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Fiction

Allende, Isabel

Daughter of Fortune

Adventure and romance set partly during the California gold rush.

Bailey, Anthony

Major Andre

The story of the British officer whose capture prevented Benedict Arnold's betrayal of West Point garrison.

Banks, Russell

Cloudsplitter

Fascinating and evocative story of the militant abolitionist John Brown.

Cable, George Washington

The Grandissimes

Set in early 19th century New Orleans, blends such diverse themes as racial inequality, Creole society and romantic love.

Chesnutt, Charles Waddell

The Conjure Woman

This series of stories written in dialect was the earliest published work by one of the first African American fiction writers to receive serious critical attention.

Conde, Maryse

I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem

Powerful story of a Barbadian slave tried for witchcraft in the Salem witch trials of 1692.

Cooper, James Fenimore

Last of the Mohicans

An action and suspense story set during the French and Indian Wars.

Crane, Stephen

Maggie: A Girl of the Streets

A social critique and realistic portrayal of life in northern New York State in the late 1800's.

Red Badge of Courage

A classic novel about a frightened soldier's experiences on the Civil War battlefield.

Edmonds, Walter Dumaux

Drums Along the Mohawk

A historical chronicle set in the Mohawk Valley of upstate New York, 1775-1783.

Fast, Howard

April Morning

A teenager's coming of age takes place as the young nation fights for its independence.

Fast, Howard (continued)

Citizen Tom Paine

A complex portrait of Thomas Paine, portraying the revolutionary as a flawed yet committed American visionary.

Fisher, Vardis

Children of God

A historical chronicle set in New York, Illinois and Utah, from 1820-1890.

Foote, Shelby

Shiloh

Moving recreation of the Civil War battle through the eyes of six soldiers.

Frazier, Charles

Cold Mountain

The story of a Confederate soldier's three-hundred-mile-long journey home to the woman and the mountain he loves.

Guthrie, A. B. (Alfred Bertram)

The Big Sky

Adventure romance set in the western states from 1830-1845.

Harte, Brett

Luck of Roaring Camp and Other Sketches

Humorous, yet often sentimental tales set during the California Gold Rush.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

The Scarlet Letter

A searching study of conscience and the human heart, in an atmosphere of puritan life in Boston.

Kantor, MacKinlay

Andersonville

Depicts the tragedy of the Civil War through life in and around a Georgia prison.

Valley Forge

Set in the last quarter of the 18th century, the author presents the panorama of the Revolution.

Keneally, Thomas

Confederates

Realistic, gritty account of Confederate soldiers preparing for the Second Battle of Antietam in 1862

Kennedy, William

Quinn's Book

The narrative of Daniel Quinn, an orphan caught up in the tumultuous period of the Civil War and Underground Railroad.

- Lancaster, Bruce**
The Secret Road
 Suspense and action novel about the Revolutionary War and George Washington's Secret Service.
- Larsen, Deborah**
The White
 The story of Mary Jemison, a white woman captured in 1758 by a Shawnee raiding party at her home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- Levy, JoAnn**
Daughter of Joy
 Compelling novel of a Chinese American woman, set in Gold Rush-era San Francisco.
For California's Gold
 The adventures of a reluctant forty-niner, Sarah Daniels. Excellent, accurate historic detail.
- Lussier, Paul**
Last Refuge of Scandals: A Revolutionary Novel.
 An irreverent look at the American Revolution.
- McCarthy, Cormac**
Blood Meridian, Or, the Evening Redness in the West
 Harrowing story of violent conflict in the Texas-Mexico borderlands during the 1850s.
- McGrath, Patrick**
Martha Peake
 Modern take on the gothic tale, set in the tumultuous years leading up to the American Revolution.
- Melville, Herman**
The Confidence Man
 Social satire placed on the Mississippi River in the 19th century.
- Mitchell, Margaret**
Gone With the Wind
 Historical novel of romance and the Civil War, set on Tara plantation in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Morrison, Toni**
Beloved
 Traces the journey of Sethe, a former slave, to freedom during and immediately following the Civil War.
- O'Dell, Scott**
Sing Down the Moon
 A moving depiction of the forced migration of Navajos from their original homeland in Arizona to New Mexico.
- Punke, Michael**
Revenant
 Powerful novel of survival and vengeance in the American West.
- Richter, Conrad**
The Trees
 Story of western settlement and the struggles of a pioneer family migrating from Pennsylvania to the virgin wilderness of Ohio at the end of the 18th century.
- Roberts, Kenneth Lewis**
Northwest Passage
 Action and adventure in North America and England in 1759-1768.
- Sedgwick, Catharine**
Hope Leslie
 Portrays early American life and celebrates the role of women in the building of the republic.
- Shaara, Jeff**
Rise to Rebellion
 The dramatic saga of the Founding Fathers and the birth of our nation.
Gods and Generals
 Explores the years from 1858 to the eve of the Battle of Gettysburg by focusing on four extraordinary men: Robert E. Lee, "Stonewall" Jackson, Winfield Scott Hancock and Joshua Chamberlain.
Gone for Soldiers
 Depicts one of the most daring and controversial campaigns in American military history, the invasion of Mexico in 1846.
- Shaara, Michael**
The Killer Angels
 A sweeping and dramatic re-creation of the battle at Gettysburg.
- Smiley, Jane**
The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton
 The gripping story of a woman thrust into the turmoil of the unsettled Kansas Territory.
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher**
Uncle Tom's Cabin
 An influential anti-slavery novel showing the social and political environment that fostered racial suppression.
- Styron, William**
Confessions of Nat Turner
 Story of a slave revolt in Southampton County, Virginia, 1800-1831.
- Unsworth, Barry**
Sacred Hunger
 A stirring and detailed narrative of 18th century slave trade.
- West, Jessamyn**
Friendly Persuasion
 Story of a Quaker family in Indiana during the Civil War.