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*Franny and Zooey* J. D. Salinger 2019-08-13 "Perhaps the best book by the foremost stylist of his generation" (New York Times), J. D. Salinger's *Franny and Zooey* collects two works of fiction about the Glass family originally published in *The New Yorker*. "Everything everybody does is so--I don't know--not wrong, or even mean, or even stupid necessarily. But just so tiny and meaningless and--sad-making. And the worst part is, if you go bohemian or something crazy like that, you're conforming just as much only in a different way." A novel in two halves, *Franny and Zooey* brilliantly captures the emotional strains and traumas of entering adulthood. It is a gleaming example of the wit, precision, and poignancy that have made J. D. Salinger one of America's most beloved writers.

**150 Great Books** Bonnie A. Helms 1986 This collection of 150 great books is designed to motivate student exploration and is divided into ten units presenting experiences common to people in all times and societies. All of the titles will not be suitable for all students, but something will interest each individual reader.

In Cold Fear Pamela Hunt Steinle 2002

*We Beat the Street* Sampson Davis 2006-04-20 Growing up on the rough streets of Newark, New Jersey, Rameck, George, and Sampson could easily have followed their childhood friends into drug dealing, gangs, and prison. But when a presentation at their school made the three boys aware of the opportunities available to them in the medical and dental professions, they made a pact among themselves that they would become doctors. It took a lot of determination—and a lot of support from one another—but despite all the hardships along the way, the three succeeded. Retold with the help of an award-winning author, this younger adaptation of the adult hit novel *The Pact* is a hard-hitting, powerful, and inspirational book that will speak to young readers everywhere.

*Number the Stars* Lois Lowry 2011 It is 1943 and for 10 year old Annemarie life is still fun. But there are worries too - the Nazis have occupied Copenhagen and there are food shortages, curfews and the threat of being stopped by soldiers and Annemarie's best friend is a Jew.

*Of Human Bondage* William Somerset Maugham 1915

**CliffsNotes on Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*** Stanley P. Baldwin 2000-06-13 The original CliffsNotes study guides offer expert commentary on major themes, plots, characters, literary devices, and historical background. The latest generation of titles in this series also features glossaries and visual elements that complement the classic, familiar format. CliffsNotes on *The Catcher in the Rye* introduces you to a coming-of-age novel with a twist. J.D. Salinger's best-known work is more realistic, more lifelike and authentic than some other representatives of the genre. Get to know the unforgettable main character, Holden Caulfield, as he navigates the dangers and risks of growing up. This study guide enables you to keep up with all of the major themes and symbols of the novel, as well as the characters and plot. You'll also find valuable information about Salinger's life and background. Other features that help you study include Character analyses of major players A character map that graphically illustrates the relationships among the characters Critical essays A review section that tests your knowledge A Resource Center full of books, articles, films, and Internet sites Classic literature or modern modern-day treasure – you'll

understand it all with expert information and insight from CliffsNotes study guides.

**Nickel and Dimed** Barbara Ehrenreich 2010-04-01 The New York Times bestselling work of undercover reportage from our sharpest and most original social critic, with a new foreword by Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted* Millions of Americans work full time, year round, for poverty-level wages. In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich decided to join them. She was inspired in part by the rhetoric surrounding welfare reform, which promised that a job—any job—can be the ticket to a better life. But how does anyone survive, let alone prosper, on \$6 an hour? To find out, Ehrenreich left her home, took the cheapest lodgings she could find, and accepted whatever jobs she was offered. Moving from Florida to Maine to Minnesota, she worked as a waitress, a hotel maid, a cleaning woman, a nursing-home aide, and a Wal-Mart sales clerk. She lived in trailer parks and crumbling residential motels. Very quickly, she discovered that no job is truly "unskilled," that even the lowliest occupations require exhausting mental and muscular effort. She also learned that one job is not enough; you need at least two if you int to live indoors. *Nickel and Dimed* reveals low-rent America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity—a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival. Read it for the smoldering clarity of Ehrenreich's perspective and for a rare view of how "prosperity" looks from the bottom. And now, in a new foreword, Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, explains why, twenty years on in America, *Nickel and Dimed* is more relevant than ever.

**Lord of the Flies** William Golding 2003-12-16 Golding's iconic 1954 novel, now with a new foreword by Lois Lowry, remains one of the greatest books ever written for young adults and an unforgettable classic for readers of any age. This edition includes a new Suggestions for Further Reading by Jennifer Buehler. At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

**Catcher in the Rye** J.D. Salinger 1984-10-01 Plot synopsis of this classic is made meaningful with analysis

and quotes by noted literary critics, summaries of the work's main themes and characters, a sketch of the author's life and times, a bibliography, suggested test questions, and ideas for essays and term papers.

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Walk Two Moons Sharon Creech 2009-10-06 In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.

King Dork Frank Portman 2008-02-12 As John Green, New York Times bestselling author of *The Fault in Our Stars* said, "King Dork will rock your world." The cult favorite from Frank Portman, aka Dr. Frank of

the Mr. T. Experience, is a book like nothing ever done before--King Dork literally has something for everyone: At least a half-dozen mysteries, love, mistaken identity, girls, monks, books, blood, bubblegum, and rock and roll. This book is based on music--a passion most kids have--and it has original (hilarious) songs and song lyrics throughout. When Tom Henderson finds his deceased father's copy of J. D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*, his world is turned upside down. Suddenly high school gets more complicated: Tom (aka King Dork) is in the middle of at least half a dozen mysteries involving dead people, naked people, fake people, a secret code, girls, and rock and roll. As he goes through sophomore year, he finds clues that may very well solve the puzzle of his father's death and--oddly--reveal the secret to attracting semi-hot girls (the secret might be being in a band, if he can find a drummer who can count to four. A brilliant story told in first person, *King Dork* includes a glossary and a bandography, which readers will find helpful and hilarious. Praise for *King Dork*: "Basically, if you are a human being with even a vague grasp of the English language, *King Dork*, will rock your world."--John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars* "[No account of high school] has made me laugh more than *King Dork*. . . . Grade A."--*Entertainment Weekly* "Impossibly brilliant."--*Time* "Provides a window into what it would be like if Holden Caulfield read *The Catcher in the Rye*."--*New York Post* [STAR] "Original, heartfelt, and sparkling with wit and intelligence. This novel will linger long in readers' memories."--*School Library Journal*, Starred [STAR] "A biting and witty high-school satire."--*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred [STAR] "Tom's narration is piercingly satirical and acidly witty."--*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, Starred "Loaded with sharp and offbeat humor."--*USA Today* "King Dork is smart, funny, occasionally raunchy and refreshingly clear about what it's like to be in high school."--*San Francisco Chronicle* "King Dork: Best Punk Rock Book Ever."--*The Village Voice* "I love this book as much as I hated high school, and that's some of the highest praise I can possibly give."--*Bookslut.com*

*A Map of the Known World* Lisa Ann Sandell 2011-05 Fourteen-year-old Cora is devastated by the death of her older brother and apprehensive about being a freshman in the same high school he attended, but finds unexpected solace in art.

**Ordinary People** Judith Guest 1982-10-01 Describes a youth's breakdown and recovery and how it affects his family.

**China Mountain Zhang** Maureen F. McHugh 1997-04-15 Winner of the James Tiptree, Jr. Memorial Award, the Lambda Literary Award, the Locus Award for Best First Novel, and a Hugo and Nebula Award nominee. With this groundbreaking novel, Maureen F. McHugh established herself as one of the decade's best science fiction writers. In its pages, we enter a postrevolution America, moving from the hyperurbanized eastern seaboard to the Arctic bleakness of Baffin Island; from the new Imperial City to an agricultural commune on Mars. The overlapping lives of cyberkite fliers, lonely colonists, illicit neural-pressball players, and organic engineers blend into a powerful, taut story of a young man's journey of discovery. This is a macroscopic world of microscopic intensity, one of the most brilliant visions of modern SF. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*A Reporter's Life* Walter Cronkite 1997-10-28 "IMMEDIATELY ENGROSSING . . . [A] SPLENDID MEMOIR." --The Wall Street Journal "Run, don't walk to the nearest bookstore and treat yourself to the most heartwarming, nostalgia-producing book you will have read in many a year." --Ann Landers "Entertaining . . . The story of a modest man who succeeded extravagantly by remaining mostly himself. . . His memoir is a short course on the flow of events in the second half of this century--events the world knows more about because of Walter Cronkite's work." --The New York Times Book Review A MAIN SELECTION OF THE BOOK-OF THE MONTH CLUB

*The Catcher in the Rye and Philosophy* Keith Dromm 2012 Collects essays that look at J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" through a philosophical approach.

**Cracking the New York City SHSAT (Specialized High Schools Admissions Test), 3rd Edition** The Princeton Review 2018-06-26 This eBook edition has been optimized for on-screen viewing with cross-linked questions, answers, and explanations. CREATED FOR THE REDESIGNED EXAM! Ace the \*new\* SHSAT and get into the NYC specialized high school of your choice with the full-length practice tests, thorough content reviews, and extra drills in this helpful guidebook. The New York City Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT) was recently overhauled, with changes made across the board to the test's format, question types, topic coverage, and more. Cracking the SHSAT, 3rd Edition was written by The

Princeton Review's team of SHSAT course experts and reflects the most up-to-date information and test strategies, developed by teachers on the ground who have spent many hours with the SHSAT. With our expertise, you can walk into test day with confidence! Practice Your Way to Excellence. • 2 full-length practice tests to prepare you for the actual testing experience • Detailed subject review for the newly-updated English Language Arts and Mathematics sections • Step-by-step strategies for cracking each type of test question Work Smarter, Not Harder. • Diagnose and learn from your mistakes with in-depth answer explanations • See The Princeton Review's techniques in action and solidify your SHSAT knowledge • Learn fundamental approaches for solving questions Take Control of Your Prep. • Practical and up-to-date information on the what, when, where, and how of the SHSAT • Tips and techniques for scoring excellence • Planning and organization tips to get you all the way to test day

Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawls 2016-05-03 For fans of Old Yeller and Shiloh, *Where the Red Fern Grows* is a beloved classic that captures the powerful bond between man and man's best friend. This special edition includes new material, including a note to readers from Newbery Medal winner and Printz Honor winner Clare Vanderpool, a letter from Wilson Rawls to aspiring writers, original jacket artwork, and more. Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It's true that times are tough, but together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks. Soon Billy and his hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair. Praise for *Where the Red Fern Grows* A Top 100 Children's Novel, School Library Journal A Must-Read for Kids 9 to 14, NPR A Great American Read's Selection (PBS) Winner of Multiple State Awards Over 14 million copies in print! "A rewarding book . . . [with] careful, precise observation, all of it rightly phrased....Very touching." —The New York Times Book Review "One of the great classics of children's literature . . . Any child who doesn't get to read this beloved and powerfully emotional book has missed out on an important piece of childhood for the last 40-plus years." —Common Sense Media "An exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget." —School Library Journal "A book of unadorned naturalness." —Kirkus Reviews "Written with so much feeling and sentiment that adults as well as children

are drawn [in] with a passion.” —Arizona Daily Star “It’s a story about a young boy and his two hunting dogs and . . . I can’t even go on without getting a little misty.” —The Huffington Post “We tear up just thinking about it.” —Time on the film adaptation

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**Out Of Africa** Isak Dinesen 2014-06-03 In *Out of Africa*, author Isak Dinesen takes a wistful and nostalgic look back on her years living in Africa on a Kenyan coffee plantation. Recalling the lives of friends and neighbours—both African and European—Dinesen provides a first-hand perspective of colonial Africa. Through her obvious love of both the landscape and her time in Africa, Dinesen's meditative writing style deeply reflects the themes of loss as her plantation fails and she returns to Europe. HarperTorch brings great works of non-fiction and the dramatic arts to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperTorch collection to build your digital library.

*The Good Earth* Pearl S. Buck 1999-10-01 A Chinese peasant overcomes the forces of nature and the frailties of human nature to become a wealthy landowner.

**InkShard: A Compendium of Essays** Eric Muss-Barnes 2019-06-23 InkShard is a compendium of articles and social commentary, written by author Eric Muss-Barnes, between 2004 and 2018. Revised and expanded, this volume assembles various topics culled from posts on social media websites to the scripts of video essays. Carefully compiled from the finest of his journalistic work, InkShard represents the definitive collection of Eric's most compelling dissertations and beloved editorials.

**Pilgrim at Tinker Creek** Annie Dillard 2009-10-13 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize “The book is a form of meditation, written with headlong urgency, about seeing. . . . There is an ambition about her book that I like. . . . It is the ambition to feel.” – Eudora Welty, New York Times Book Review Pilgrim at Tinker Creek is the story of a dramatic year in Virginia's Roanoke Valley, where Annie Dillard set out to chronicle incidents of "beauty tangled in a rapture with violence." Dillard's personal narrative highlights one year's exploration on foot in the Virginia region through which Tinker Creek runs. In the summer, she stalks muskrats in the creek and contemplates wave mechanics; in the fall, she watches a monarch butterfly migration and dreams of Arctic caribou. She tries to con a coot; she collects pond water and examines it under a microscope. She unties a snake skin, witnesses a flood, and plays King of the Meadow with a field of grasshoppers. The result is an exhilarating tale of nature and its seasons.

**For Esmé - with Love and Squalor** J. D. Salinger 2019-08-13 'This is the squalid, or moving, part of the story, and the scene changes. The people change, too. I'm still around, but from here on in, for reasons I'm not at liberty to disclose, I've disguised myself so cunningly that even the cleverest reader will fail to recognize me.' This collection of nine stories includes the first appearance of J. D. Salinger's fictional Glass family, introducing Seymour Glass in the unforgettable 'A Perfect Day for Bananafish'. 'The most perfectly balanced collection of stories I know' Ann Patchett

**The Catcher in the Rye** Jerome David Salinger 1988

*New Essays on The Catcher in the Rye* Jack Salzman 1991 Five essays focus on various aspects of the novel from its ideology within the context of the Cold War and portrait of a particular American subculture to its account of patterns of adolescent crisis and rich and complex narrative structure.

Passing Nella Larsen 2020-10-01 Clare Kendry has severed all ties to her past. Elegant, fair-skinned and ambitious, she is married to a white man who is unaware of her African-American heritage. When she renews her acquaintance with her childhood friend Irene, who has not hidden her origins, both women are forced to reassess their marriages, the lies they have told - and to confront the secret fears they have buried within themselves. Nella Larsen's intense, taut and psychologically nuanced portrayal of lives and identities dangerously colliding established her as a leading writer of America's Harlem Renaissance. The Penguin English Library - collectable general readers' editions of the best fiction in English, from the eighteenth century to the end of the Second World War.

Caraval Stephanie Garber 2017-01-31 Publisher Annotation: Welcome, welcome to Caraval? Stephanie Garber?s sweeping tale of two sisters who escape their ruthless father when they enter the dangerous intrigue of a legendary game. 416pp.

Reaching for the Golden Ring Barfield, M D 2020-09-08 "We're all on some insane merry-go-round, reaching for the golden ring. Grab it when you can." The year is nineteen sixty-seven in a west Georgia mill and military town. The country is being torn apart by race riots and antiwar demonstrations. The specter of being drafted is a dark shadow on every one's life. Can two people, a twenty-four-year-old teacher, and a seventeen-year-old former student, build something good and beautiful from the chaos? Will they be strong enough to hold on to it through the brutality of a year in Vietnam and the guilt of a backwoods southern religion?

The Secret Goldfish D. Caulfield 2015-05-24 The Secret Goldfish is D.B. Caulfield's first short story collection, including the infamous title story, "The Secret Goldfish." D.B. currently lives in Hollywood, prostituting himself to the movies.

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*Lady Chatterley's Lover* D. H. Lawrence 2015-05-06 David Herbert Lawrence (1885–1930) was an English writer and poet whose work famously examined the results of industrialisation on contemporary society. In his novels and poetry, Lawrence explored a variety of then-controversial issues including sexuality and emotional health, which led many to label his work pornography. Today, he is considered to be one of the most important and influential writers of his generation. Lawrence's 1928 novel “Lady Chatterley's Lover” is the story of the former Constance Reid (Lady Chatterley), a young woman married to an upper-class baronet who was left with lower body paralysis as a result of his participation in the Great War. Both physically and emotionally distant from her husband, Constance begins an extramarital affair with the gamekeeper. Following the Victory of the publisher Penguin Books in an obscenity trial in the United Kingdom, an uncensored version of the book was finally published and gained notoriety due to explicit descriptions of sex and its use of then-unprintable four-letter words. A revolutionary novel and a true classic of English literature, “Lady Chatterley's Lover” would make for a worthy addition to any bookshelf. Read & Co. Classics is proud to be republishing this seminal novel now in a brand new edition complete with a specially-commissioned new biography of the author.

*J. D. Salinger* Kenneth Slawenski 2011-01-25 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • The inspiration for the major motion picture *Rebel in the Rye* One of the most popular and mysterious figures in American literary history, the author of the classic *Catcher in the Rye*, J. D. Salinger eluded fans and journalists for most of his life. Now he is the subject of this definitive biography, which is filled with new information and

revelations garnered from countless interviews, letters, and public records. Kenneth Slawenski explores Salinger's privileged youth, long obscured by misrepresentation and rumor, revealing the brilliant, sarcastic, vulnerable son of a disapproving father and doting mother. Here too are accounts of Salinger's first broken heart—after Eugene O'Neill's daughter, Oona, left him—and the devastating World War II service that haunted him forever. *J. D. Salinger* features this author's dramatic encounters with luminaries from Ernest Hemingway to Elia Kazan, his office intrigues with famous New Yorker editors and writers, and the stunning triumph of *The Catcher in the Rye*, which would both make him world-famous and hasten his retreat into the hills of New Hampshire. *J. D. Salinger* is this unique author's unforgettable story in full—one that no lover of literature can afford to miss. Praise for *J. D. Salinger: A Life* “Startling . . . insightful . . . [a] terrific literary biography.”—USA Today “It is unlikely that any author will do a better job than Mr. Slawenski capturing the glory of Salinger's life.”—The Wall Street Journal “Slawenski fills in a great deal and connects the dots assiduously; it's unlikely that any future writer will uncover much more about Salinger than he has done.”—Boston Sunday Globe “Offers perhaps the best chance we have to get behind the myth and find the man.”—Newsday “[Slawenski has] greatly fleshed out and pinned down an elusive story with precision and grace.”—Chicago Sun-Times “Earnest, sympathetic and perceptive . . . [Slawenski] does an evocative job of tracing the evolution of Salinger's work and thinking.”—The New York Times

*The Contender* Robert Lipsyte 2010-01-26 The breakthrough modern sports novel *The Contender* shows readers the true meaning of being a hero. This acclaimed novel by celebrated sportswriter Robert Lipsyte, the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in YA fiction, is the story of a young boxer in Harlem who overcomes hardships and finds hope in the ring on his path to becoming a contender. Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout, and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender. ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults \* ALA Notable Children's Book \* New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age

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The Personal History of David Copperfield Charles Dickens 1879

*Treasure island* Robert Louis Stevenson 1884

**Among the Hidden** Margaret Peterson Haddix 2002-06-12 In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix. Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows—does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?