

Fiction – Suggested Works of American Literature

Author	Work
Sherwood Anderson	Winesburg, Ohio
Saul Bellow	Henderson the Rain King
	Herzog
	The Adventures of Augie March
Paul Bowles	The Sheltering Sky
Willa Cather	My Antonia
	O Pioneers!
Kate Chopin	The Awakening
James Fenimore Cooper	The Last of the Mohicans
Stephen Crane	Maggie, Girl of the Streets
E.L. Doctorow	Billy Bathgate
	Ragtime
Theodore Dreiser	Sister Carrie
	An American Tragedy
Louise Erdrich	Love Medicine
	Tracks
Ernest J. Gaines	A Lesson Before Dying
	A Gathering of Old Men
Joseph Heller	Catch-22
Ernest Hemingway	The Sun Also Rises
	A Farewell to Arms
	For Whom the Bell Tolls
Zora Neale Hurston	Their Eyes Were Watching God
Jack Kerouac	On the Road
Ken Kesey	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Barbara Kingslover	The Poisonwood Bible
Norman Mailer	The Naked and the Dead
Colum McCann	Let the Great World Spin

Author	Work
Herman Melville	Moby Dick
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Toni Morrison	The Bluest Eye
	Beloved
	Song of Soloman
Vladimir Nabokov	Laughter in the Dark
	Lolita
Sylvia Plath	The Bell Jar
Chaim Potok	The Chosen
Thomas Pynchon	Gravity's Rainbow
	Crying of Lot 49
Ayn Rand	The Fountainhead
	Atlas Shrugged
	Anthem
	We the Living
Upton Sinclair	The Jungle
John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath
	East of Eden
Kurt Vonnegut Jr.	Slaughterhouse-Five
Edith Wharton	Ethan Frome
	The Age Innocence
Richard Wright	Native Son

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Nonfiction – Suggested Works of American Literature

Author	Work
Maya Angelou	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
John M. Barry	The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History
	Power Plays: Politics, Football, and Other Blood Sports
	Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood and 1927 and How it Changed America
Simone de Beauvoir	The Second Sex
Dee Brown	Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee
Bill Bryson	A Walk in the Woods
Truman Capote	In Cold Blood
Nicholas Carr	The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains
Rachel Carson	Silent Spring
Joan Didion	Slouching Towards Bethlehem
Dave Eggers	Zeitoun
	What is the What
Barbara Ehrenreich	Nickel and Dimed
Jonathan Safran Foer	Eating Animals
Betty Friedan	The Feminist Mystique
Malcolm Gladwell	Outliers
Stephen Hawking	A Brief History of Time
Stephen King	On Writing
Barbara Kingsolver	Animal, Vegetable, Miracle
Jon Krakauer	Into the Wild
	Into Thin Air
	Missoula
Erik Larson	Devil in the White City

Author	Work
Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner	Freakonomics
Norman Maclean	Young Men and Fire
Norman Mailer	The Executioner's Song
Malcolm X	The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Vladimir Nabokov	Speak, Memory
Michael Pollan	The Omnivore's Dilemma
Robert M. Pirsig	Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
Jacob Riis	How the Other Half Lives
Mary Roach	Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers
Carl Sagan	Cosmos
Eric Schlosser	Fast Food Nation
Randy Shilts	And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic
Studs Terkel	American Dreams: Lost and Found
	Working
Henry David Thoreau	Walden
Tom Wolfe	The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test
	The Right Stuff
Richard Wright	Black Boy

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