⇒ James, Henry
The Turn of the Screw
PS 2116.T8 1963
A young governess must battle evil ghosts to save
the souls of children in her care.

⇒ Kafka, Franz
Metamorphosis
PT 2621.A26 A243 2003
A young man wakes up one morning to find he
has become a beetle.

⇒ Kipling, Rudyard
Captains Courageous
PR 4854.C3 1959
After falling overboard, a millionaire’s son is
rescued by fishermen who make him work to
earn his keep.

⇒ Knowles, John
A Separate Peace
PS 3561.N68 S4 1960
Two best friends attend a New England boarding
school during World War II.

⇒ London, Jack
The Call of the Wild
PS 3523.O46 C2 2003
A sled dog in Alaska, comes to rely on his wild
instincts for survival.

⇒ Lowry, Lois
The Giver
PZ 7.L9673 Gi 1993
A 12 year old is singled out for training.

⇒ McCullers, Carson
Members of the Wedding
PS 3525.A1772 M4 1946
A 12 year old tomboy searches for a sense of
belonging.

⇒ Melville, Herman
Billy Budd
PS 2382.B5 1998
Explores the conflict between young and old.

⇒ Orwell, George
Animal Farm
PR 6029.R8 A53 1993
A satire on Communism.

⇒ Rand, Ayn
Anthem
PS 3535.A547 A5 1966
A search for values and independence in this futuristic
“We” society.

⇒ Richter, Conrad
Light in the Forest
PS 3535.I429 L5 1963
A young white man raised by American Indians is
forced to return to white society.

⇒ Saint-Exupery, Antoine de
The Little Prince
PZ 8.S14 Li2 1943
A fairy tale about a boy prince living on a small planet.

⇒ Steinbeck, John
Cannery Row
PS 3537.T3234 C3 1994
Cannery workers living on the waterfront learn to
accept life as it is.

⇒ Steinbeck, John
Of Mice and Men
PS 3537.T3234 O3 1937
The life of a retarded itinerant ranch hand and the
friend who tries to protect him.

⇒ Steinbeck, John
The Pearl
PS 3537.T3234 P4 1994
A fisherman finds a pearl, but it brings about tragedy.

⇒ Vonnegut, Kurt
Slaughterhouse Five
PS 3572.O5 S6 1994
An anti-war novel about a chaplain returning from
WWII who becomes unstuck in time after he is kid-
napped by aliens.

⇒ Wells, H.G.
The Time Machine
PR 5774.T5 1984
A Victorian time traveler goes 800,000 years into the
future.
Short Classics
*All about 200 pages or less

⇒ Armstrong, William H.
Sounder
PZ 7.A73394So
The hardships of a black family in the Old South

⇒ Austen, Jane
Emma
AC1.G72 1990 vol. 46
A young heiress, fond of matchmaking, discovers that people don't always fall in love according to plan.

⇒ Bach, Richard
Jonathan Livingston Seagull
PZ 10.3.B123Jo 1970
An old gull teaches younger ones the power of dreams and the joy of flight.

⇒ Bradbury, Ray
Fahrenheit 451
PS 3503.R167 F3 1996
In a futuristic society, the government burns banned books, but the ideas in the books cry out.

⇒ Bradbury, Ray
Martian Chronicles
PS 3503.R167 M37 1979
Introspective short stories about the colonization and exploration of Mars.

⇒ Camus, Albert
The Stranger
PQ2605.A3734 E813 1989
An ordinary man, drawn into a senseless murder, ponders the meaning of life.

⇒ Chopin, Kate
The Awakening
PS 1294.C63 A61 2003
A woman in 19th century New Orleans, married with children and respectable, realizes it might be a whole lot more fulfilling to live a life of sin.

⇒ Conrad, Joseph
Heart of Darkness
PR 6005 O4 H4 1994
A steamboat journey through the Congo, and the moral deterioration that isolation can cause.

⇒ Crane, Stephen
The Red Badge of Courage
PS 1449.C85 R3 1952
A Civil War soldier overcome cowardice and shame to become a hero and leader of his regiment.

⇒ Craven, Margaret
I Heard the Owl Call My Name
PS 3553.R277 I2 1980
A Native American village copes with the clash between traditional and modern society.

⇒ Dickens, Charles
A Christmas Carol
PR 4571.A1 W4 2004
A wretched old man realizes how awful his life was, is, and will be when three ghosts pay him a visit.

⇒ Eliot, George
Silas Marner
PR 4670.A1 1996b
Being falsely accused of theft does not change the goodness of a man who opens his heart to a homeless child.

⇒ Faulkner, William
As I Lay Dying
PS 3511.A86 A85 1990
Interior monologues explore the events surrounding the illness, death and burial of Addie Bundren.

⇒ Fitzgerald, F. Scott
The Great Gatsby
PS 3511.I9 G7 1995b
A racketeer and a romantic, Jay Gatsby buys a great house and throws lavish parties, all to win the heart of a girl named Daisy.

⇒ Hemingway, Ernest
The Old Man and the Sea
PS 3515.E37 O4 1995
The courage of an old Cuban fisherman as he battles with a giant marlin.

⇒ Hersey, John
Hiroshima
D 767.25 H6 H4
The story of six survivors of the first atomic bomb.

⇒ Hesse, Herman
Siddhartha
PT 2617.E85 S52 1961
A young man's search for reality leads him to contemplation, lust, greed, and finally wisdom.

⇒ Irving, Washington
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
PS 2053.BS 1945
Ichabod Crane wants to marry the beautiful Katrina, but Brom Bones wants her too.

⇒ James, Henry
Daisy Miller
PS 2116.D2 K2 2004
Daisy, an American tourist in Europe, shocks and offends others with her carefree American approach to friendship with an Italian man.