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# Adult -- books of special note

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The titles that follow were selected by the "Books That Matter" Committee on the basis of popularity, as reflected in the balloting of the community, but consideration was also given to such matters as special merit and enduring value.

**Fiction**

Atwood, Margaret, ***The Handmaid?s Tale***

Austen, Jane, ***Pride and Prejudice***

Buck, Pearl S., ***The Good Earth***

Camus, Albert, ***The Stranger***

Conrad, Joseph, ***Heart of Darkness***

Dickens, Charles, ***A Tale of Two Cities***

Dostoyesvsky, Fyodor, ***Crime and Punishment***

Ellison, Ralph, ***Invisible Man***

Esquivel, Laura, ***Like Water for Chocolate***

Faulkner, William, ***The Sound and the Fury***

Fitzgerald, F. Scott, ***The Great Gatsby***

Flaubert, Gustave, ***Madame Bovary***

Gaines, Ernest, ***A Lesson Before Dying***

Garcia Marquez, Gabriel , ***One Hundred Years of Solitude***

Golding, William, ***Lord of the Flies***

Hawthorne, Nathaniel, ***The Scarlet Letter***

Heller, Joseph, ***Catch-22***

Hemingway, Ernest, ***A Farewell to Arms***

Hugo, Victor, ***Les Miserables***

Huxley, Aldous, ***Brave New World***

Jackson, Shirley, ***The Lottery and Other Stories***

Joyce, James, ***Ulysses***

Knowles, John, ***A Separate Peace***

Lee, Harper, ***To Kill a Mockingbird***

Mann, Thomas, ***The Magic Mountain***

Melville, Herman, ***Moby Dick***

Mitchell, Margaret, ***Gone With the Wind***

Morrison, Toni, ***Beloved***

O?Brien, Tim, ***The Things They Carried***

Orwell, George, ***1984***

Potok, Chaim, ***The Chosen***

Remarque, Erich Maria, ***All Quiet on the Western Front***

Salinger, J.D., ***The Catcher in the Rye***

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, ***Frankenstein***

Sinclair, Upton, ***The Jungle***

Smith, Betty, ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***

Solzhenitzen, Aleksandr I., ***One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich***

Steinbeck, John, ***The Grapes of Wrath***

Stevenson, Robert Louis, ***The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde***

Stowe, Harriet Beecher, ***Uncle Tom?s Cabin***

Twain, Mark, ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***

Voltaire, ***Candide***

Vonnegut, Kurt, ***Slaughterhouse Five***

Walker, Alice, ***The Color Purple***

**Mysteries**

Christie, Agatha, ***And Then There Were None***

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan, ***The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes***

Grisham, John, ***A Time to Kill***

James, P.D., ***Devices and Desires***

Le Carre, John, ***Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy; The Honourable Schoolboy; Smiley?s People***

Peters, Ellis, ***Brother Cadfael?s Penance***

Poe, Edgar Allen, ***Tales of Mystery and Imagination***

Sayers, Dorothy, ***Murder Must Advertise***

**Science Fiction**

Asimov, Isaac, ***Foundation; Foundation and Empire; Second Foundation***

Bradbury, Ray, ***Fahrenheit 451***

Clarke, Arthur C., ***Childhood?s End***

Gibson, William, ***Neuromancer***

Heinlein, Robert A., ***Stranger in a Strange Land***

Le Guin, Ursula, ***The Lathe of Heaven***

Tolkein, J.R.R., ***The Hobbit***

Verne, Jules, ***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea***

Wells, H.G., ***The Time Machine***

**Poetry**

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, ***The Rime of the Ancient Mariner***

Dante Alighieri, ***The Divine Comedy***

Dickinson, Emily, ***Complete Poems***

Homer, ***The Iliad***

Homer, ***Odyssey***

Neruda, Pablo, ***Selected Poems***

Shakespeare, William, ***Sonnets***

Whitman, Walt, ***Leaves of Grass***

Yeats, William Butler, ***"Among School Children"***

**Drama**

Beckett, Samuel, ***Waiting for Godot***

Brecht, Bertolt, ***The Threepenny Opera***

Ibsen, Henrik, ***A Doll?s House***

Miller, Arthur, ***Death of a Salesman***

O?Neill, Eugene, ***Long Day?s Journey into Night***

Pirandello, Luigi, ***Six Characters in Search of an Author***

Shakespeare, William, ***Othello***

**Non-Fiction**

Angelou, Maya, ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings***

Carson, Rachel, ***Silent Spring***

Churchill, Winston, ***The Second World War***

Frank, Anne, ***The Diary of a Young Girl***

Freud, Sigmund, ***The Interpretation of Dreams***

Gleick, James, ***Chaos: Making a New Science***

Hawking, Stephen, ***A Brief History of Time***

Keller, Helen, ***The Story of My Life***

Kovic, Ron, ***Born on the Fourth of July***

Kubler-Ross, Elizabeth, ***On Death and Dying***

Machiavelli, Niccolo, ***The Prince***

McCourt, Frank, ***Angela?s Ashes***

Merton, Thomas, ***The Seven Storey Mountain***

Norris, Kathleen, ***The Cloister Walk***

Paine, Thomas, ***Common Sense; The Rights of Man***

Pirsig, Robert M., ***Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry into Values***

Sandburg, Carl, ***Abraham Lincoln; The War Years***

Thoreau, Henry David, ***Walden***

Wiesel, Elie, ***Night***

X, Malcolm, ***The Autobiography of Malcolm X***

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