

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain**

The classic story of the adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.

***The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein**

Told through the thoughts of the family dog, this novel follows the affecting tale of Denny, a widower attempting to become a race-car champion even as he cares for his precious daughter and their beloved pet.

***City of Thieves* by David Benioff**

Documenting his grandparents' experiences during the siege of Leningrad, a young writer learns his grandfather's story about how a military deserter and he tried to secure pardons by gathering hard-to-find ingredients for a powerful colonel's daughter's wedding cake.

***Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer**

Oskar Schell, the nine-year-old son of a man killed in the World Trade Center attacks, searches the five boroughs of New York City for a lock that fits a black key his father left behind.

***The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson**

The disappearance forty years ago of Harriet Vanger, a young scion of one of the wealthiest families in Sweden, gnaws at her octogenarian uncle, Henrik Vanger. He hires crusading journalist Mikael Blomkvist, recently at the wrong end of a libel case, to get to the bottom of Harriet's disappearance.

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

Jay Gatsby had once loved beautiful, spoiled Daisy Buchanan, then lost her to a rich boy. Now, mysteriously wealthy, he is ready to risk everything to woo her back.

***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer**

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.

***Home Repair* by Liz Rosenberg**

Prize-winning poet Rosenberg's debut novel is a bittersweet and moving story of a woman whose husband takes off while she is in the middle of a garage sale, leaving her to deal with loss--and maybe a chance at a whole new life.

***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford**

When artifacts from Japanese families sent to internment camps during World War II are uncovered during renovations at a Seattle hotel, Henry Lee embarks on a quest that leads to memories of growing up Chinese in a city rife with anti-Japanese sentiment.

***The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander**

Presents a novel based on the 1918 Bolshevik revolutionary murder of Czar Nicholas II and the rest of the Russian royal family as told from the perspective of the event's only surviving witness, a young kitchen boy.

***Life of Pi* by Yann Martel**

Possessing encyclopedia-like intelligence, unusual zookeeper's son Pi Patel sets sail for America, but when the ship sinks, he escapes on a life boat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.

***Little Bee* by Chris Cleave**

A haunting novel about the tenuous friendship that blooms between two disparate strangers--one an illegal Nigerian refugee, the other a recent widow from suburban London.

***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs**

After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there.

***Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro**

A reunion with two childhood friends--Ruth and Tommy--draws Kath and her companions on a nostalgic odyssey into the supposedly idyllic years of their lives at Hailsham, an isolated private school in the serene English countryside, and a dramatic confrontation with the truth about their childhoods and about their lives in the present.

***Room* by Emma Donoghue**

A 5-year-old narrates a story about his life growing up in a single room where his mother aims to protect him from the man who has held her prisoner for seven years since she was a teenager.

***The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry**

Roseanne McNulty, once one of the most beautiful and beguiling girls in County Sligo, Ireland, is now an elderly patient at Roscommon Regional Mental Hospital. As her hundredth year draws near, she decides to record the events of her life, hiding the manuscript beneath the floorboards.

***State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett**

A researcher at a pharmaceutical company, Marina Singh journeys into the heart of the Amazonian delta to check on a field team that has been silent for two years—a dangerous assignment that forces Marina to confront the ghosts of her past.

***The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien**

Heroic young men carry the emotional weight of their lives to war in Vietnam in a patchwork account of a modern journey into the heart of darkness.

***The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht**

Struggling to understand why her beloved grandfather left his family to die alone in a field hospital far from home, a young doctor in a war-torn Balkan country takes over her grandfather's search for a mythical ageless vagabond while referring to a worn copy of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book."