

HISTORY 17.2**FICTION****Bristow, Gwen*****This side of Glory***

A love story involving class struggles set in the Mississippi Valley and New Orleans in the early 1900's.

Cather, Willa***A Lost Lady***

A realistic story about a family living in Nebraska while the West is being opened during the late 19th century.

My Antonia

A Bohemian peasant girl comes with her family from the old country to settle in the Nebraska prairie land; late 19th, early 20th century.

O Pioneers!

A realistic chronicle of homesteaders in a frontier town in Nebraska in 1880-1910.

The Song of the Lark

An artist seeks to break the limitations of a small town environment to find fulfillment on the stage. Set in the Southwest and in New York.

Chopin, Kate***The Awakening***

The story of a southern woman finding her passionate nature and her identity.

Clark, Walter Van Tilburg***The Ox-Bow Incident***

A realistic and dramatic western depicting mob action in Nevada, in 1885.

The Track of the Cat

A psychological and symbolic study about the effect of evil on a ranch family, set in the Sierra Nevada mountains in the early 20th century.

Cozzens, James Gould***Guard of Honor***

Story about the way people rise to and deal with crises of life, set within the complex structure of a Florida Air Force base during WWII.

Cummings, E. E.***The Enormous Room***

Autobiographical novel in which the author tells of the strange and amazing people he met while serving as a war prisoner. Set in France during WWII.

Dos Passos, John***Three Soldiers***

A portrayal and critique of the brutal reality of war, set in France during WWI.

Manhattan Transfer

A panoramic portrait of New York City, containing episodes in the lives of many different characters. The time is WWI.

Dreiser, Theodore***An American Tragedy***

Story of a young man whose downfall results from a number of factors, including social inequality and lack of privilege. Set in Kansas City and New York in the early 20th century.

The Financier

A realistic novel about a financier's successes and failures in Philadelphia in the late 19th century.

Jennie Gerhardt

The story of a young girl who is beaten by the forces of life. Set in the Midwest at the end of the 19th century.

Sister Carrie

A study of a young woman's growth as a result of the relationships in her life; takes place in New York and Chicago in 1889.

Farrell, James T. (James Thomas)***Studs Lonigan: A Trilogy***

Portrays the physical and moral disintegration of a young Chicago Irishman from 1916-1931. Set in an Irish-American lower-middle class neighborhood.

Faulkner, William***The Bear***

Story of a boy's literal and symbolic search for a bear, set in Mississippi.

Intruder in the Dust

Folklore and mystery blend in this story about race relations in Mississippi in the 1930's.

The Hamlet

A collection of stories, rich with ironic humor and realism, set in Mississippi; late 19th century.

Soldier's Pay

Story of a soldier coming home from the war, set against the background of a small southern town.

The Town

Story of a family of amoral but hard-driving individuals who move into the settled, moral society of the Old South and usurp the old order; 1909-1927.

Ferber, Edna***Cimarron***

Tells of life in Oklahoma from 1889, when it was Indian territory, through pioneer statehood days, and the discovery of oil, down to the present day.

Saratoga Trunk

Life in New Orleans and Saratoga in the 1880's as seen through the lives of a Texas cowboy and an adventuress.

Show Boat

A panoramic description of life on the Mississippi as seen from a floating theater.

Fisher, Vardis***Children of God***

A historical chronicle about the great migration of the Mormons from New York to Utah; 1820-1890.

Fitzgerald, Francis Scott***The Great Gatsby***

A critical commentary on what has become known as the American Dream, set in New York City and Long Island in the 1920's.

The Last Tycoon

A critical portrait of Hollywood in the 1930's.

Tender is the Night

Paris, Zurich and the French Riviera in the 1930's are the setting for this story of two people whose glamorous lives eventually disintegrate.

Garland, Hamlin***Main-Traveled Roads***

A series of short stories about farm life in the middle West in the late 19th century.

Glasgow, Ellen Anderson Gholson***Barren Ground***

A realistic novel of the South set in the late 19th century. It depicts the human struggle to make the land fruitful and overcome emotional hardships.

The Sheltered Life

A social critique and a revealing picture of manners and morals in Southern society in the early 20th century.

Vein of Iron

A story of courage and survival in a battle with fate in Virginia, 1900-1932.

Hemingway, Ernest***To Have and Have Not***

This series of exciting and dangerous adventures is set in Key West and Cuba during the 1930's.

The Sun Also Rises

A realistic description of life among American expatriates on the Left Bank in Paris and in Spain after WWI.

A Farewell to Arms

A powerful argument against war and a touching love story that captures the time period of WWI. Set in Northern Italy and Switzerland.

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Three days in the life of a young American who aligned himself with the Loyalist cause in Spain, 1937.

Hobart, Alice Tisdale Nourse***The Cup and the Sword***

A family chronicle and a picture of wine-growing in California in 1920-1940.

Howells, William Dean***The Rise of Silas Lapham***

Story of a man led astray from the true values of life by the corrupting influence of wealth. Set in New England in the 19th century.

Hughes, Langston***Not Without Laughter***

A semi-autobiographical story of a young black boy growing up in a small Kansas town by one of American's major poets.

Hurston, Zora Neal***Their Eyes Were Watching God***

A picture of life among Florida blacks in the early 20th century. Portrays a woman's quest for a satisfying life from a racial and feminist perspective.

Lewis, Sinclair***Arrowsmith***

This story about a medical student points out the insufficiencies and complacencies of American life. Set in the U.S. and West Indies in the early 20th century.

Babbitt

A social satire about a businessman who typifies complacent mediocrity, set in a midwestern town in the late 20th century.

Main Street

A novel set in a midwestern town in 1910-1920, tells of the inadequacies of small town life.

London, Jack***The Call of the Wild***

An exciting adventure novel about a sled team dog and his master in Alaska in 1897.

The Sea Wolf

A sea adventure with violent action, showing man's animal nature as well as his civilized, spiritual side.

The Iron Heel

Story about a capitalistic, fascist dictatorship and a heroic social revolutionary, set in 1912-1918.

Martin Eden

A young man with high ideals has to confront the establishment.

Valley of the Moon

Social criticism about a teamster who fights the pressures of urban existence.

McCullers, Carson***The Member of the Wedding***

A novel about loneliness and inward conflicts of a twelve year old girl in Georgia in 1945.

Mailer, Norman***The Naked and the Dead***

A novel about the members of an American platoon and their part in the invasion and occupation of a Japanese-held island in 1944.

Marshall, Paule***Brown Girl, Brownstones***

A daughter of black immigrants from the island of Barbados grows up in New York City.

Norris, Frank***McTeague***

A story of greed and revenge set in San Francisco and Death Valley in the 1890's.

The Octopus

Epic novel about the war between California wheat growers and the railroads.

The Pit

A portrayal of the people and the forces at work in the Chicago grain market in the 1890's.

Poole, Ernest***The Harbor***

Story about American life and its problems with land development and labor in the early 20th century.

Rawlings, Marjorie***The Yearling***

A year in the life of a 12 year old boy and the joys and sorrows of childhood, set in the Florida scrub country in the late 19th century.

Richter, Conrad***The Lady***

Northern New Mexico in the 1880's is the scene of this tale of violence and revenge.

The Sea of Grass

A sweeping drama of the American Southwest, when cattlemen fought to hold their free range against the homesteaders; 1885-1910.

The Town

A close look at the everyday struggles of a pioneer family against nature, man and beast in Ohio, mid-19th century.

Rolvaag, Ole Edvart***Giants of the Earth***

A saga about a man's struggle with the land as he uses his experiences from another country to build a new home.

Peder Victorious

A Norwegian pioneer family faces the demands of assimilation in America in the Dakota territory in the late 19th century.

Sinclair, Upton***The Jungle***

This muckraking classic exposes the injustices of the meat-packing industry. Set in Chicago in the early 20th century.

King Coal

Life in a great coal camp is portrayed as a rich boy works the summer as a miner.

Oil! A Novel

Based on the oil scandals of 1921, this novel criticizes the oil industry in Southern California.

Smith, Betty***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***

Story of a young girl affected by the mysteries and realities of life, set in a tenement in Brooklyn, New York, in the early 20th century.

Stegner, Wallace Earle***The Preacher and the Slave***

Biographical novel that tells the story of a leader of the Industrial Workers of the World from 1910 to 1916.

Steinbeck, John***Cannery Row***

A row of shacks along the shoreline of Monterey, California, is the scene for a humorous and affectionate story about a group of society's outcasts.

The Grapes of Wrath

A classic, depicting the struggles of American farmers and migrant workers as they flee the Dustbowl for the Southwest and California.

In Dubious Battle

A portrayal of the clash of social and economic forces during the early part of the depression decade, set in California.

Tortilla Flat

Stories about life in a tumbledown section of Monterey, California.

Tarkington, Booth***Alice Adams***

A gentle satire of small town manners and morals, set in a midwestern town early in the 20th century.

Taylor, Ronald B.***Long Road Home***

A novel about migrant farm workers and corporate and government power, set in the San Joaquin Valley, in the 1930's.

Toomer, Jean***Cane***

A collection of short fiction, poetry and drama that explores the Black American experience in the South.

Twain, Mark***Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***

There is adventure and humor, as well as sharp comment on human nature in every chapter of this masterpiece about life on the Mississippi in the 19th century.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Rich with humor and shrewd observation, this is an adventure of a pastoral time and place on the Mississippi River.

Warren, Robert Penn***All the King's Men***

A portrayal and critique of the rise of a Southern political boss. Set in the 1920's and 30's and based on the life of Huey Long.

Welty, Eudora***Delta Wedding***

A chronicle of a remarkable family living in Mississippi in the early 1920's.

West, Jessamyn

The Witch Diggers

A poor farm in southern Indiana, 1899, is the background for this story about a family's growth.

West, Nathaniel

Day of the Locust

A social critique of the "ravaging" and plunder of Hollywood, California in the 1920's.

Miss Lonelyhearts

A social satire about a newspaper columnist and life around him in New York City in the late 1920's.

Wharton, Edith

Age of Innocence

An incisive attack on the intricate, tyrannical customs of New York City society in the late 19th century.

House of Mirth

A social critique of the emptiness and folly of life among the idle rich in New York in the early 20th century.

Wister, Owen

The Virginian

This classic novel of the American West portrays the life of a cowboy in Wyoming in the 19th century.

Wolfe, Thomas

Look Homeward Angel

This story of the joys and sorrows of the young boy's maturing takes place in North Carolina in the early 1900's.

Wright, Richard

Black Boy

An autobiographical story about growing up with poverty, fear, and hatred in the South.

Native Son

Social criticism centering around a young black man ruined by his environment and the thoughtless actions of white society.

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<i>Dickinson's American Historical Fiction</i>	REF/PS/Z/1231/.F4/D47/1986
<i>Fiction Catalog</i>	REF/PN/Z/5916/.W74/v. 1960 - 2001
<i>The Immigrant Experience in American Fiction</i>	REF/PS/Z/1231/.F4/S56/1995
<i>War and Peace in Literature</i>	REF/PN/Z/6514/.C5/W642/1982