening look at how a dog can affect a family's life.
- Gunther, John\* .....***Death Be Not Proud***/Nonfiction/I .....190  
 Deeply moving, this true story relates a father's recollection of his son's courageous and spirited battle against the brain tumor that would take his life at the age of seventeen.
- Haddon, Mark\*...***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time***/Fiction/I .....250  
 The author lets the reader into the mind of a mentally ill child as the child investigates the murder of a neighbor dog.
- Hansberry, Lorraine\* .....***A Raisin in the Sun***/Fiction/I.....150  
 An African-American family is united in love and pride as they struggle to overcome poverty and harsh living conditions in the award-winning 1959 play about an embattled Chicago family.

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- Helfer, Ralph\* .....**Modoc**/Nonfiction/I .....325  
Spanning seven decades and three continents, this sweeping saga follows the life and times of a remarkable elephant and her faithful companion and trainer. Ralph Helfer, founder of Eden International, owned Modoc for the last 20 years of her life and witnessed the joyous reunion of the elephant and her trainer.
- Hemingway, Ernest\* .....**A Farewell to Arms**/Fiction/I .....330  
A tragic wartime romance set against the brutal and chaotic backdrop of World War I is the classic story of a volunteer ambulance driver wounded on the Italian front and the English nurse he loves and leaves behind.
- Hemingway, Ernest\* .....**The Old Man & the Sea**/Fiction/I .....130  
This story portrays a classic Byronic hero who finds an old Cuban fisherman in a relentless battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream.
- Hemingway, Ernest\* .....**The Sun Also Rises**/Fiction/I .....250  
A brilliant profile of the Lost Generation, Hemingway's first bestseller captures life among the expatriates on Paris's Left Bank during the 1920s, the brutality of bullfighting in Spain, and the moral and spiritual dissolution of a generation.
- Henkes, Kevin.....**Olive's Ocean**/Fiction/I.....225  
This story is about a young girl's summer trip while she struggles through adolescence and compares her life next to a girl who has recently died.
- Herriot, James\* .....**All Creatures Great & Small**/Fiction/I.....440  
Whether struggling mightily to position a calf for birthing, or comforting a lonely old man whose beloved dog and only companion has died, Herriot's heartwarming and often hilarious stories of his first years as a country vet perfectly depict the wonderful relationship between man and animal.
- Hersey, John\*.....**Hiroshima**/Nonfiction/I .....150  
On August 6, 1945, Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb ever dropped on a city. This book tells what happened on that day, told through the memoirs of survivors.
- Heyerdahl, Thor.....**Kon-Tiki**/Nonfiction/I .....250  
*Kon-Tiki* is the record of an astonishing adventure—a journey of 4,300 nautical miles across the Pacific Ocean by raft. Intrigued by Polynesian folklore, biologist Thor Heyerdahl suspected that the South Sea Islands had been settled by an ancient race from thousands of miles to the east, led by a mythical hero, Kon-Tiki.
- Hiassen, Carl.....**Hoot**/Fiction/I.....300  
A young boy fights the building of a chain restaurant in order to save an endangered species of owl.

- Hillerman, Tony\* .....***Dance Hall of the Dead***/Fiction/I .....270  
 A Zuni Indian boy dies and his best friend is missing. Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn must track the suspected killer across the desert of New Mexico and Arizona.
- Hilton, James\* .....***Goodbye, Mr. Chips***/Fiction/I .....130  
 This is a sentimental novel by James Hilton published serially and in book form in 1934. The work depicts the career of a gentle schoolteacher at an English public school. Arthur Chipping ("Mr. Chips") is a middle-aged bachelor who falls in love with and marries a young woman whom he has met on a mountaineering vacation. They live happily at Brookfield School until her death, only a few years later. Mr. Chips devotes the rest of his life to educating many generations of boys.
- Houston, Jeanne/James\* ...***Farewell to Manzanar***/Autobiography/I .....220  
 Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston describes vividly the life in the camp and the humiliations suffered by the detainees during World War II in the United States.
- Jimenez, Francisco.....***Breaking Out***/Autobiography/I .....200  
 Francisco is an immigrant from Mexico who came with his family to escape poverty. He recounts his life as a student and as a migrant worker struggling to make it in the US. His hard work pays off, and he reaches his goal of being accepted into college.
- Kamara, Mariatu with McClelland, Susan..***Bite of the Mango***/Autobiography/I.....225  
 Mariatu is a victim of the wars in Africa. Her story is about her encounters with the rebels who mutilated her and her family. She describes her physical and emotional healing and her move out of Africa.
- Kesselring, Joseph .....***Arsenic and Old Lace***/Fiction/I.....250  
 In this play, the reader meets the charming and innocent ladies who populate their cellar with the remains of socially and religiously "acceptable" roomers; the antics of their brother who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt; and the activities of the other brother.
- Keyes, Daniel\* .....***Flowers for Algernon***/Fiction/I.....220  
 In this classic story that inspired the hit movie *Charlie*, Charlie Gordon, a retarded adult who cleans floors and toilets, becomes a genius through an experimental operation.
- Kherdian, David\* .....***The Road From Home***/Biography/I.....250  
 The author tells the true story of his mother's plight to leave the Armenian genocide that was taking place in Turkey.

- Kidd, Sue\* ..... ***The Secret Life of Bees***/Fiction/I .....300  
 A young girl lives with the guilt of accidentally killing her mother when she was a child. Her father is mean and abusive, so she runs away with her housekeeper. She ends up living with a trio of sisters who used to know her mother. She learns the truth about her mother while creating deep bonds with the sisters.
- Kingsolver, Barbara\* ..... ***The Bean Trees***/Fiction/I .....230  
 Young, bright Taylor Greer leaves her poverty-stricken life in Kentucky and heads west, picking up an abandoned Native American baby girl whom she names Turtle and finds a new home in Tucson with Mattie, an old woman who takes in Central American refugees.
- Kingsolver, Barbara\* ..... ***Pigs in Heaven***/Fiction/I .....450  
 Six-year-old Turtle Greer witnesses a freak accident at the Hoover Dam, leading to a man's dramatic rescue. But Turtle's moment of celebrity draws her into a crisis of historical proportions that will envelop not only her and her mother, Taylor, but everyone else who touched their lives in a complex web connecting their future with their past.
- Knaak, Richard A\* ..... ***The Legend of Huma***/Fiction/I .....380  
 The first installment of the Heroes Trilogy tells the tale of the legendary Solamnic Knight Huma, and his pivotal role in the discovery of the original dragonlance and defeat of the Dark Queen prior to the Cataclysm. It also tells the story of Magius the wizard, Kaz the Minotaur, and Gwyneth the silver dragon.
- Knowles, John\* ..... ***A Separate Peace***/Fiction/I .....210  
 Knowles' classic story tells of two friends at boarding school during World War II. This is one of the most starkly moving parables ever written about the dark forces that brood over the tortured world of adolescence.
- Latifa ..... ***My Forbidden Face***/Autobiography/I .....200  
 A sixteen year old girl recounts life in Afghanistan in the years just prior to and immediately following the Taliban takeover.
- Le Guin Ursula..... ***The Left Hand of Darkness***/Science Fiction/I.....310  
 An man from Earth lands on a foreign planet. He is welcomed at first and is then exiled by a temperamental king. He suffers imprisonment and hard labor while in exile but manages to escape with someone who was once his enemy.

- Le Guin, Ursula K.\* .....***A Wizard of Earthsea***/Science Fiction/I .....185  
A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.
- Lee, Harper\* .....***To Kill a Mockingbird***/Fiction/I ..... 300.  
The explosion of racial hate in an Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape.
- Letts, Billie\* .....***Honk and Holler: Opening Soon***/Fiction/I.....300  
A small town café in Oklahoma, since 1985, is the place where people meet, leave, return, form friendships and families, and care for one another's troubled lives. All of the diverse characters are drawn with careful detail. It is funny, sad, and just like real life.
- Lewis, C. S.....***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe***/Fantasy/B & I... .....205  
Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia, where they come to the aid of Aslan, the golden lion, in his battle against the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
- Lewis, C.S. ....***The Magician's Nephew***/Fiction/B & I .....185  
Polly and Digory discover that Digory's uncle has an interesting form of magic. They are able to transport between worlds and find fun and danger. They are witness to the creation of the land of Narnia, which is where their story ends, but the world of Narnia continues to live on.
- London, Jack\* .....***The Call of the Wild***/Fiction/I.....200  
Buck, half St. Bernard, half Shepherd, is kidnapped from his safe California home and thrown into a life-and-death struggle on the frozen Arctic wilderness. Buck learns many hard lessons as a sled dog: the lesson of the leash, of the cold, of near-starvation and cruelty. The greatest lesson he learns from his last owner, John Thornton is the power of love and loyalty. Yet always, even at the side of the human he loves, Buck feels the pull in his bones, an urge to answer his wolf ancestors as they howl to him.
- London, Jack\* .....***The Sea Wolf***/Fiction/I.....350  
Humphrey Van Weyden, rescued by the crew of the Ghost, becomes an unwilling sailor under the command of Wolf Larsen.
- London, Jack\* .....***White Fang***/Fiction/I .....250  
*White Fang* chronicles the adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf who eventually makes his peace with man.

- Lord, Walter .....***A Night to Remember***/Historical Fiction/I.....200  
 This is an absorbing, minute-by-minute account of the demise of the Titanic, the massive luxury liner that housed a French sidewalk cafe and a grand staircase, among other extravagances, but failed to provide enough lifeboats for the 2,207 passengers on board.
- Lowry, Lois\* .....***The Giver***/Science Fiction/B & I .....190  
 In a world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.
- MacLean, Alister.....***The Guns of Navarone***/Historical Fiction/I .....290  
 An entire Navy had tried to silence the guns of Navarone and failed. Full-scale attacks had been driven back. Now they were sending in just five men, each one a specialist in dealing death.
- Márquez, Gabriel García ....***Chronicle of a Death Foretold***/Fiction/I .....190  
 In an unnamed South American town, a young bride is returned to her family in dishonor. Her brothers seek to restore the family's honor and murder her seducer, yet the narrator revisits this 27 year old crime in order to explain why the whole town is as guilty as the two murderers.
- Marshall, Catherine\* .....***Christy***/Fiction/I .....500  
*Christy* is the story of a nineteen-year-old girl who goes to the Smoky Mountains to teach school.
- McBride, James\* .....***The Color of Water***/Autobiography/I .....290  
 A loving memoir tells the true story of a young woman who was raised as a rabbi's daughter, fled from Poland to the United States, married a man from Harlem, founded a church, and put twelve children through college.
- McCaffrey, Anne\* .....***Dragonflight***/Fiction/I .....300  
 To combat a destructive menace of silver "threads", the inhabitants of Pern developed a species of dragon that could burn these threads out of the sky before they touched down. Now, centuries have passed between threadfalls, and the danger of thread is considered a myth. However, a dragon rider named F'lar knows that the riders are once again needed.

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Meyer, Stephanie .....	<b><i>Twilight</i></b> /Fantasy/B and I .....	540
When Bella moves to Forks, Washington in January to live with her father, she wants to fit into Forks High School. She is immediately intrigued with the Cullens, four ethereally beautiful students who have a secret--all four are vampires. Her friendship with Edward Cullen leads her into danger, awakening sensuality, and adventure. Balancing her obligations to her father and human friends, who include La Push Indians who are mortal enemies with vampires, while being friends with the Cullens is difficult, but Bella is a strong young woman.		
Michener, James* .....	<b><i>The Bridge at Andau</i></b> /Historical Fiction/I .....	230
At four o'clock in the morning on a Sunday in November 1956, the city of Budapest was awakened by the shattering sound of Russian tanks tearing the city apart.		
Michener, James* .....	<b><i>The Bridges at Toko-Ri</i></b> /Historical Fiction/I .....	140
Young American fighter pilots get their first taste of the Korean War when assigned to destroy the communist held bridges at Toko-Ri.		
Mowat, Farley* .....	<b><i>Never Cry Wolf</i></b> /Nonfiction/I .....	165
<i>Never Cry Wolf</i> is a gripping narrative of a conservationist's life among the wolves in the middle of the arctic prairie.		
Nazario, Sonia .....	<b><i>Enrique's Journey</i></b> /Biography/I & A .....	270
Enrique's mother leaves him as a young boy to find work in America. After getting into trouble and missing his mother for a decade, Enrique decides to try to sneak into the United States illegally. This story follows his struggles as he rides atop trains, is beaten, and goes hungry, all to see his mother again. When he finally reaches her, their reunion is not as wonderful as they thought it would be.		
Neihardt, John* .....	<b><i>Black Elk Speaks</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	200
Black Elk tells the tale of his lost Indian nation and its values.		
Ng* .....	<b><i>Bone</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	200
A family struggles with their past while living in Chinatown in San Francisco. The eldest daughter feels underappreciated for everything she does for her mother. The youngest daughter is rebellious and has run away from the family to live in New York. The middle daughter has committed suicide, and the family is still having problems with accepting her death.		
Owens, Mark & Delia* .....	<b><i>Cry of the Kalahari</i></b> /Non-Fiction/I .....	315
After spending seven years in the Kalahari Desert, the authors provide a beautiful documentary examining wildlife in the Kalahari.		

- Parrado, Nando.....***Miracle in the Andes***/Autobiography/I .....285  
 Nando is one of the survivors of a plane crash in the Andes. He tells the story of his life before and after: his childhood and adolescence, how the plane crashed, how the survivors lived, how they got out, and how they lived their lives afterwards.
- Paton, Alan\* .....***Cry, The Beloved Country***/Fiction/I .....290  
 A beautifully told and profoundly compassionate story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom is set in the troubled and changing South Africa of the 1940s.
- Pelzer, Dave.....***The Lost Boy***/Nonfiction/I.....315  
 In the second book of the trilogy, Dave Pelzer tells the story of his adolescence following his horrific childhood. He writes about his experiences jumping from foster home to foster home and how he handles the emotional stress of his childhood. The story ends with him leaving the foster parents he calls "Mom and Dad" and enlists in the US Air Force.
- Pelzer, Dave.....***A Man Named Dave***/Nonfiction/I.....325  
 In the third book of the trilogy, Dave Pelzer tells the story of his early to middle adulthood following his horrific childhood and tough adolescence. He writes about his experiences in the Air Force and his two marriages as well as the fascination he had for his child. His inspirational book shows how he overcame incredible odds to be a strong man and a loving father.
- Plath, Sylvia\* .....***The Bell Jar***/Autobiography/I .....220  
 In this harrowing acclaimed novel by the celebrated poet, Esther Greenwood, a rising editor during the early 1950s, suffers a nervous breakdown, falling deeply into depression and madness.
- Pyle, Howard\* .....***Men of Iron***/Fiction/I.....300  
 In seeking to avenge his unjustly accused father, young Myles Falworth is knighted and wins the friendship of King Henry IV.
- Queen, William.....***Under and Alone***/Fiction/I.....250  
 An undercover cop tells his story of how he infiltrated the most dangerous motorcycle gang in America.
- Quinones, John.....***Heroes Among Us***/Journalism, Autobiography/I .....250  
 John is a reporter who is looking for real-life heroes: people who do the right thing because it is in their nature. This is a compilation of his findings.

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- Reveles, Daniel\* ..... ***Tequila, Lemon, and Salt***/Short Stories/I.....185  
 These nine short stories vividly bring to life the culture of the small border town of Tecate. Using vivid sensory language, Daniel Reveles allows his readers to share in the delightful, arousing, poignant, and ironic adventures of the town’s colorful inhabitants.
- Rölvaag, Ole Edvart\* ..... ***Giants in the Earth***/Fiction/I .....500  
 A Norwegian pioneer family struggles with the land and the elements of the Dakota Territory as they try to make a new life in America.
- Ryan, Pam..... ***Esperanza Rising***/Fiction/I.....250  
 A young girl from a wealthy Mexican family loses her father. Her mother chooses to cross the border illegally to escape from the controlling family, and the girl and her mother are forced to adapt to living as immigrant workers.
- Santana, Patricia\* ..... ***Motorcycle Ride on the Sea of Tranquility***/Fiction/I ....275  
 Growing up with her large Mexican American family in San Diego in the late 1960s, fourteen-year-old Yolanda tries to help her favorite brother Chuy, a Vietnam veteran, who has returned from the war and is suffering emotional problems.
- Saroyan, William\* ..... ***The Human Comedy***/Nonfiction/I.....200  
 The place is Ithaca, in California's San Joaquin Valley. The time is World War II. The family is the Macauley's—a mother, sister, and three brothers whose struggles and dreams reflect those of America's second-generation immigrants. In particular, fourteen-year-old Homer, determined to become one of the fastest telegraph messengers in the West, finds himself caught between reality and illusion while delivering his messages of wartime death, love, and money.
- Saroyan, William\* ..... ***My Name is Aram***/Fiction/I .....220  
 The book consists of exuberant, often whimsical episodes in the imaginative life of young Aram Garoghlanian, an Armenian-American boy who is the author's alter ego.
- Schaefer, Jack\*..... ***Shane***/Fiction/I .....120  
 A gunman helps the homesteaders break the power of the Wyoming cattlemen.
- Schlink, Bernhard..... ***The Reader***/Historical Fiction/I .....220  
 A young man finds himself in a passionate affair with an older woman. Years after their relationship ends, he finds himself in the audience at her trial while she is being tried for crimes that occurred when she worked for the Nazis.
- Sebold, Alice\* ..... ***The Lovely Bones***/Mystery/I .....320  
 A murdered girl looks down from heaven, watching her family change as her murderer is sought.

- See, Lisa .....***Snow Flower and the Secret Fan***/Fiction/I .....260  
 Lily is retelling the story of her life, and she emphasizes the relationship with her *laotong*, Snow Flower. Lily and Snow Flower love each other from childhood through marriage and the births of their children. One day, Lily verbally attacks Snow Flower out of jealousy, and the two do not see each other again until Snow Flower is on her deathbed.
- Sewell, Anna\* .....***Black Beauty***/Fiction/I.....275  
 Whether working as a carriage horse on a grand country estate, or being ridden through the night on a lifesaving mission, Black Beauty's loyalty and sweet nature never fail.
- Shute, Nevil\* .....***On the Beach***/Fiction/I .....290  
 This is a novel about the survivors of an atomic war, who face an inevitable end as radiation poisoning moves toward Australia from the North.
- Smith, Betty\* .....***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***/Fiction/I & A.....500  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is an American masterpiece of a young girl's coming of age and beginnings of wisdom in turn-of-the-century New York.
- Steinbeck, John\* .....***Of Mice and Men***/Fiction/B & I ..... 120  
 This is tragic tale of a retarded man and the friend who loves and tries to protect him.
- Steinbeck, John\* .....***The Pearl***/Fiction/B & I .....120  
 This is a story about a great pearl, a Mexican community, and great dreams and powers in a novel of largesse and quiet profundity.
- Steinbeck, John\* .....***The Red Pony***/Fiction/B & I ..... 120  
 This novel tells a story of a young boy and life on his father's California ranch, raising a sorrel colt.
- Steinbeck, John .....***Tortilla Flat***/Fiction/I.....175  
 Danny is a paisano who inherits two houses after he comes back from the war. After his friends burn down one of them, they all crowd into Danny's house and continually invite new roommates to live with them. Sometimes humorous, sometimes sentimental, Steinbeck weaves their lives together through vignettes broken up by chapter. Although they fight, their loyalty to each other is extraordinary.
- Steinbeck, John .....***Travels With Charley***/Nonfiction/I .....280  
 With his dog Charley, John Steinbeck set out in his truck to explore and experience America in the 1960s. As he talked with all kinds of people, he sadly noted the passing of region speech, fell in love with Montana, and was appalled by racism in New Orleans.

Stevenson, R. L.* .....	<b><i>Treasure Island</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	250
	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.	
Stewart, Mary* .....	<b><i>The Crystal Cave</i></b> /Fantasy/I .....	385
	Born the bastard son of a Welsh princess, Myridden Emrys—or as he would later be known, Merlin—leads a perilous childhood, haunted by portents and visions. But destiny has great plans for this no-man's-son, taking him from prophesying before the High King Vortigern to the crowning of Uther Pendragon and the conception of Arthur—king for once and always.	
Stone, Irving.....	<b><i>Immortal Wife</i></b> /Historical Fiction/I .....	475
	<i>Immortal Wife</i> is based on the life of Jesse Benton Fremont.	
Stone, Irving.....	<b><i>Love is Eternal</i></b> /Historical/Fiction/I .....	470
	This book provides insight into the tender moments Abraham Lincoln had with his wife Mary.	
Stone, Irving.....	<b><i>The President's Lady</i></b> /Historical Fiction/I .....	350
	In this acclaimed biographical novel, Irving Stone brings to life the tender and poignant love story of Rachel and Andrew Jackson, which was considered one of the great romances of all time.	
Tolkien, J. R. R.* .....	<b><i>The Hobbit</i></b> /Fantasy/I & A .....	300
	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.	
Trumbo, Dalton .....	<b><i>Johnny Got His Gun</i></b> /Fiction/I.....	240
	This book shares the experiences of a severely disabled World War I veteran who relates the horrors of war.	
Twain, Mark* .....	<b><i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i></b> /Fiction/I .....	260
	Tom Sawyer has an eye for adventure and is always getting into scrapes with his friends and partners in crime, Huck Finn and Joe Harper. His escapades often lead him into dangerous and desperate situations, but he always turns these to his advantage.	
Venkatraman, Padma .....	<b><i>Climbing the Stairs</i></b> .....	250
	A young girl in India is determined to go to college instead of marrying young, as custom dictates. Shortly after her father promises her this, he becomes mentally disabled as a result of an injury in a protest march. Forced to live with her father's unkind family, she finds solace in a library and young man.	

- Wells, H. G.\* ..... ***The Invisible Man***/Science Fiction/I.....200  
 This masterpiece of science fiction is the fascinating story of Griffin, a scientist who creates a serum to render himself invisible, and his descent into madness that follows.
- Wells, H. G.\* ..... ***The Time Machine***/Science Fiction/I .....150  
 The story begins with a revolutionary Victorian scientist who claims to have invented a machine that allows him to travel through time. Using flashbacks, he recounts his adventures in the futurist world he visits in his time machine to a group of skeptical friends.
- Wells, H. G.\* ..... ***The War of the Worlds***/Science Fiction/I.....200  
 With advanced machines of destructions, aliens from another planet swoop down on planet Earth and begin their conquest.
- Wharton, Edith\* ..... ***Ethan Frome***/Fiction/I .....140  
 An entrancing but sad story of a poverty-stricken Massachusetts farmer caught in a loveless marriage. An emerging love for his young cousin leads to one day of explosive emotions with tragic consequences.
- Wiesel, Elie\* ..... ***Night***/Fiction/I .....120  
*Night* chronicles the atrocities of living as a Jew during the Holocaust.
- Wiess, Laura ..... ***Such a Pretty Girl***/Fiction/I .....215  
 A young girl struggles to regain her life after her father raped her and molested other children in her neighborhood. She is confronted by him when he returns from jail and quickly resumes his behavior toward her.
- Wilde, Oscar\* ..... ***The Importance of Being Earnest***/Fiction/I .....150  
*The Importance of Being Earnest* is a comedic play involving an English gentleman who pretends to be his own brother, named Ernest, so he can enjoy himself in the city without besmirching his reputation at his country estate. Unfortunately, he's just fallen in love with a young woman who insists that she can only marry a man named Ernest.
- Wilde, Oscar\* ..... ***The Picture of Dorian Gray***/Fiction/I .....260  
*The Picture of Dorian Gray* is a story of love, murder, thwarted revenge, and finally, justice. As Dorian Gray remains young and handsome, his pact with the devil allows his portrait to reflect the degradation of his many sins.
- Wilder, Thornton\* ..... ***The Bridge of San Luis Rey***/Historical Fiction/I .....200  
 On Friday noon, July the twentieth, 1714, the finest bridge in all Peru broke and precipitated five travelers into the gulf below. By chance, a monk witnesses the tragedy. Brother Juniper then embarks on a quest to prove that it was divine intervention rather than chance that led to the deaths of those who perished in the tragedy.

- Wister, Owen\* ..... ***The Virginian***/Fiction/I .....450  
 The foreman of a large cattle ranch on the Wyoming frontier lives by the honor code of the West even though it means helping lynch a friend or possibly losing the girl he is to marry.
- Wyss, J. D.\* ..... ***Swiss Family Robinson***/Fiction/I .....320  
 This is a fascinating tale of a resourceful family shipwrecked on a deserted tropical island make up one of the most exciting survival stories ever written. The Robinsons encounter an incredibly rich and varied landscape, full of marvelous animals and useful plants, all begging to be explored and put to use. After many challenges, they build a wonderful house in a tree, and manage so cleverly and happily away from the world that they never want to be rescued.

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