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| Last Name | First Name | Book or Source | Lexile Number | | |
| Abse | Dannie | www.pushcartprize.com | | | |
| Acosta | Teresa Palomo Acosta | My Mother Pierced Quilts | | | |
| Achebe | Chinua | Things Fall Apart | 890L | | |
| Ackerman | Diane | www.pushcartprize.com | | | |
| Adams | Douglas | The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy | 1000L | | |
| Adams | Richard | Watership Down | 880L | | |
| Addonizio | Kim | www.pushcartprize.com | | | |
| Aiken | Conrad | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Agee | James | A Death in the Family | 1020L | | |
| Albee | Edward | | | | |
| Albom | Mitch | | | | |
| Alcott | Louisa May | Little Women | 1210;1300;1160 | | |
| Ali | | www.pushcartprize.com | | | |
| Allende | Isabel | House of the Spirits | 1280L | | |
| Allison | Alexander, ed | Norton Anthology of Poetry | | | |
| Alvarez | Julia | In the Time of Butterflies | 910 L | | |
| Anaya | Rudolfo | | | | |
| Andersen | Hans Christian | The Little Match Girl | | | |
| Anderson | Sherwood | Winesburg, Ohio | 1050L | | |
| Angelou | Maya | I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | 1330L;1070L | | |
| Angelou | Maya | And Still I rise | | | |
| Angelou | Maya | Our Grandmothers | | | |
| Archer | Jeffrey | | | | |
| Arnold | Harriette | | | | |
| Ashbery | John | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Ashbery | John | www.bookcritics.org | | | |

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| Ashe | Arthur | Days of Grace | 1160L | | |
| Asimov | Isaac | The Last Question | 1150L | | |
| Atwood | Margaret | The Handmaids Tale | | | |
| Auden | W. H. | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Austen | Jane | Emma | 1080L | | |
| Austen | Jane | Pride and Prejudice | 1100 L; 1190L | | |
| Austen | Jane | Northanger Abbey | 1120L | | |
| Austen | Jane | Persuasion | 1120L | | |
| Austen | Jane | Sense & Sensibility | 1180L | | |
| Bacon | Leonard | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Baker | Russell | Growing Up | 1090L | | |
| Baldacci | David | | | | |
| Baldwin | James | Go Tell It on the Mountain | 1030L | | |
| Ballard | Denise G. | | | | |
| Balzac | Honore de | Pere Goriot | 1180L | | |
| Banks | Iain | | | | |
| Baraka | Amiri/LeRoi Jones | | | | |
| Bellow | Saul | | | | |
| Benet | Stephen Vincent | By the Waters of Babylon | | | |
| Benet | Stephen Vincent | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Benet | William Rose | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Berenbaum | Michael | | | | |
| Berryman | John | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Bierce | Ambrose | Ambrose Bierce's Civil War | 1160L | | |
| Bierce | Ambrose | An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge | | | |
| Bierce | Ambrose | John Mortonson's Funeral | | | |

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| Bierce | Ambrose | The Death of Halpin Frayser | | | |
| Bierce | Ambrose | The Haunted Valley | | | |
| Bierce | Ambrose | The Boarded Window | | | |
| Bird | Gloria | | | | |
| Bishop | Elizabeth | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Bishop | Elizabeth | The Fish Poem | | | |
| Blaeser | Kimberley | | | | |
| Blyton | Enid | | | | |
| Boudinot | Ryan | The Littlest Hitler | | | |
| Bradbury | Ray | Fahrenheit 451 | 890L | | |
| Bradbury | Ray | The Sound of Thunder | | | |
| Bridges | Constance Quartermain | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Bronte | Charlotte | | | | |
| Bronte | Charlotte | Jane Eyre | 890L | | |
| Bronte | Emily | Wuthering Heights | 2100L | | |
| Brooks | Gwendolyn | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Brooks | Gwendolyn | Selected Poems | | | |
| Brooks | Gwendolyn | The Bean Eaters | | | |
| Brown | Dee | Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee | 1080L | | |
| Brown | Dan | | | | |
| Browning | Robert | Meeting at Night | | | |
| Browning | Robert | Poems | | | |
| Bryson | Bill | A Walk in the Woods | 1210L | | |
| Bryson | Bill | | | | |
| Buck | Pearl | The Good Earth | 1530L | | |
| Buck | Pearl | Sons | 1660L | | |

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| Bulosan | Carlos | | | | |
| Burnett | Frances Hodgson | The Secret Garden | 920L | | |
| Byatt | A. S. | | | | |
| Calvino | Italo | The Garden of Stubborn Cats | | | |
| Camus | Albert | The Plague | 1070L | | |
| Camus | Albert | The Stranger | 880L | 2017 | 2019-2020 |
| Cane | Melville | www.poetrysociety.org | | | |
| Cao | Lan | | | | |
| Carroll | Lewis | Alice's Adventures in Wonderland | 940L | | |
| Carroll | Lewis | Alice's Adventures in Wonderland from "Pool of Tears" | 940L | | |
| Carroll | Lewis | Alice in Wonderland | 860L | | |
| Castro | Christina M. | | | | |
| Cather | Willa | My Antonia | 1010 L | | |
| Cather | Willa | Death Comes for the Archbishop | 1150L | | |
| Cather | Willa | Enchanted Bluff (short story) | | | |
| Cather | Willa | O Pioneers! | 930L | | |
| Caulfield | John | | | | |
| Chekhov | Anton | A Boring Story | | | |
| Chekhov | Anton | A Problem | | | |
| Chekhov | Anton | The Bet | | | |
| Chekhov | Anton | Ward 6 | | | |
| Chopin | Kate | Desiree's Baby | | | |
| Chopin | Kate | The Story of an Hour | | | |
| Chopin | Kate | The Awakening | 960L | | |
| Cisneros | Sandra | The House on Mango Street | 870L | | |
| Clarke | Arthur C. | 2001: A Space Odyssey | 1060 L | | |

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| Clark | Walter | The Ox-Bow Incident | 890L | | |
| Coffin | Robert P. Tristram | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Coleridge | Samuel | The Rime of the Ancient Mariner | | | |
| Collins | Wilkie | The Woman in White | 1100L | | |
| Collins | Wilkie | Mad Monkton and Other Stories | 1110L | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | Amy Foster | | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | The Lagoon | | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | The Secret Sharer | | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | Heart of Darkness | 1050 L | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | Lord Jim | 1120L | | |
| Conrad | Joseph | | | | |
| Cooper | James Fenimore | The Last of the Mohicans | 1350L | | |
| Cormier | Robert | | | | |
| Crane | Stephen | The Red Badge of Courage | 920L | | |
| Crane | Stephen | The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky | | | |
| Criddle | Jan D. | To Destroy You Is No Loss: The Odyssey of a... | | | |
| Crow Dog | Mary | Lakota Woman | 970L | | |
| Cummings | E.E. | Complete Poems, 1904-1962 | | | |
| Cummings | E.E. | www.poets.org | | | |
| Curie | Eve | Madame Curie | 1060L | | |
| Dahl | Roald | | | | |
| Dargan | Kyle | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Davidson | Gustav | www.poetrysociety.org | | | |
| Davis | Robertson | | | | |
| de Bernieres | Louis | | | | |
| de Cervantes | Miguel | Don Quixote | 1410 L | | |

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| de Saint-Exupery | Antoine | | | | |
| Defoe | Daniel | Robinson Crusoe | 1220 L | | |
| Defoe | Daniel | Moll Flanders | 1390 L | | |
| Dennis | Carol | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Desai | Kiran | | | | |
| Dickens | Charles | The Baron of Grogzwig | | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Oliver Twist | 1060 L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Hard Times | 1060 L; 1080L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | David Copperfield | 1070L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | A Christmas Carol | 1080 L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Our Mutual Friend | 1090L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Pentwick Papers | 1160L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Bleak House | 1180L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Great Expectations | 1200L | | |
| Dickens | Charles | Old Curiosity Shop | 1320L | | |
| Dickinson | Emily | Poems | | | |
| Dickinson | Emily | She Sweeps With Many-Colored Brooms | | | |
| Dickinson | Emily | The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson | | | |
| Dillon | George | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Dinesen | Isak | | | | |
| Doctorow | E. L. | Ragtime | 930 L | | |
| Donne | John | The Complete Poetry of John Donne | | | |
| Doren | Mark Van | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Dorris | Michael | A Yellow Raft in Blue Water | 980L | | |
| Dostoyevsky | Fyodor | The Brothers Karamazov | 1150L | | |
| Dostoyevsky | Fyodor | Crime and Punishment | 990L | | |

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| Doty | Mark | | | | |
| Dove | Rita | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Doyle | Sir Arthur Conan | Adventures of Sherlock Holmes | 1080L | | |
| Doyle | Arthur Conan | The Brazilian cat | | | |
| Doyle | Arthur Conan | The Japanned Box | | | |
| Doyle | Arthur Conan | The New Catacomb | | | |
| Dreiser | Theodore | An American Tragedy | 1240L | | |
| Dreiser | Theodore | Sister Carrie | 980L | | |
| du Maurier | Daphne | Rebecca | 880L | | |
| Dugan | Alan | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Dunn | Stephen | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Dumas | Alexandre | | | | |
| Eberhart | Richard | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Eliot | George | The Mill on the Floss | 1240L | | |
| Eliot | George | Adam Bede | 1260L | | |
| Eliot | George | Silas Marner | 1330L | | |
| Eliot | George | | | | |
| Eliot | T. S. | The Hollow Men | | | |
| Eliot | T. S. | The Waste Land | | | |
| Ellison | Ralph | Invisible Man | 950L | | |
| Emerson | Claudia | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Emerson | Ralph Waldo | | | | |
| Erdrich | Louise | | | | |
| Erdrich | Louise | Tracks | 950L | | |
| Esquivel | Laura | Like Water for Chocolate | 1030L | | |
| Faulkner | William | A Rose for Emily | 1270L | | |

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| Faulkner | William | The Sound and the Fury | 870L | | |
| Faulkner | William | As I Lay Dying | 870L | | |
| Faulkner | William | | | | |
| Faulks | Sebastian | | | | |
| Fielding | Henry | | | | |
| Finney | Jack | Contents of a Dead Man's Pocket | | | |
| Fitzgerald | F. Scott | The Great Gatsby | 1070L | | |
| Flaubert | Gustave | Madame Bovary | 1030L | | |
| Fletcher | John Gould | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Ford | Ford Madox | The Good Soldier | 1040L | | |
| Forster | E.M. | A Passage to India | 950L | | |
| Forster | E.M. | A Room with a View | | | |
| Fowles | John | | | | |
| Francia | Luis | www.pen.org | | | |
| Francis | Robert | The Base Stealer | | | |
| Frank | Anne | The Diary of a Young Girl | 1080L | 2017 | 2019-2020 |
| Franklin | Benjamin | The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin | 1370L | | |
| Frazier | Charles | Cold Mountain | 1210L | | |
| Frost | Robert | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Frost | Robert | The Poetry of Robert Frost | | | |
| Fuentes | Carlos | The Death of Artemio Cruz | 1020L | | |
| Gaiman | Neil | Stardust | 930L | | |
| Gaines | Ernest | | | | |
| Garcia | Cristina | Dreaming in Cuban | 940L | | |
| Gardner | Isabella | Summer Remembered | | | |
| Gilman (Stetson) | Charlotte Perkins | The Yellow Wall-paper | 920L | | |

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| Ginsberg | Allen | Howl and Other Poems | | | |
| Giovanni | Nikki | My House | | | |
| Glick | Louise | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Gogol | Nikolai | Diary of a Madman | 1060L | | |
| Golden | Arthur | Memoirs of a Geisha | 1000L | | |
| Golding | William | | | | |
| Graham | Jorie | Pulitzer Prize Winner (1951) | | | |
| Grahame | Kenneth | The Wind in the Willows | 920L | | |
| Grass | Gunter | The Tin Drum | 1220L | | |
| Green | John | An Abundance of Katherines | 890L | | |
| Green | John | The Fault in Our Stars | 850L | | |
| Green | John | Looking for Alaska | 930L | | |
| Green | John | Papertowns | 850L | | |
| Green | John | Will Grayson, Will Grayson | 930L | | |
| Green | John | Turtles All the Way Down | | | |
| Greene | Graham | | | | |
| Greene | Jennifer K. | | | | |
| Guterson | David | Snow Falling on the Cedars | 1080L | | |
| Haas | Robert | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Haley | Alex | Roots | 1330L | | |
| Hammett | Dashiell | | | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | The Return of the Native | 1040L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | The Mayor of Casterbridge | 1090L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | Far from the Madding Crowd | 1110L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | Jude the Obscure | 1110L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | The Woodlands | 1130L | | |

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| Hardy | Thomas | Tess of the d'Urbervilles | 1160L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | The Poetry of Thomas Hardy | 1280L | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | Squire Patrick's Lady | | | |
| Hardy | Thomas | The Three Strangers | | | |
| Harjo | Joy | www.pen.org | | | |
| Harper | Michael S. | www.poetrysociety.org | | | |
| Harte | Bret | How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar | | | |
| Harte | Bret | The Luck of the Roaring Camp | | | |
| Harte | Bret | The Outcasts of Poker Flat | | | |
| Hawthorne | Nathaniel | The Scarlet Letter | 1420L | | |
| Hawthorne | Nathaniel | The Ambitious Guest | | | |
| Hawthorne | Nathaniel | Wakefield | | | |
| Hawthorne | Nathaniel | Dr. Heidegger's Experiment | 1230L | | |
| Hecht | Anthony | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Heller | Joseph | Catch 22 | | | |
| Hemingway | Ernest | (most all works) | | | |
| Henry | O | A Bird of Bagdad | | | |
| Henry | O | A Night in New Arabia | | | |
| Henry | O | A Ramble in Aphasia | | | |
| Henry | O | An Unfinished Story | | | |
| Henry | O | Hearts and Hands- | | 2018 | 2020-21 |
| Henry | O | The Call of the Tame | | | |
| Henry | O | The Duel | | | |
| Henry | O | The Gift of the Magi | | | |
| Henry | O | The Red Roses of Tonia | | | |
| Henry | O | What You Want | | | |

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| Henry | O | A Municipal Report | | |
| Henry | O | The Thing's the Play | | |
| Henry | O | Stories | | |
| Hershey | John | Hiroshima | 1190L | |
| Hesse | Hermann | Siddhartha | 1010L | |
| Hilborn | Neal | OCD (poem) | | 2018 2020-21 |
| Hillyer | Robert | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Hosseini | Khaled | | | |
| Howard | Richard | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Hughes | Langston | Poems, The Big Sea | | |
| Hughes | Langston | The Weary Blues | | |
| Hughes | Langston | Let America Be America Again | 1130L | 2018 2020-21 |
| Hughes | Langston | Open Letter to the South | 1090L | |
| Hughes | Langston | Dreams | | |
| Hughes | Richard | | | |
| Hughes | Ted | The Lake | | |
| Hugo | Victor | The Hunchback of Notre Dame | 950L | |
| Hugo | Victor | Les Miserables | 990L | |
| Hurst | James | The Scarlet Ibis | 1060L | |
| Hurston | Zora Neale | Their Eyes Were Watching God | 1080L | |
| Huxley | Aldous | Brave New World | 870L | |
| Ibsen | Henrik | In the Orchard | | |
| Irving | John | A Prayer for Owen Meany | 1050L | |
| Irving | Washington | The Legend of Sleepy Hollow | 1460L | |
| Irving | Washington | Rip Van Winkle | | |
| Ishiguro | Kazuo | The Remains of the Day | 1210L | |

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| Jackson | Major | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Jacobs | W. W. | The Monkey's Paw | | | |
| James | Henry | The Portrait of a Lady | 1020L | | |
| James | Henry | Washington Square | 1030L | | |
| James | Henry | The Turn of the Screw | 1140L | | |
| James | Henry | Aspern Papers and Other... | 1160L | | |
| Jen | Gish | Pueblo Indian Folk Stories | 1060L | | |
| Johnson | James Weldon | Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man | 1100L | | |
| Joyce | James | A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man | 1120L | | |
| Joyce | James | Daisy Miller | 850L | | |
| Justice | Donald | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Kafka | Franz | The Trial | 1150L | | |
| Kaur | Rupi | The Sun and Her Flowers | | | |
| Keats | John | Complete Poems | | | |
| Keats | John | Poems | | | |
| Keller | Helen | The Story of My Life | 1150L | | |
| Kennedy | John F. | Profiles in Courage | 1410L | | |
| Kent | Kathleen | The Heretic's Daughter | 870L | | |
| Kesey | Ken | (most works) | 1110L | | |
| Kidd | Sue Monk | The Secret Life of Bees | 840L | | |
| Kim | Suki | www.pen/org | | | |
| Kincaid | Jamaica | Annie John | 1220L | | |
| Kincaid | Jamaica | The Autobiography of My Mother | 1160L | | |
| King | Stephen | Duma Key | | | |
| Kingston | Maxine Hong | Woman Warrior | 880L | | |
| Kinnell | Galway | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |

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| Kipling | Rudyard | Danny Deever | | | |
| Kizer | Carolyn | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Knowles | John | A Separate Peace | 1110L | | |
| Kogawa | Joy | Obasan | 990L | | |
| Komunyakaa | Yusef | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Kooser | Ted | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Kovic | Ron | | | | |
| Kumin | Maxine | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Kunitz | Stanley | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Lahiri | Jhumpa | Interpreter of Maladies | 1050L | | |
| Lahiri | Jhumpa | The Namesake | 1210 L | | |
| LaValle | Victor | www.pen.org | | | |
| Lawrence | D.H. | The Ship of Death | | | |
| Lawrence | D.H. | Sons and Lovers | 1200L | | |
| Lawrence | D.H. | (most works) | | | |
| Lawrence | D.H. | The Snake | | | |
| Lee | Chang-Rae | A Gesture Life | 1210L | | |
| Lee | Chang-Rae | | | | |
| Lee | Harper | To Kill A Mockingbird | 870L | | |
| Levine | Philip | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Lewis | C.S. | Chronicles of Narnia | 970L | | |
| Lewis | C.S. | (most all works) | | | |
| Lewis | Sinclair | | | | |
| Lewis | Sinclair | Babbitt; Arrowsmith | 1160L | | |
| Lewis | Sinclair | Main Street | 1010L | | |
| Lockhart | E. | The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks (2008) | 890L | | |

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| London | Jack | A Nose for the King | | | |
| London | Jack | A Piece of Steak | | | |
| London | Jack | A Wicked Woman | | | |
| London | Jack | To Build a Fire | | | |
| London | Jack | Told in the Drooling Ward | | | |
| Longfellow | Henry Wadsworth | The Courtship of Miles Standish | | | |
| Longfellow | Henry Wadsworth | The Poetical Works of Longfellow | | | |
| Lowell | Amy | After Hearing a Waltz by Bartok | | | |
| Lowell | Amy | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Lowell | Robert | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Lowell | Robert | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Lowry | Lois | | | | |
| Maclean | Norman | | | | |
| MacLeish | Archibald | Eleven | | | |
| MacLeish | Archibald | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Mailer | Norman | | | | |
| Malamud | Bernard | The Fixer | 960L | | |
| Mann | Thomas | The Magic Mountain | 1350L | | |
| Mann | Thomas | Death in Venice | 1410L | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | An Ideal Family | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | At The Bay | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Bank Holiday | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Bliss | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Her First Ball | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Life of Ma Parker | | | |

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| Mansfield | Katherine | Marriage a la Mode | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Miss Brill | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | Mr. and Mrs. Dove | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Apple Tree | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Daughters of the Late Colonel | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Garden Party | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Lady's Maid | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Man Without a Temperament | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Singing Lesson | | 2017 | 2019-2020 |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Stranger | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Voyage | | | |
| Mansfield | Katherine | The Young Girl | | | |
| March | William | The Bad Seed (1954 novel) | 1100L | | |
| Markham | Edwin | www.poets.org | | | |
| Marquez | Gabriel Garcia | One Hundred Years of Solitude | 1410L | | |
| Marquez | Gabriel Garcia | Love in the Time of Cholera | 1440L | | |
| Marshall | Paule | | | | |
| Martin | Dawn Lundy | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Marx | Karl | The Communist Manifesto | 1360L | | |
| Masefield | John | Sea Fever | | | |
| Masters | Edgar Lee | www.poets.org | | | |
| Mathabane | Mark | Kaffir Boy | 1040L | | |
| Matthew | Renee | | | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | A Piece of String | 940L | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | Boule de Suif | | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | Mademoiselle Fifi | | | |

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| Maupassant | Guy de | Maison Tellier | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | Miss Harriet | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | My Uncle Jules | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | The Devil | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | The Inn | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | The Necklace | | |
| Maupassant | Guy de | Two Friends | | |
| Maynard | Rona | The Fan Club | | |
| McAdams | Janet | | | |
| McCarthy | Cormac | All the Pretty Horses | | |
| McCullers | Carson | The Member of the Wedding | 900L | |
| McEwan | Ian | | | |
| McGinney | Phyllis | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| McPherson | James | Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era | 1320L | |
| Melville | Herman | Moby Dick | 1230L | |
| Melville | Herman | Billy Budd | 1450L | |
| Melville | Herman | Redburn | 1450L | |
| Melville | Herman | Bartleby the Scrivener | | |
| Melville | Herman | The Lightning Rod Man | | |
| Meredith | William | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Merrill | James | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Merwin | William S. | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Michie | James | Dooley is a Traitor | | |
| Midge | Tiffany | | | |
| Millay | Edna St. Vincent | Autumn Chant | | |
| Millay | Edna St. Vincent | Conscientious Objector | | |

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| Millay | Edna St. Vincent | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Millay | Edna St. Vincent | Recuerdo | | |
| Milton | John | Paradise Lost | | |
| Miranda | Deborah A. | | | |
| Mitchell | Margaret | Gone With the Wind | 1100L | |
| Mitchell | David | | | |
| Momaday | N Scott | House Made of Dawn | 970L | |
| Montgomery | L. M. | Anne of Green Gables | 990L | |
| Moore | Marianne | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Morgan | Phillip Carroll | | | |
| Morrison | Toni | Song of Solomon | 1270L | |
| Morrison | Toni | Sula | 1280L | |
| Morrison | Toni | The Bluest Eye | 1340L | |
| Morrison | Toni | Beloved | 870L | |
| Morton | Marcus | Selected Poems | | |
| Mueller | Lisel | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Mukherjee | Bharati | | | |
| Muldoon | Paul | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Murakami | Haruki | | | |
| Nabokov | Vladimir | | | |
| Naipaul | V. S. | | | |
| Narayan | R. K. | Like the Sun | | |
| Nemerov | Howard | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Newman | Robert | The Button | | |
| Ng | Fae M. | | | |
| Niffenegger | Audrey | | | |

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| Last Name | First Name | Book or Source | Lexile Number | | |
| Oates | Joyce Carol | (most works) | | | |
| O'Brien | Tim | (most works) | | | |
| O'Connor | Flannery | The Complete Stories | 890L | | |
| O'Connor | Flannery | Wise Blood | 920L | | |
| Okada | John | No-No Boy | 900L | | |
| Oliver | Mary | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Olsen | Tillie | I Stand Here Ironing | | 2017 | 2019-2020 |
| Ondaatje | Michael | (most works) | | | |
| Oppen | George | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Orwell | George | 1984 | 1090L | | |
| Orwell | George | Animal Farm | 1370L | | |
| Parker | Dorothy | The Waltz | | | |
| Parker | Dorothy | One Perfect Rose | | | |
| Parks | Gordon | The Learning Tree | 860L | | |
| Pasternak | Boris | Doctor Zhivago | 1010L | | |
| Path | Sylvia | Mirror | | | |
| Paton | Alan | Cry the Beloved Country | 860L | | |
| Pelzer | David | A Child Called It | 850L | 2018 | 2020-21 |
| Perdomo | Willie | www.pen.org | | | |
| Petry | Ann | | | | |
| Plath | Sylvia | (most works) | | | |
| Plato | | The Republic | 1120L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Fall of the House of Usher | 1180L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Masque of the Red Death | 1180L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | Eighteen Best Stories of Edgar Allan Poe | 1220L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | Selected Tales | 1300L | | |

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| Poe | Edgar Allan | Eight Tales of Terror | 1300L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | Tales of Edgar Allan Poe | 1300L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | Tell Tale Heart and Other Writings | 1350L | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Raven | | 2017 | 2019-2020 |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | A Descent into the Maelstrom | | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Cask of Amontillado | | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Fall of the House of Usher | | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | The Pit and the Pendulum | | | |
| Poe | Edgar Allan | A Dream Within A Dream/Dream Land/Eldorado | | | |
| Polo | Marco | | | | |
| Porter | Katherine Anne | The Rope | | | |
| Potok | Chaim | The Chosen | 970L | | |
| Power | Susan | Museum Indians | NA | | |
| Poetry | | Immortalized in Celluloid (Slam Poetry) | | | |
| Proulx | E. Annie | The Shipping News | | | |
| Pullman | Philip | The Amber Spyglass | 950L | | |
| Rancourt | Suzanne | | | | |
| Ransome | Arthur | | | | |
| Remarque | Erich Maria | All Quiet on the Western Front- | 830L | 2018 | 2020-21 |
| Reynolds | April | www.pen.org | | | |
| Rhys | Jean | | | | |
| Richardson | Samuel | | | | |
| Robinson | Edwin Arlington | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
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| Roethke | Theodore | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Rosario | Nelly | www.pen.org | | | |

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| Rossetti | Christina | A Birthday | | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban | 1020L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince | 1030 L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Tales of Beedle the Bard | 1290L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone | 880L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire | 880L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets | 940L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix | 950L | | |
| Rowling | J. K. | Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows | 980L | | |
| Ruiz | Cathy | (most works) | | | |
| Rukeyser | Muriel | Boy with His Hair Cut Short | | | |
| Rushdie | Salman | (most works) | | | |
| Saki | | Sredni Vashtar | | | |
| Saki | | The Hounds of Fate | | | |
| Saki | | The Image of the Lost Soul | | | |
| Saki | | The Interlopers | | | |
| Saki | | The Lumber Room | | | |
| Saki | | The Mouse | | | |
| Saki | | The Open Window | | | |
| Saki | | The Penance | | | |
| Saki | | The Purple of the Balkan Kings | | | |
| Saki | | The Storyteller | | | |
| Saki | | The Wolves of Cernogratz | | | |
| Salinger | J. D. | (most works) | | | |
| Sandburg | Carl | Complete Poems | | | |
| Sandburg | Carl | Jazz Fantasia | | | |

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| Sandburg | Carl | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Sandburg | Carl | Chicago Poems | | |
| Schultz | Philip | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Schulyer | James | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Scott | Sir Walter | Ivanhoe | 1410L | |
| Sexton | Anne | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Shakespeare | William | Sonnets | | |
| Shapiro | Karl | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Shelley | Mary | Frankenstein | 1170L | |
| Sherman | Marlon D. | | | |
| Shields | Carol | The Stone Diaries | 1160L | |
| Shuck | Kim | | | |
| Shute | Nevil | A Town Like Alice | 870L | |
| Silko | Leslie Marmon | Ceremony | 890L | |
| Simic | Charles | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Simpson | Louis | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Sinclair | Upton | The Jungle | 1170L | |
| Smiley | Jane | (most works) | | |
| Smith | Tracy K. | www.cavecanempoets.org | | |
| Snodgrass | W. D. | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Snyder | Gary | Above Pate Valley | | |
| Snyder | Gary | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Solzhenitsyn | Aleksandr | | | |
| Spark | Muriel | The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie | 1120L | |
| Speyer | Leonora | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Stadler | Jack | www.poetrysociety.org | | |

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| Steinbeck | John | The Pearl | 1010L | | |
| Steinbeck | John | Cannery Row | 930L | | |
| Steinbeck | John | Travels with Charley | 1010L | | |
| Stephenson | Carl | Leiningen Versus the Ants | | | |
| Sterne | Laurence | | | | |
| Stetson (Gilman) | Charlotte Perkins | The Yellow Wall-paper | 920 | | |
| Stevens | Wallace | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Stevenson | Robert Louis | Selected Tales | 1060L | | |
| Stevenson | Robert Louis | Treasure Island | 870L | | |
| Stevenson | Robert Louis | Kidnapped | 880L | | |
| Stevenson | Robert Louis | The Yellow Paint | | | |
| Stoker | Bram | Dracula | 960L | | |
| Stowe | Harriet Beecher | Uncle Tom's Cabin | 1050L | | |
| Strand | Mark | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Sullivan | A.M. | www.poetrysociety.org | | | |
| Sweet | Denise | | | | |
| Swenson | May | Ornamental Sketch with Birds | | | |
| Swift | Jonathan | A Modest Proposal | 1520L | | |
| Swift | Jonathan | Gulliver's Travels | 1210L | | |
| Tan | Amy | | | | |
| Tan | Amy | The Joy Luck Club | 930L | | |
| Tate | James | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Tate | Joe Dale | | | | |
| Taylor | Henry | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Teasdale | Sara | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Tennyson | Alfred Lord | The Kraken | | | |

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| Tennyson | Alfred Lord | Rizpah | | | |
| Thackery | William | Vanity Fair | 1270L | | |
| Thomas | Amber Flora | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Thomas | Dylan | A Child's Christmas in Wales | | | |
| Thomas | Dylan | Poems of Dylan Thomas | | | |
| Thoreau | Henry David | Walden | | | |
| Thoreau | Henry David | Civil Disobedience | 1200L | | |
| Thoreau | Henry David | Walden | 1340L | | |
| Thoreau | William | Walden | prose | | |
| Thurber | James Fenimore | essays | prose | | |
| Thurber | James Grover | The Dog that Bit People | | | |
| Tocqueville | Alexis de | Democracy in America | 1310L | | |
| Tolkien | J.R.R. | The Hobbit | 1000L | | |
| Tolkien | J.R.R. | The Lord of the Rings | 810;920L | | |
| Tolstoy | Leo | Anna Karenina | 1080L | | |
| Tolstoy | Leo | The Death of Ivan Ilyich | 1080L | | |
| Tolstoy | Leo | War and Peace | 1240L | | |
| Tolstoy | Leo | How Much Does a Dead Man Need | | | |
| Toole | John Kennedy | | | | |
| Toomer | Jean | Reapers | | | |
| Travis | Rebecca Hatcher | | | | |
| Trethewey | Natasha | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Trethewey | Natasha | www.cavecanempoets.org | | | |
| Trollope | Anthony | The Warden | 1180L | | |
| Trollope | Anthony | The Way We Live Now | 1080L | | |
| Turgenev | Ivan | Fathers and Sons | not listed | | |

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| Twain | Mark | A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court | 1080L | | |
| Twain | Mark | The Prince and the Pauper | 1170L | | |
| Twain | Mark | The Adventures of Tom Sawyer | 950L | | |
| Twain | Mark | The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | 990L | | |
| Twain | Mark | Innocents Abroad | 950L | | |
| Twain | Mark | A Dog's Tale | | | |
| Twain | Mark | Edward Mills and George Benton: A Tale | | | |
| Twain | Mark | Luck | | | |
| Twain | Mark | The \$30,000 Bequest | | | |
| Twist | Kade L. | | | | |
| Tyler | Anne | With All Flags Flying | | | |
| Tyler | Anne | | | | |
| Umrigar | Thirty | | | | |
| Updike | John | Rabbit is Rich | 1180L | | |
| Valentine | Jean | | | | |
| Van Duyn | Mona | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Viereck | Peter | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Voltaire | | Candide | 1110L | | |
| Voltaire | | Letters Concerning the English Nation | 1280L | | |
| Vonnegut Jr. | Kurt | Breakfast of Champions | 930L | | |
| Walker | Alice | (most works) | | | |
| Walker | Alice | Women | | | |
| Warren | Robert Penn | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Warren | Robert Penn | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | | |
| Warren | Robert Penn | All the King's Men | 1130L | | |
| Waugh | Evelyn | Brideshead Revisited | | | |

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| Welch | James | Winter in the Blood | | |
| Wells | H. G. | The Time Machine | 1070L | |
| Welty | Eudora | The Golden Apples | 1020L | |
| Welty | Eudora | Collected Stories | 980L | |
| Welty | Eudora | (most works) | | |
| Wharton | Edith | A Venetian Night's Entertainment | | |
| Wharton | Edith | Mrs. Manstey's View | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Bolted Door | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Dilettante | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The House of the Dead Hand | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Other Two | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Reckoning | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Age of Innocence | 1170L | |
| Wharton | Edith | Ethan Frome | 1200L | |
| Wharton | Edith | The Verdict | | |
| Wharton | Edith | The House of Mirth | 1230L | |
| Wheelock | John Hall | www.poetrysociety.org | | |
| White | E. B. | | | |
| White | T.H. | The Once and Future King | | |
| Whitman | Walt | Cavalry Crossing a Ford | | |
| Whitman | Walt | Leaves of Grass | | |
| Widdemar | Margaret | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Wilbur | Richard | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Wilbur | Richard | Running | | |
| Wilde | Oscar | The Model Millionaire | | |
| Wilde | Oscar | The Portrait of Mr. W. H. | | |

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| Wilde | Oscar | The Sphinx Without a Secret | | |
| Wilde | Oscar | Thw Nightingale and the Rose | | |
| Williams | C. K. | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Williams | Juan | Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights, 1954-65 | 1140L | |
| Williams | Sherley Anne | North Country | | |
| Williams | William Carlos | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Williams | William Carlos | Selected Poems | | |
| Wilson | Ronaldo | www.cavecanempoets.org | | |
| Wood | Karenne | | | |
| Woolf | Virginia | To the Lighthouse | 1030L | |
| Woolf | Virginia | A Room of One's Own | 1220L | |
| Woolf | Virginia | The Widow and the Parrot | | |
| Woolf | Virginia | Mrs. Dalloway | 950L | |
| Wordsworth | William | Poems | | |
| Wright | Charles | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Wright | James | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Wright | Richard | Native Son | | |
| Wright | Franz | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Wurdemann | Audrey | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Yeats | William Butler | The Lake Isle of Innisfree | | |
| Yeats | William Butler | (most works) | | |
| Yolen | Jane | Favorite Folk Tales from Around the World | 980L | |
| Zaturenska | Marya | Pulitzer Prize Winner | | |
| Zusak | Markus | The Book Thief | | |
| | | | | |