

# Shetland Library

Fiction Suggestions for Advanced Higher English



# SENIOR FICTION

## SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVANCED HIGHER ENGLISH DISSERTATIONS

### By Theme

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Autobiography/Memoir

**Ageing:** Children, Teenagers, Young Adult, Adolescence, School  
Coming-of-Age, The Elderly

**Countries:** African, American, Russian, Scottish

Crime and Detective: **Literary Crime & Detective, Journalism**

**Feminism**

**Future:** Future Societies, Science Fiction

**Mental State:** Self Discovery, Perplexed by Life, Emotionally Ill-At-Ease, One  
The Edge of Sanity, Madness, Depression & Psychiatry

**Relationships:** Literary Romance, Modern Relationships,  
Gay/Lesbian Fiction,

**Society:** Terrorists/Freedom Fighters, Religion, Race Relations,  
Brain Washing/Control/Government, Politics, Social Class

**Substance Abuse:** Alcohol, Drugs

**Supernatural:** Gothic Fiction/Ghost Stories

**War:** Front Line, Behind the Lines, Aftermath of War, Napoleon and Napoleonic  
Wars

**Others:** Autism, 'Jocyeau' Novels, Revenge, Scandal, 'Plotless' Narratives

## Autobiography/Memoir

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A Sense of Freedom. Jimmy Boyle  
A Heart Breaking Work of Staggering Genius. Dave Eggers  
A Moveable Feast. Ernest Hemingway  
A Reading Diary. Alberto Manguel  
An Autobiography. Janet Frame  
An Evil Cradling. Bryan Keenan  
Angela's Ashes. Frank McCourt  
Basil Street Blues. Michael Holroyd  
Cancer Ward. Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Confessions. Saint Augustine  
Experience. Martin Amis  
Father and Son. Edmund Gosse  
If This Is a Man. Primo Levi  
I Know Why Caged Birds Sing. Maya Angelou  
Istanbul: Memories of a City. Orhan Pamuk  
Living to Tell the Tale. Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
My Family and Other Animals. Gerald Durrell  
Memoirs. Kingsley Amis  
Narrative of the Life of an American Slave. Douglass Frederick  
On Writing: A Memoir on the Craft. Stephen King  
Paula. Isabel Allende  
Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books: Azar Nafisi  
Roaring Boys. Edward Blishen  
Roughing It. Mark Twain  
Running With Scissors: A memoir. Augusten Burroughs  
Speak, Memory: An Autobiography Revisited. Vladimir Nabokov  
Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life. CS Lewis  
Surely You're Joking, Mr Feynman. Richard Feynman  
Testament of Youth. Vera Brittain  
The Glass Castle: A Memoir. Jeannette Walls  
The Periodic Table. Primo Levi  
The Woman Warrior. Maxine Hong Kingston  
The Words. Jean-Paul Sartre  
This Boy's Life. Tobias Wolff  
Tis, a Memoir. Frank McCourt  
Wild Swans. Jung Chang

## Ageing

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### Children

About a Boy. Nick Hornby  
A High Wind in Jamaica. Richard Hughes  
Behind the Scenes at the Museum. Kate Atkinson  
Cat's Eye. Margaret Atwood  
Eustace and Hilda. LP Hartley  
Eve Green. S Fletcher  
Hideous Kinky. Emma Freud  
Lord of the Flies. William Golding  
Me and Ma Gal. Des Dillion  
Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha. Roddy Doyle  
Swann's Way. Marcel Proust  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Mark Twain  
The Blessing. Nancy Mitford  
The Orchard on Fire. Shena Mackay  
To Kill a Mockingbird. Harper Lee  
What Maisie Knew. Henry James

### Teenagers

A Buddha of Suburbia. Hanif Kureishi  
A Prayer for Owen Meany. John Irving  
Metroland. Julian Barnes  
The Catcher in the Rye. JD Salinger  
The Outsiders. SE Hinton  
The Sopranos. Alan Warner  
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides  
Oranges are not the Only Fruit. Jeanette Winter

### Young Adult

The Apprenticeship of Wilhelm Meister. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
A Sport of Nature. Nadine Gordimer  
Goodbye, Columbus. Philip Roth  
Kin flicks. Lisa Alther  
Parade's End. Ford Maddox Ford  
The Graduate. Charles Webb  
Within a Budding Grove. Marcel Proust

## Ageing (cont)

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### Adolescence

A Boy's Own Story. Edmund White  
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man. James Joyce  
A Separate Peace. John Knowles  
A Quiet Life. Beryl Bainbridge  
Bilgewater. Jane Gardam  
Demien. Herman Hesse  
Digging to Australia. Lesley Glaister  
Frost in May. Antonia White  
Le Grande Meaulnes. Alain-Fournier  
My Brilliant Career. Miles Franklin  
Now You See Me. Lesley Glaister  
Plainsong. Kent Haruf  
That Was Then, This Is Now. SE Hinton  
The Member of the Wedding. Carson McCullers  
The Ripening Seed. Colette  
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides  
The Way I Found Her. Rose Tremain

### School

A Portrait for the Artist as a Young Man. James Joyce  
Call for the Dead. John Le Carre  
Decline and Fall. Evelyn Waugh  
Goodbye, Mr Chips. James Hilton  
Frost in May. Antonia White  
Nicholas Nickleby. Charles Dickens  
Old School. Tobias Woolf  
The Centaur. John Updike  
The Rotters Club. Jonathon Coe  
The Getting of Wisdom. HH Richardson  
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. Muriel Spark  
The Wives of Bath. Susan Swann  
Tom Brown's Schooldays. Thomas Hughes  
Vernon God Little. DBC Pierre

## Ageing (cont)

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### Coming-of-Age

A Separate Peace. John Knowles  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Betty Smith  
Black Swan Green. David Mitchell  
Bonjour Tristesse. Françoise Sagan  
Cat and Mouse. Gunter Grass  
Frost in May. Antonia White  
I Capture the Castle. Dodie Smith  
Living Nowhere. John Burnside  
My Brilliant Career. Miles Franklin  
Portnoy's Complaint. Philip Roth  
She's Come Undone. Wally Lamb  
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao. Junot Diaz  
The Catcher in the Rye. JD Salinger  
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter. Carson McCullers  
The Magic Toyshop. Angela Carter  
The Secret Life of Bees. Sue Monk Kidd  
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides  
To Kill a Mocking Bird. Harper Lee

### The Elderly

Angelica's Grotto. Russell Hoban  
Ending Up. Kingsley Amis.  
Happily Ever After. Jenny Diski  
Have the Men Had Enough? Margaret Forster  
Man in the Holocene. Max Frisch  
Memento Mori. Muriel Spark  
Old Goriot. Honoré de Balzac  
Serenity House. Christopher Hope  
Staring at the Sun. Julian Barnes  
The Prince of West End Avenue. Alan Isler

## Countries

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### Africa

A Grain of Wheat. Ngugi Ma Thiong'o  
A Good Man in Africa. William Boyd  
Anthills of the Savannah. Chinua Achebe  
Arrow of God. Chinua Achebe  
Collected African Stories. Doris Lessing  
Cry, the Beloved Country. Alan Paton  
Disgrace. JM Coetzee  
Fragments. Ayi Kwei Armah  
God Dies by the Nile. Nawal El Saadawi  
God's Bits of Wood. Sembene Ousmane  
Half of a Yellow Sun. CN Adichie  
Heart of Darkness. Joseph Conrad  
In a Free State. VS Naipaul  
Masai Dreaming. Justin Cartwright  
Nervous Conditions. Tsitsi Dangarembga  
No Longer at Ease. Chinua Achebe  
None to Accompany Me. Nadine Gordimer  
Petals of Blood. Ngugi wa Thiong'o  
Purple Hibiscus. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Scoop. Evelyn Waugh  
So Long a Letter. Mariama Ba  
Things Fall Apart. Chinua Achebe  
The Bride Price. Buchi Emecheta  
The Catastrophist. Ronan Bennett  
The Famished Road. Ben Okri  
The Last King of Scotland. Giles Foden  
The Poisonwood Bible. Barbara Kingsolver  
The Poor Christ of Bomba. Mongo Beti  
The River Between. Ngugi wa Thiong'o  
The Season of Anomie. Wole Soyinka  
The Sheltering Sky. Paul Bowles  
Waiting for the Barbarians. JM Coetzee  
Waiting for the Rain. Charles Mungoshi  
Weep Not, Child. Ngugi Wa Thiong'o

## Countries (cont)

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### American Deep South

Absalom, Absalom! William Faulkner  
Beloved. Toni Morrison  
Cadillac Jukebox. James Lee Burke  
Delta Wedding. Eudora Welty  
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood. Rebecca Wells  
Gone with the Wind. Margaret Mitchell  
Look Homeward, Angel. Thomas Wolfe  
Narrative of the Life of an American Slave. Douglass Frederick  
Net of Jewels. Ellen Gilchrist  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Mark Twain  
The Color Purple. Alice Walker  
The Ballad of the Sad Café. Carson McCullers  
The Bottoms. Joe R. Lansdale  
Their Eyes Were Watching God. Zora Neale Hurston  
To Kill a Mockingbird. Harper Lee  
Uncle Tom's Cabin. Richard Wright  
Wise Blood. Flannery O'Connor

### American West

All the Pretty Horses. Cormac McCarthy  
Angle of Repose. Wallace Stegner  
Blood Meridian. Cormac McCarthy  
Centennial. James A Michener  
Deadwood. Pete Dexter  
Desperadoes. Ron Hansen  
Little Big Man. Thomas Berger  
Lonesome Dove. Larry McMurty  
Marching to Valhalla. Michael Blake  
Riders of the Purple Sgae. Zane Grey  
St Agnes' Stand. Thomas Eidson  
The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lydie Newton. Jane Smiley  
The Chivalry of Crime. Desmond Barry  
The Last of the Mohicans. James Fenimore Cooper  
Welcome to Hard Times. EL Doctorow



## Countries (cont)

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### American Small Town Life

Affliction. Russell Banks  
Bullet Park. John Cheever  
Empire Falls. Richard Russo  
Gilead. Marilynne Robinson  
Lake Wobegon Days. Garrison Keillor  
Little Women. Louisa May Alcott  
Machine Dreams. Jayne Anne Phillips  
Main Street. Sinclair Lewis  
Methland. Nick Reding  
My Home is Far Away. Dawn Powell  
Our Town. Thornton Wilder  
Peyton Place. Grace Metalious  
Plainsong. Kent Haruf  
The Cider House Rules. John Irving  
The Last Picture Show. Larry McMurty  
The Risk Pool. Richard Russo  
The Shipping News. Annie Proulx  
Time Will Darken It. William Maxwell  
Under the Dome. Stephen King  
Winesburg, Ohio. Sherwood Anderson

## Countries (cont)

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### Russian Literature

A Hero of our Time. Mikhail Lermontov  
All Quiet Flows the Don. Mikhail Sholokhov  
Anna Karenina. Leo Tolstoy  
A Sportsman's Notebook. Ivan Turgenev  
August 1914. Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Bend Sinister. Vladimir Nabokov  
Cancer Ward. Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Dead Souls. Nikolai Gogol  
Demons. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Diary of a Madman and Other Stories. Nikolai Gogol  
Doctor Zhivago. Boris Pasternak  
Eugene Onegin. Alexander Poesjkin  
First Love. Ivan Turgenev  
Fathers and Sons. Ivan Turgenev  
Foma Gordeev. Maxim Gorky  
Heart of a Dog. Mikhail Sholokhov  
Invitation to a Beheading. Vladimir Nabokov  
Life and Fate. Vasily Grossman  
Lolita. Vladimir Nabokov  
Notes from the Underground. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Oblomov. Ivan Goncharov  
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Petersburg. Andrei Bely  
Resurrection. Leo Tolstoy  
Soul. Andrey Platonov  
St Petersburg. Andrei Bely  
The Adolescent. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Brother's Karamazov. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Death of Ivan Ilych and Other Stories. Leo Tolstoy  
The First Circle. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn  
The House of the Dead. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Idiot. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Master and Margarita. Mikhail Bulgakov  
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy  
We. Yevgeny Zamyatin

## Countries (cont)

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### Scottish Literature

- A Scots Quair. Lewis Grassie Gibbon (Trilogy)  
Calum Todd. Norman Malcolm MacDonald  
Catriona. Robert Louis Stevenson  
Confessions of an English Opium-Eater. Thomas De Quincey  
Consider the Lilies. Ian Crichton Smith  
Docherty. William McIlvanney  
Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde. Robert Louis Stevenson  
Flemington. Violet Jacob  
Greenvoe. George Mackay Brown  
Highland River. Neil Gunn  
Hester. Margaret Oliphant  
How Late It Was, How Late. James Kelman  
Fergus Lamont. Robin Jenkins  
Ivanhoe. Walter Scott  
Kidnapped. Robert Louis Stevenson  
Lanark. Alasdair Gray  
Morning Tide. Neil M Gunn  
Morvern Caller. Alan Warner  
Poor Things. Alasdair Gray  
Rob Roy. Walter Scott  
Sartor Resartus. Thomas Carlyle  
The Bull Calves. Naomi Mitchison  
The Cone-Gatherers. Robin Jenkins  
The Coral Island. RM Ballantyne  
The Heart of Midlothian. Walter Scott  
The Hound of the Baskervilles. Arthur Conan Doyle  
The House with the Green Shutters. George Douglas Brown  
The Master of Ballantrae. Robert Louis Stevenson  
The New Road. Neil Munro  
The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner. James Hogg  
The Silver Darlings. Neil M Gunn  
The Ship Builders. George Blake  
The White Bird Passes. Jessie Kesson  
Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson  
Walking Mounded. William McIlvanney  
Waverley. Walter Scott

## Crime & Detective

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### Literary Crime & Detective

Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Miss Smilla's Feeling For Snow. Peter Hoeg  
That Awful Mess on Via Merulana. Carlo Emilio Gadda  
The Big Sleep. Raymond Chandler  
The Cutting Room. Louise Welsh  
The Hound of the Baskervilles. Arthur Conan Doyle  
The Long Goodbye. Raymond Chandler  
The LA Quartet. James Ellroy (4 novels. 3 is LA Confidential)#  
The Magic Flute. Alan Spence  
The Maltese Falcon. Dashiell Hammett  
The Moonstone. Wilkie Collins  
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. Agatha Christie  
The Name of the Rose. Umberto Eco  
The Pledge. Friedrich Durrenmatt  
The Trail. Franz Kafka

### Journalism (theme)

Bilton. Andrew Martin  
Divorcing Jack. Colin Bateman  
In Cold Blood. Truman Capote  
Model Behaviour. Jane McInerney  
New Grub Street. George Gissing  
Pendennis. William Thackeray  
Scoop. Evelyn Waugh  
The Lost Honour of Katharine Blum. Heinrich Boll  
Towards the End of the Morning. Michael Frayn

## Existentialism

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Being and Nothingness. Jean-Paul Sartre  
Being and Time. Martin Heidegger  
Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Demian. Herman Hesse  
Fear and Trembling. Soren Kierkegaard  
I and Thou. Martin Buber  
Nausea. Jean-Paul Sartre  
No Exit and Three Other Plays. Jean-Paul Sartre  
Notes from Underground. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
Steppenwolf. Hermann Hesse  
The Age of Reason. Jean-Paul Sartre  
The Brothers Karamazov. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Castle. Franz Kafka  
The Courage to Be. Paul Tillich  
The Idiot. Fyodor Dostoevsky  
The Fall. Albert Camus  
The Mandarins. Simone de Beauvoir  
The Metamorphosis. Franz Kafka  
The Myth of Sisyphus. Albert Camus  
The Plague. Albert Camus  
The Second Sex. Simone de Beauvoir  
The Stranger. Albert Camus  
The Trial. Franz Kafka  
The Unbearable Lightness of Being. Milan Kundera  
The Wall. Jean-Paul Sartre  
Thus Spoke Zarathustra. Friedrich Nietzsche  
Waiting for Godot. Samuel Beckett  
Young Adam. Alexander Trocchi

## Feminism/Women

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A Doll's House. Henrik Ibsen  
A Room of One's Own. Virginia Woolf  
Back When We Were Grown-Ups. Anne Tyler  
Cat's Eye. Margaret Atwood  
Evelina. Fanny Burney  
Grace Notes. Bernard MacLaverty  
Herland. Charlotte Perkins Gilman  
Hester. Margaret Oliphant  
Hotel Du Lac. Anita Brookner  
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Maya Angelou  
Imagined Corners. Willa Muir  
Jane Eyre. Charlotte Bronte  
Life and Loves of a She-Devil. Fay Weldon  
Lolita. Vladimir Nabokov  
Lolley Willowses. Sylvia Townsend Warner  
Maria/The Wrongs of Women. Mary Wollstonecraft  
Marriage. Susan Edmonstone Ferrier  
Possessing the Secret of Joy. Alice Walker  
Quarry Wood. Nan Shepard  
Roxana. Daniel Defoe  
She's Come Undone. Wally Lamb  
Tess of D'Ubervilles. Thomas Hardy  
The Awakening. Kate Chopin  
The Colour Purple. Alice Walker  
The Death of the Heart. Elizabeth Bowen  
The Edible Woman. Margaret Atwood  
The Golden Notebook. Doris Lessing  
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood  
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter. Carson McCullers  
Their Eyes Were Watching God. Zora Neale Hurston  
The Judge. Rebecca West  
The L-Shaped Room. Lynne Reid Banks  
The Yellow Wallpaper. Charlotte Perkins Gilman  
The Woman's Room. Marilyn French  
The Woman Who Walked into Doors. Roddy Doyle  
Trumpet. Jackie Kay  
Under the Skin. Michael Faber  
Women Talking Dirty. Isla Dewar

# Future

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## Future Societies/Dystopia

1984. George Orwell  
A Canticle for Leibowitz. Walter M Miller  
A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess  
Animal Farm. George Orwell  
Anthem. Ayn Rand  
Brave New World. Aldous Huxley  
Body Politic. Paul Johnston  
Children of Men. PD James.  
Consider Phelbas. Iain M Banks  
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? Philip K Dick  
Fahrenheit 451. Ray Bradbury  
I, Robot. I Asimov  
It Can't Happen Here. Sinclair Lewis  
Never Let Me Go. Kazuo Ishiguro  
News from Nowhere. William Morris  
Oryx and Crake. Margaret Atwood  
Riddley Walker. Russell Hoban  
Seven Days in New Crete. Robert Graves  
The Chrysalids. John Wyndman  
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood  
The Man in the High Castle. Philip K Dick.  
The Passion of New Eve. Angela Carter  
The Road. Cormac McCarthy  
The Year of the Flood. Margaret Atwood  
V for Vendetta. Alan Moore  
We. Yevgeny Zamyatin

## Future (cont)

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### Science Fiction

A Voyage to Arcturus. David Lindsay  
But n Ben A-Go-Go. Matthew Fit  
Childhood's End. Arthur C Clarke  
Children of God. Mary Doria Russell  
Consider Phlebas. Iain M Banks  
Devil in the Darkness. Archie Roy  
Dune. Frank Herbert  
Idoru. William Gibson  
Foundation Series. Isaac Asimo  
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley  
Gravity's Rainbow. Thomas Pynchon  
Oh Pure and Radiant Heart. Lydia Millet  
Oryx and Crake. Margaret Atwood  
Riddley Walker. Russell Hoban  
Shikasta. Doris Lessing  
Stone. Adam Roberts  
The Children Gardem. Geoff Ryman  
The Day of the Triffids. John Wyndman  
The Dispossessed. Ursula Le Guin  
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood  
The Impossible Bird. Patrick O'leary  
The Left Hand of Darkness. Ursula Le Guin  
The Making of the representative for Planet 8. Doris Lessing  
The Midwich Cuckoos. John Wyndham  
The Sparrow. Mary Doria Russell  
The Time Machine. HG Wells  
War of the Worlds. HG Wells



## **Mental State**

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### **Self Discovery**

Back When We Were Grown-Ups. Anne Tyler  
Ladder of Years. Anne Tyler  
Lolley Willowses. Sylvia Townsend Warner  
Into the Wild. Jon Krakauer  
Middlesex. Jeffrey Eugenides  
Mrs Dalloway. Virginia Woolf  
The Guermantes Way. Michael Proust  
The Magus. John Fowles  
The Sandcastle. Iris Murdoch  
Ulysses. James Joyce

### **Perplexed by Life**

A House for Mr Biswas. VS Naipaul  
Anglo-Saxon Attitudes. Angus Wilson  
Fear of Flying. Erica Jong.  
Humboldt's Gift. Saul Bellow  
The Confessions of Zeno. Italo Svevo  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. Mark Haddon  
The Fall. Albert Camus  
The Ladder of Years. Anne Tyler  
The Romance Reader. Pearl Abraham  
The Sandcastle. Iris Murdoch

### **Emotionally Ill-at-Ease**

Baumgartner's Bombay. Anita Desai  
Howards End. EM forster  
Look At Me. Anita Brookner  
Madame Bovary. Gustace Flaubert  
Marry Me. John Updike  
Middlemarch. George Eliot  
Milk and Honey. Elizabeth Jolley  
The Ballad and the Source. Rosamond Lehmann  
The Company She Keeps. Mary McCarthy

## **Mental State (cont)**

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### **One the Edge of Sanity**

Against Nature. J-K Huysmans  
Beyond the Glass. Antonia White  
Brighton Rock. Graham Greene  
Despair. Vladimir Nabokov  
Losing Nelson. Barry Unsworth  
Nightwood. Djuna Barnes  
Notes from an Exhibition. Patrick Gale  
Steppenwolf. Hermann Hesse  
The Dice man. Luke Rhinehart  
The English Teacher/Grateful to Life and Death. RK Narayan  
The Memory of Running. Ron McLarty  
The Trial. Franz Kafka  
Under the Volcano. Malcolm Lowry  
Vilette. Charlotte Bronte

### **Madness**

American Psycho. Bret Easton Ellis  
Good Morning, Midnight. Jean Rhys  
Hamlet. William Shakespeare  
Hunger. Knut Hamsun  
King Lear. William Shakespeare  
Faces in the Water. Janet Frame  
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Ken Kesey  
The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath  
The Bird of Night. Susan Hill  
The Bride of Lowther Fell. Margaret Forster  
The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold. Evelyn Waugh  
The Private Parts of Women. Lesley Glaister  
The Trick is to Keep Breathing. Janice Galloway  
The Yellow Wallpaper. Charlotte Perkins Gilman

## Mental State (cont)

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### Depression and Psychiatry

A Beautiful Mind. Sylvia Nasar  
An Unquiet Mind. Kay Redfield Jamison  
Asylum. Patrick McGarth  
Fifty-minute Hour. Wendy Perriam  
Franny and Zooey. JD Salinger  
Girl, Interrupted. Susanna Kaysen  
Going Sane. Adam Phillips  
Human Traces. Sebastian C. Faulks  
I Know This Much is True. Wally Lamb  
I Never Promised You A Rose Garden. Joanne Greenberg  
Inside Out. Terry Trueman  
Kalki. Gore Vidal  
Lowboy. John Wray  
Maurice Guest. HH Richardson  
Mrs Dalloway. Virginia Woolf  
Other Women. Lisa Alther  
One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. Ken Kesey  
Peter Smart's Confessions. Paul Bailey  
Scar Culture. Toni Davidson  
She's Come Undone. Wally Lamb  
Shutter Island. Dennis Lehane  
The Bell Jar. Sylvia Plath  
The Centre Cannot Hold. Elyn R Saks  
The Comforts of Madness. Paul Sayer  
The Eden Express. Mark Vonnegut  
The Glass Cell. Patricia Highsmith  
The Golden Notebook. Doris Lessing  
The Trick is to Keep Breathing. Janice Galloway  
Tom O'Bedlam. Robert Silverberg  
Veronika Decides to Die. Paulo Coelho  
When Nietzsche Wept. Irvin D. Yalom

## Relationships

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### Literary Romance

Adolphe. Benjamin Constant  
A Kist of Sorrows. David Kerr Cameron  
Charlotte Gray. Sebastian Faulks  
Emma. Jane Austen  
Far from the Madding Crowd. Thomas Hardy  
First Love. Ivan Turgenev  
Friday's Child. Georgette Heyer  
Jane Eyre. Charlotte Bronte  
Lady Chatterleys Lover. DH Lawrence  
Lorna Doone. RD Blackmore  
Not That Sort of Girl. Mary Wesley  
Possession. AS Byatt  
Pride and Prejudice. Jane Austen  
The Gowk Storm. Nancy Brysson Morrison  
The Lover. Marguerite Dumas  
The Horse Whisperer. Mary Wesley  
The Hours of the Night. Sue Gee  
Rebecca . Daphne Du Maurier  
The Rector's Daughter. FM Mayor  
The Romance of Tristan and Iseult. Josphe Bedier  
The Sorrows of young Werther. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
Wuthering Heights. Emily Bronte

### Modern Relationships

Come Together. Josie Lloyd and Emlyn Rees  
Born Free. Laura Hird  
High Fidelity. Nick Hornby  
Indelible Acts. AL Kennedy  
The Family Way. Tony Parsons  
The Woman who Walked into Doors. Roddy Doyle

## Relationships

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### Gay/Lesbian Fiction

A Boy's Own Story. Edmund White  
At Swim, Two Boys. Jamie O'Neill  
Babycakes. Armistead Maupin  
Choices. Nancy Toder  
Curious Wine: A Novel. Katherine V Forrester  
Giovanni's Room. James Baldwin  
Fingersmith. Sarah Waters  
Maurice. EM Forster  
Monopolies of Lies. Adam Mars Jones  
Night Swimmer. Joseph Olshan  
Nightwood. Djuna Barnes  
Oranges are not the Only Fruit. Jeanette Winterson  
Patience and Sarah. Isabel Miller  
Rubyfruit Jungle. Rita Mae Brown  
Running With Scissors: A Memoir. Augusten Burroughs  
Slow River. Nicola Griffith  
Stir Fry. Emma Donoghue  
Tales of the City. Armistead Maupin  
The Beautiful Room is Empty. Edmund White  
The Front Runner. Patricia Nell Warren  
The Gay Decameron. Christopher Whyte  
The Hours of the Night. Sue Gee  
The Hustler. John Henry Mackay  
The Line of Beauty. Alan Hollinghurst  
The Lost Language of Cranes. David Leavitt  
The Price of Salt. Patricia Highsmith  
The Story of the Night. Colm Toibon  
The Swimming Pool Library. Alan Hollinghurst  
The Well of Loneliness. Radclyffe Hall  
Tipping the Velvet. Sarah Waters  
Written on the Body. Jeanette Winterson

## Society

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### Terrorists/Freedom Fighters

American Pastoral. Philip Roth  
Ashes and Diamonds. Jerzy Andrzejewski  
Bel Canto. Ann Patchett  
Falling Man. Don DeLillo  
If not Now, When? Primo Levi  
Like Men Betrayed. Frederic Raphael  
Patriot Games. Tom Clancy  
The Little Drummer Girl. John Le Carre  
The Good Terrorist. Doris Lessing  
Under Western Eyes. Joseph Conrad

### Religion

Barabbas. Par Lagerkvist  
Buddha Da. Anne Donovan  
Cal. Bernard MacLaverty  
Chocolat. Joanne Harris  
Confessions. Saint Augustine  
Gilead. Marilynne Robinson  
Go Tell It To The Mountain. James Baldwin  
Jericho Sleep Alone. Chaim Bermant  
Inherit the Wind. Jerome Lawrence  
Letters from the Earth. Mark Twain  
My Name is Asher Lev. Chaim Potok  
Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained. John Milton  
Siddhartha. Hermann Hesse  
The Chosen. Chaim Potok  
The Discovery of Heaven. Harry Mulisch  
The Gospel According to Jesus Christ. Jose Saramago  
The Last Temptation of Christ. Nikos Kazantzakis  
The Name of the Rose. Umberto Eco  
The Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan  
The Power and the Glory. Graham Greene  
The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner. James Hogg  
The Satanic Verses. Salman Rushdie  
The Screwtape Letters. CS Lewis

## **Society (cont)**

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### **Race Relations**

An Autobiography of an Ex-colored Man. James Weldon Johnson  
A Swarthy Boy. Edgar Mittelholzer  
Beloved. Toni Morrison  
Beka Lamb. Zee Edgell  
Black Girl/White Girl. Joyce Carol Oates  
Black Like Me. John Howard Griffin  
Black Shack Alley. Joseph Zobel  
Breath, Eyes, Memory. Edwidge Danticat  
Brick Lane. Monica Ali  
Buxton Spice. Oonya Kempadoo  
Corentyne Thunder. Edgar Mittelholzer  
Feathers. Jacqueline Woodson  
Half of a Yellow Sun. CN Adichie  
I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing. Maya Angelou  
In Another Place, Not Here. Dionne Brand  
Invisible Man. Ralph Ellison  
Mudbound. Hillary Jordan  
Native Son. Richard Wright  
The Bluest Eye. Toni Morrison  
The Farming of Bones. Edwidge Danticat  
The Grass is Singing. Doris Lessing  
The Help. Kathryn Stockett  
The Lonely Londoners. Samuel Selvon  
White Teeth. Zadie Smith

### **Control/Brain Washing/Government**

1984. George Orwell  
A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess  
Brave New World. Aldous Huxley  
Blade Runner. Philip K. Dick  
Flowers for Algernon. Daniel Keyes  
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley  
Jennifer Government. Max Berry  
Slaughterhouse-five. Kurt Vonnegut  
V. Thomas Pynchon

## Society (cont)

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### Politics

Animal Farm. George Orwell  
A Perfect Peace. Amos Oz  
All the King's Men. Robert Penn Warren  
Anthills of the Savannah. Chinua Achebe  
Brave New World. Aldous Huxley  
Burr. Gore Vidal  
Coningsby. Benjamin Disraeli  
Darkness at Noon. Arthur Koestler  
Homage to Catalonia. George Orwell  
House of Cards. Michael Dobbs  
Fame is the Spur. Howard Spring  
Primary Colours. Joe Klein  
Seeing. Jose Saramago  
The Land of the Leal. James Barke  
The Corridors of Power. CP Snow  
The Ragged Trousered philanthropists. Robert Tressell  
The Violet Land. Jorge Amado  
Utopia. Thomas More

### Social Class

A Dear Green Place. Archie Hind  
Atonement. Ian McEwan  
Born Free. Laura Hind  
Dance of the Apprentices. Edward Glaitens  
Dancing in the Streets. Clifford Hanley  
Docherty. William McIlvanney  
Growing Up in the Gorbals. Ralph Glasser  
Hard Times. Charles Dickens  
Little Dorrit. Charles Dickens  
No Mean City. Alexander McArthur & HK Long  
Oliver Twist. Charles Dickens  
Swing Hammer Swing! Jeff Torrington  
The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner. Alan Sillitoe  
The Space Between us. Thrity Umrigar  
The White Bird Passes. Jessie Kesson  
Vile Bodies. Evelyn Waugh



## Substance Abuse

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### Alcohol

Down by the River Where the Dead Men Go. George Pelecanos  
Ham on Rye: A novel. Charles Bukowski  
Hangover Square. Patrick Hamilton  
Tales of Ordinary Madness. Charles Bukowski  
The Disenchanted. Budd Schulberg  
The Horse's Mouth. Cary Joyce  
The Lost Weekend. Charles Jackson  
Paradise. AL Kennedy  
The Poor Mouth. Flann O'Brien  
The Power and the Glory. Graham Greene  
The Sound of my Voice. Ron Butlin  
Under the Volcano. Malcolm Lowry

### Drugs (Content and Authors on Drugs)

Alice in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll  
Cain's Book. Alexander Trocchie  
Cocaine Nights. JG Ballard.  
Dopefiend. Donald Goines  
Fear and Loathing in America. Hunter S. Thompson  
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. Hunter S. Thompson  
Fight Club. Chuck Palahniuk  
Glamorama. Bret Easton Ellis  
Junky. William Burroughs  
Methland. Nick Reding  
Naked Lunch. William Burroughs  
Novel With Cocaine. M Ageyev  
Powder. Kevin Sampson  
Requiem for a Dream. Hubert Selby Jr  
The Man with the Golden Arm. Nelson Algren  
The Rules of Attraction. Brett Easton Ellis  
The Rum Diary. Hunter S. Thompson  
The Story of my Life. Jay McInerney.  
Trainspotting. Irvine Welsh

## Supernatural

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### Gothic Fiction/Ghost Stories

- A Christmas Carol. Charles Dickens  
Carrie. Stephen. King  
Dark Entries. Robert Aikman  
Dracula. Bram Stoker  
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley  
Ghost Stories and Tales of Mystery. JS Le Fanu  
Ghost Stories of an Antiquary. MR James  
Ghost Story. Peter Straub  
Gormenghast Trilogy. Mervyn Peake  
In A Glass Darkly. Sheridan Le Fanu  
Interview with the Vampire. Ann Rice  
Melmoth the Wanderer. Charles Robert Martin  
The Castle of Otranto. Horace Walpole  
The Dunwich Horror and Others. HP Lovecraft  
The Ghost Stories of Edith Wharton. Edith Wharton  
The Golem. Gustac Meyrinck  
The Green Man. Kingsley Amis  
The Haunting of Hill House. Shirley Jackson  
The Historian. Elizabeth Kostova  
The Italian. Ann Radcliffe  
The Listener. Algernon Blackwood  
The Little Stranger. Sarah Waters  
The Lost Stradivarius. John Meade Falkner  
The Monk. MG Lewis  
The Mysteries of Adolpho. Ann Radcliffe  
The Picture of Dorian Gray. Oscar Wilde  
The Phantom of the Opera. Gaston Leroux  
The Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne  
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Robert Louis Stevenson  
The Turn of the Screw. Henry James  
The Woman in Black. Susan Hill  
The Woman in White. Wilkie Collins  
They Return at Evening. HR Wakefield  
Vathek. William Beckford  
Wise blood. Flannery O'Connor

# War

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## War: Front Line

All Quiet on the Western Front. Erich Maria Remarque  
A Soldier of the Great War. Mark Helprin  
Birdsong. Sebastian Faulks  
Bomber. Len Deighton  
Catch-22. Joseph Heller  
For Whom the Bell Tolls. Ernest Hemingway  
Going After Cacciato. Tim O'Brien  
Regeneration. Pat Barker  
Master and Commander. Patrick O'Brien  
Miami and the Siege of Chicago. Norman Mailer  
The Ghost Road. Pat Barker  
The Good Soldier Svejk. Jaroslav Hasek  
The Guns of Navarone. Alistair MacLean  
The Naked and the Dead. Norman Mailer  
The Red Badge of Courage. Stephen Crane  
The Sorrow of War. Bao Ninh  
The Spanish Farm Trilogy. RH Mottram

## War: Behind the Lines

A Farewell to Arms. Ernest Hemingway  
A Woman of Cairo. Noel Barber  
Captain Corelli's Mandolin. Louis de Bernieres  
Charlotte Gray. Sebastian Faulks  
Garden Ashes. Danilo Kis  
Schindler's Ark. Thomas Keneally  
The Good Soldier Svejk. Jaroslav Hasek  
The Heat of the Day. Elizabeth Bowen  
The Painted Bird. Jerzy Kosinski  
The Quiet American. Graham Greene  
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy

## War (cont)

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### War and its Aftermath

A Farewell to Arms. Ernest Hemingway (WWI)  
A Pale View of Hills. Kazuo Ishiguro (Hiroshima)  
Doctor Zhivago. Boris Pasternak (Russian Revolution)  
Fortunes of War. Olivia Manning (WWII)  
Sophie's Choice. William Styron (WWII)  
The Three Perils of Women. James Hogg (Culloden)

### Napoleon and Napoleonic Wars

Les Misreables. Victor Hugo  
Scarlet and Black. Stendhal  
Sharpe's Regiment. Bernard Cornwell  
The Commodore. CS Forester  
The Gun. CS Forester  
The Napoleon Symphony. Anthony Burgess  
The Passion. Jeanette Winterson  
Vanity Fair. William Thackeray  
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy

## Other Themes

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### Autism

Al Copone Does My Shirts. Gennifer Choldenko  
Anything But Typical. Nora Raleigh Baskin  
Astonishing Splashes of Colour. Clare Morrall  
A Wizard Alone. Diane Duane  
Daniel Isn't Talking. Marti Meimbach  
Eye Contact. Cammie McGovern  
Family Pictures. Sue Miller  
Girl with the Pearl Earring. Tracy Chevalier  
Marcelo in the Real World. Francisco X. Stork  
Mondays are Red. Nicola Morgan  
Painting Ruby Tuesday, Jane Yeadley  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Mark Haddon  
The London Eye Mystery. Siobhan Dowd  
The Speed of Dark. Elizabeth Moon

### 'Joycean' Novels

(in the style/spirit of James Joyce's *Ulysses*. Experimental,  
All-encompassing novels)

A Confederacy of Dunces. John Kennedy Toole  
D'Arconville's Cat. Alexander Theroux  
Earthly Powers. Anthony Burgess  
Giles Goat-Boy. John Bath  
Midnight's Children. Salman Rushdie.  
The Confessions of Zeno. Italo Svevo  
The Horse's Mouth. Joyce Cary  
Tristram Shandy. Laurence Sterne  
What's Bred in the Bone. Robertson Davis

## Other Themes

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### Revenge

A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess  
Carrie. Stephen King  
Gentleman and Players. Joanne Harris  
Hamlet. William Shakespeare  
Life and Loves of a she-devil. Fay Weldon  
The Count of Monte Cristo. Alexandre Dumas

### Scandal

Armadale. Wilkie Collins  
Caleb Williams. William Godwin  
Dirty Snow. George Simenon  
East Lynne. Henry Wood  
Lady Audley's Secret. Mary Elizabeth Braddon  
Memoirs of Emma Courtney. Mary Hays  
Moll Flanders. Daniel Defoe  
Peyton Place. Grace Metalious

### 'Plotless' Narratives

A Day at the Office. Robert Alan Jamieson  
Chasing Dreams. Aaron Jennings  
Dirty Havana Trilogy. Pedro Juan Gutie'rrez  
Fear and Loathing in America. Hunter S. Thompson  
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. Hunter S. Thompson  
Nine. Andrejz Stasiuk  
On the Road. Jack Kerouac  
The Confederate General from Big Sur. Richard Brautigan  
The Dice Man. Luke Rhinehart  
The Fall. Albert Camus  
The Soft Machine. William S Burroughs  
The Summer Book. Tove Jansson  
Swing Hammer Swing! Jeff Torrington  
The Third Policeman. Flann O'Brien