

Classics

For Teens

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The abbreviations after the title indicate where the books can be found:

YA= Young Adult Fiction

FIC=Adult Fiction

TEEN= Teen Room

SS=Adult Short Stories

CLASSICS= Classics in Paperback

SF=Adult Science Fiction

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain -----TEEN & CLASSICS TWAIN

The classic adventure story of boyhood escapades on the shores of the Mississippi chronicles the exploits of the mischievous Tom Sawyer and his friends.

Animal Farm

George Orwell -----CLASSICS & YA & TEEN ORWEL

Having got rid of their human master, the animals in this political fable look forward to a life of freedom and plenty. But as a clever, ruthless elite takes control, the other animals find themselves hopelessly ensnared in the same old way.

Around the World in 80 Days

Jules Verne-----FIC VERNE

The classic story of Phileas Fogg's eighty-day journey around the world is accompanied by notes and illustrations placing the story in the context of its era.

The Bell Jar

Sylvia Plath -----FIC & TEEN & CLASSICS PLATH

Esther Greenwood, a talented and successful writer, finally succumbs to madness when the world around her begins to falter.

Brave New World

Aldous Huxley -----CLASSICS & TEEN HUXLE

Huxley's classic prophetic novel describes the socialized horrors of a futuristic utopia devoid of individual freedom.

Call of the Wild

Jack London -----TEEN & CLASSICS LONDO

The adventures of an unusual dog, part Saint Bernard and part Scotch Shepherd, which is forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.

Catch 22

Joseph Heller ----- TEEN & CLASSICS HELLE
Presents the contemporary classic depicting the struggles of a United States airman attempting to survive the lunacy and depravity of a World War II airbase.

Catcher in the Rye

J.D. Salinger----- TEEN & CLASSICS SALIN

In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, sixteen-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.

David Copperfield

Charles Dickens -----CLASSICS & FIC DICKE

A young boy endures hardships as a child laborer in this partly autobiographical classic reflecting social conditions in nineteenth-century England.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson -----SS & CLASSICS STEVE

Why is the frightening Mr. Hyde a friend of the nice Dr Jekyll? Who is the evil little man? And why does he seem to have power over the doctor? After a terrible murder, everyone is looking for Mr. Hyde. But he has disappeared. Or has he?

Emma

Jane Austen -----FIC & CLASSICS AUSTE

Emma Woodhouse imagines that she dominates those around her in the small town of Highbury, but her inept matchmaking creates problems for herself and others.

Fahrenheit 451

Ray Bradbury ----- YA & TEEN BRADB

The classic tale of one man's experience of reawakening in a world beset by oppression and censorship in which books have been outlawed and reading is punishable by death.

Frankenstein

Mary Shelley -----FIC & CLASSICS & TEEN SHELLE

A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

Good Earth

Pearl Buck -----CLASSICS & FIC BUCK

The story of a farmer in China: a story of humility and bravery. His father gives Wang Lung a freed slave as wife. By diligence and frugality the two manage to enlarge their property. But then a famine forces them to leave their land and live in the town.

Great Expectations

Charles Dickens ----- TEEN & CLASSICS DICKE

When a mysterious benefactor enables Pip--a young orphaned boy--to rise in Victorian society, Pip is educated as a gentleman and snobbishly neglects his childhood friends.

Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald -----FIC & YA & TEEN FITZG

Everybody who is anybody is seen at Gatsby's glittering parties. None of the socialites understand Gatsby. He seems to always be watching and waiting, though no one knows what for. But as the tragic story unfolds, Gatsby's destructive dreams and passions are revealed.

Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift ----- CLASSICS & FIC SWIFT

Bizarre tale of an 18th century Englishman who travels to lands that are strangely like home. It chronicles Gulliver's travels in Lilliput and Brobdingnag, and brings to life the Laputans, Struldbruggs, and Houynhnhms.

The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again

J.R. Tolkien -----TEEN & SF TOLKI

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Arthur Conan Doyle ----- TEEN & CLASSICS DOYLE

Some blame the death of Sir Charles Baskerville on the legend of a fearsome and ghostly hound that is said to have haunted his Devonshire family for generations. So when the services of famed detective Sherlock Holmes are engaged to ensure the safety of Baskerville heir Sir Henry, Dr Watson is surprised to find his friend dismissive of the matter.

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Bronte ----- TEEN & CLASSICS BRONT

After a lonely childhood, young orphan Jane Eyre takes a post as a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she meets the enigmatic Mr. Rochester and uncovers a ghostly secret about the strange sounds that she hears.

Kidnapped

Robert Louis Stevenson ----- CLASSICS STEVE

After his parents die, young David Balfour goes to the house of his uncle Ebenezer. But his uncle is a dangerous man. When he puts David on a ship to America, a difficult and dangerous time begins. But who is the stranger on the ship? Can he help David?

Little Women

Louisa May Alcott -----CLASSICS & TEEN ALCOT
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.

Lord of the Flies

William Golding - CLASSICS & FIC & YA & TEEN GOLDI
The classic study of human nature which depicts the degeneration of a group of schoolboys marooned on a desert island.

My Antonia

Willa Cather ----- CLASSICS & FIC CATHE
Tells the struggles and triumphs of Antonia Shimerda, daughter of a Bohemian immigrant, on the Nebraska prairie in the 1880s, through the eyes of Jim Burden, her tutor and admirer.

1984

George Orwell ----- FIC & TEEN & CLASSICS ORWEL
Portrays life in a future time when a totalitarian government watches over all citizens and directs all activities.

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck -----FIC & YA & CLASSICS STEIN
Streetwise George and his childlike friend Lennie are drifters, searching for work in the fields and valleys of California. They have nothing except the clothes on their back, and a hope that one day they'll find a place of their own and live the American dream. But do dreams come at a price!

Old Man and the Sea

Ernest Hemingway -----YA & FIC & CLASSICS HEMIN
The story of the old Cuban fisherman and his epic battle with sharks for his giant fish.

Outsiders

S.E.Hinton -----YA & TEEN HINTO
Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

A Passage to India

E.M. Forster -----CLASSICS & FIC FORST
In a scathing indictment of British imperialism, this controversial novel portrays two Englishwomen who experience misunderstanding and cultural conflict after they travel to India.

Robinson Crusoe

Daniel Defoe ----- CLASSICS & FIC DEFOE
During one of his several adventurous voyages in the 1600s, an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives on a deserted island for more than twenty-eight years.

Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen -----TEEN & FIC & CLASSICS AUSTE
In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the suit of a snobbish gentleman, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen ----- TEEN & FIC & CLASSICS AUSTE
The reduced circumstances of the Dashwood family cast a shadow over the romantic aspirations of daughters Elinor and Marianne - who must learn to mix sense with sensibility in approaching their problems with both money and men.

Separate Peace

John Knowles -----TEEN & CLASSICS KNOWL
The story of two young men attending a boarding school in New England during World War II and how their rivalry leads to a tragic accident.

Slaughterhouse Five

Kurt Vonnegut ----- FIC & TEEN & CLASSICS VONNE
Billy Pilgrim returns home from the Second World War only to be kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore, who teach him that time is an eternal present.

A Tale of Two Cities

Charles Dickens -----CLASSICS & FIC DICKE
In the early days of the French Revolution, a young Englishman determines to do the utmost to save the husband of the woman he loves from the guillotine.

Three Musketeers

Alexander Dumas -----FIC & CLASSICS DUMAS
In seventeenth-century France, young D'Artagnan befriends three musketeers, Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, and joins them in trying to outwit the enemies of the king and queen.

Time Machine

H.G. Wells -----SF & SS & TEEN & CLASSICS WELLS
A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel to the year 802,701 A.D., where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee -----FIC & TEEN & CLASSICS LEE
"Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird". This is a lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of the story - a black man charged with raping a white girl in the 1930s.

Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson-----FIC & CLASSICS STEVE
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.

Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Betty Smith ----- FIC & TEEN & CLASSICS SMITH
A classic coming-of-age novel follows young Francie Nolan, who is armed with her idealism and determination, as she struggles to escape from the poverty of life in a Brooklyn tenement during the early 1900s.

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Jules Verne -----SF VERNE
Retells the adventures of a French professor and his two companions as they sail above and below the world's oceans as prisoners on the fabulous electric submarine of the deranged Captain Nemo.

War of the Worlds

H.G. Wells ----- SF & TEEN & CLASSICS WELLS
The innovative science-fiction story about the possibilities of intelligent life on distant planets follows an English astronomer, in company with an artilleryman, a country curate, and others, as they struggle to survive the invasion of Earth by Martians in 1894.

White Fang

Jack London-----FIC & CLASSICS LONDO
Part wolf and part dog, orphaned White Fang relies on his instincts as well as his inborn strength and courage to survive in the Yukon wilderness despite both animal and human predators but eventually comes to make his peace with man.