

Books written before 1990

TITLE

AUTHOR

[All Quiet on the Western Front](#)

Erich Maria Remarque

Fighting in the nightmare trenches of World War I, a group of high school classmates realizes that false patriots sent them to fight for a cause they know nothing about.

[The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman](#)

Ernest J. Gaines

The story of the long life of a woman, who began as a slave in the South & who marched for her civil rights in the 20th Century at the age of 110.

[Dubliners](#)

James Joyce

This collection of 15 short stories form a natural depiction of Irish middle class life in around Dublin in the early years of the 20th Century.

[Dune](#)

Frank Herbert

Paul Atreides moves with his family to the planet Dune and is forced into exile when his father's government is overthrown.

[Eddie and the Cruisers](#)

Paul Kluge

With sparkling dialogue, superb plot and suspense that never flags, this page-turner is a seminal novel of the 50's new music-- rock-and-roll-- and how it changed America.

[The Great Train Robbery](#)

Michael Crichton

In Victorian London, where lavish wealth and appalling poverty live side by side, Edward Pierce charms the most prominent of the well-to-do as he cunningly the crime of the century.

[Grendel](#)

John Gardner

The Beowulf story retold from the monster's point of view reveals the dark side of human nature and values.

[The Haunting of Hill House](#)

Shirley Jackson

This classic supernatural thriller is a tale of an achingly empathetic young woman chosen by a haunted house to be its new tenant.

[Mama](#)

Terry McMillan

A struggling impoverished black family's struggle to overcome it's problems is met by a feisty mother and her five children, who are her hope and future.

[One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest](#)

Ken Kesey

A charming rogue, who contrives to serve a short sentence in a mental institution rather than prison, learns it was a mistake.

[Ordinary People](#)

Judith Guest

This is an ordinary family's response to an extraordinary tragedy and its aftermath.

[The Prince of Tides](#)

Pat Conroy

Spanning forty years, it's the story of turbulent Tom Wingo, his gifted and troubled twin sister, Savannah, and their struggle to triumph over the dark and tragic legacy of the extraordinary family into which they were born.

[The Prodigal Daughter](#)

Jeffrey Archer

With the will of steel, Polish immigrant Florentyna shares with her father the love of America, his ideals, and his dream for the future, but she wants more-- to be the first female president.

[Ragtime](#)

E. L. Doctorow

An extraordinary tapestry, this story captures the spirit of America in the era between the turn of the century and World War I.

[A Rose in Winter](#)

Kathleen Woodiwiss

Entangled in intrigues she doesn't yet understand, Erienne will soon have to make a devastating choice: between love and honor... between her duty and her heart.

[Song of Solomon](#)

Toni Morrison

This powerful tale is a mix of elements of magic, myth, and folklore that follows the lives of a black family and their friends living in a Michigan city.

[Terms of Endearment: A Novel](#)

Larry McMurtry

This is a story of a memorable mother, her feisty daughter, and their struggle to find the courage and humor to live through life's hazards -- and to love each other as never before.

[The Tommyknockers](#)

Stephen King

A writer named Roberta Anderson unearths the unbelievably intact remains of a buried ship-- a ship that still vibrates faintly, still hums with some sort of life. As the ship rises more and more out of the earth, the inhabitants of Haven start to change.

[The Winds of War](#)

Herman Wouk

This spellbinding narrative captures the tide of global events, and all the drama, romance, heroism, and tragedy of World War II, as it immerses us in the lives of a single American family drawn into the very center of the war's violence.

[The World According to Garp: A Novel](#)

John Irving

T. S. Garp, a man with high ambitions for an artistic career and with obsessive devotion to his wife and children, and Jenny Fields, his famous feminist mother, find their lives surrounded by an assortment of people including teachers, whores, and radicals.