

2007 Teen Reading Club Classics Booklist

Austen, Jane

Pride and Prejudice In a remote Hertfordshire village, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet -- a country squire of no great means and his scatterbrained wife -- must marry off their five vivacious daughters. At the heart of this all-consuming enterprise are the headstrong second daughter Elizabeth and her aristocratic suitor Fitzwilliam Darcy, two lovers in whom pride and prejudice must be overcome before love can bring the novel to its magnificent conclusion.

Bronte, Charlotte

Jane Eyre Having grown up an orphan in the home of her cruel aunt and at a harsh charity school, Jane Eyre becomes an independent and spirited survivor—qualities that serve her well as governess at Thornfield Hall. But when she finds love with her sardonic employer, Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice. Should she stay with him whatever the consequences or follow her convictions, even if it means leaving her beloved?

Bronte, Emily

Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë's only novel is set in the wild, bleak Yorkshire Moors. Depicting the relationship of Cathy and Heathcliff, *Wuthering Heights* creates a world of its own, conceived with an instinct for poetry and for the dark depths of human psychology.

Dickens, Charles

Oliver Twist *Oliver Twist* was Dickens's second novel and one of his darkest, dealing with burglary, kidnapping, child abuse, prostitution, and murder. Alongside this gallery of horrors are the corrupt and incompetent institutions of 19th-century England set up to address social problems and instead making them worse.

Frank, Anne

The Diary of a Young Girl This vivid, insightful journal is a fitting memorial to the gifted Jewish teenager who died at Bergen-Belsen, Germany, in 1945. Born in 1929, Anne Frank received a blank diary on her 13th birthday, just weeks before she and her family went into hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam. Her marvelously detailed, engagingly personal entries chronicle 25 trying months of claustrophobic, quarrelsome intimacy with her parents, sister, a second family, and a middle-aged dentist who has little tolerance for Anne's vivacity.

Golding, William

The Lord of the Flies *Lord of the Flies* remains as provocative today as when it was first published in 1954, igniting passionate debate with its startling, brutal portrait of human nature.

Hinton, S. E.

The Outsiders

In Ponyboy's world there are two types of people. There are the Socs, the rich society kids who get away with anything. Then there are the greasers, like Ponyboy, who aren't so lucky. Ponyboy

has a few things he can count on: his older brothers, his friends, and trouble with the Socs, whose idea of a good time is beating up greasers. At least he knows what to expect—until the night things go too far.

Lee, Harper

To Kill a Mockingbird One of the best-loved stories of all time. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in the American South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father -- a crusading local lawyer - - risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

London, Jack

The Call of the Wild The cold Alaskan air could burn anybody's skin and heart, but not this wolf named Buck. He showed he had heart in everything that he did. One of the many things Buck did during his three thousand miles was earning ownership from all the dogs on the team and from all of the men and women who owned him. He showed courage by pulling twenty five-pound sacks of flour for one hundred yards all by himself. This book is a good one to read if you love adventure, excitement and danger.

Mitchell, Margaret

Gone With The Wind The unforgettable characters of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler set against the backdrop of the American Civil War. Read the book then rent the movie.

Montgomery, Lucy Maud

Anne of Green Gables. The great Canadian classic of the adventures of orphan Anne Shirley in her new home on Prince Edward Island.

Orwell, George

1984 *Newspeak, doublethink, thoughtcrime*--in 1984, George Orwell created a whole vocabulary of words concerning totalitarian control that have since passed into our common vocabulary. More importantly, he has portrayed a chillingly credible dystopia. In our deeply anxious world, the seeds of unthinking conformity are everywhere in evidence; and Big Brother is always looking for his chance.

Tolkien, J. R. R.

The Lord of the Rings Since it was first published in 1954, *The Lord of the Rings* has been a book people have treasured. Steeped in unrivalled magic and otherworldliness, its sweeping fantasy has touched the hearts of young and old alike. One hundred million copies of its many editions have been sold around the world, and occasional collectors' editions become prized and valuable items of publishing.

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

The Yearling Fighting off a pack of starving wolves, wrestling alligators in the swamp, romping with bear cubs, drawing off the venom of a giant rattlesnake bite with the heart of a fresh-killed deer--it's all in a day's work for the Baxter family of the Florida scrublands.

Salinger, J. D.

The Catcher in the Rye Since his debut in 1951 as *The Catcher in the Rye*, Holden Caulfield has been synonymous with "cynical adolescent." Holden narrates

the story of a couple of days in his sixteen-year-old life, just after he's been expelled from prep school.

Stevenson, Robert Louis.

Treasure Island. Climb aboard for the swashbuckling adventure of a lifetime. *Treasure Island* has enthralled for decades. The names Long John Silver and Jim Hawkins are destined to remain pieces of folklore for as long as children want to read Robert Louis Stevenson's most famous book. With its dastardly plot and motley crew of rogues and villains, it seems unlikely that children will ever say no to this timeless classic

Twain, Mark

Huckleberry Finn A seminal work of American Literature that still commands deep praise and still elicits controversy, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is essential to the understanding of the American soul.