

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

A monster, assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies, develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

The tragic story of two itinerant ranch hands on the run--one is the lifelong companion to the other, a developmentally disabled man. This is a very sad story. Also, the *Grapes of Wrath* by this author.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

A kind and well respected doctor is transformed into a murderous madman by taking a secret drug of his own creation.

Dracula by Bram Stoker

After discovering the double identity of the wealthy Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula, a small group of people vow to rid the world of the evil vampire.

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

The voyages of an Englishman carry him to such strange places as Lilliput, where people are six inches tall; Brobdingnag, a land of giants; and a country ruled by horses.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Chronicles the adventures of the inhabitants of Middle-earth and Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit who brought home to The Shire the One Ring of Power.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The adventures of a young boy and a runaway slave as they travel down the Mississippi river together on a raft.

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

An eccentric Englishman accepts a challenge to circle the globe with unprecedented speed in this fantastic blend of adventure, entertainment, and suspense.

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

A scientist invents a machine that transports him far into the future, where he discovers a changed world inhabited by two unusual races, the Eloi and the Morlocks.



FOR TEENS

Love. Hate.

Friendship. Trust. Bravery.

Emotions and storylines that never go out of style. Almost all of books on this list are so timeless that movies (some award-winning) have been made based on their stories.

Try one and enjoy!

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters (Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy) as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the aristocratic suitor, Fitzwilliam Darcy, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

The Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum

After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy and her dog Toto are befriended by a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion, who accompany her to the Emerald City to look for a wizard who can help her return home to Kansas.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

A totalitarian regime has ordered all the books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

A Victorian Governess's love for her mysterious employer is threatened by a tragic secret in his mansion.

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

During one of his several adventurous voyages in the 1600s, an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

A young orphan, Pip, receives a fortune from a mysterious benefactor and travels to London in order to become "a gentleman."

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

In his consulting room at 221B Baker Street, the master sleuth receives a stream of clients all presenting him with baffling and bizarre puzzles for him to solve.

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas

Sent to prison on a false accusation in 1815, Edmond Dantes escapes many years later and finds a treasure which he uses to exact his revenge.

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

The tale of the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter, who enters the home of her mysterious and enigmatic new husband and learns the story of the house's first mistress, to whom the sinister housekeeper is unnaturally devoted.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A young man newly rich tries to recapture the past and win back his former love, despite the fact that she has married.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Thirty English schoolboys are stranded on an uninhabited island at the start of the "next" war. With no adults present, they quickly turn into savages.

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

In early colonial Massachusetts, a young woman endures the consequences of her sin of adultery and spends the rest of her life in atonement.

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Santiago is a Cuban fisherman who encounters a giant marlin in the Gulf Stream, and the battle for his catch becomes one of survival against a band of marauding sharks.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo

Set in medieval Paris, Quasimodo, the hunchbacked bell ringer of Notre Dame Cathedral, struggles to save the beautiful gypsy dancer Esmeralda from being unjustly executed.

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Six hundred years into the future, humans are bred by cloning and "mother" and "father" are forbidden words.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

A superstitious schoolmaster, in love with a wealthy farmer's daughter, has a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Against the backdrop of World War II, a conflict of loyalties between Gene and his fearless friend, Phineas, leads to tragedy.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Two children in a small southern town are thrust into an adult world of racial bigotry and hatred when their lawyer father chooses to defend a black man unjustly accused of raping a white girl.

Call of the Wild by Jack London

The story of Buck, who is a loyal family pet until cruel men forcibly take him to the Klondike gold fields, where he eventually becomes the leader of a ferocious wolf pack.

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Based on historical people and real events, Arthur Miller's play uses the destructive power of socially sanctioned violence unleashed by the rumors of witchcraft as a powerful parable about McCarthyism in America in the 1950's.

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Tired of their servitude to man, a group of farm animals revolt and establish their own society, only to be betrayed into worse servitude by their leaders, the pigs, whose slogan becomes: "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

1984 by George Orwell

A chilling portrait of a totalitarian society under the ever-watchful gaze of Big Brother—where love, individuality and privacy are banned.

Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

In an effort to escape the hypocrisies of life at his boarding school, 16-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare

A pair of young lovers are destroyed by the hatred of their rival families in what is perhaps the greatest tragic love story of all time.