

Recommendations for the Top 100 Books of the Twentieth Century

In the spirit of Modern Library's Top 100 Books of the 20th Century, the New Trier English Department has composed its own list. Here it is alphabetized by author.

| TITLE | AUTHOR |
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| Things Fall Apart | Achebe, Chinua |
| God of Small Things | Arundhati, Roy |
| Humboldt's Gift | Bellow, Saul |
| The Adventures of Augie March | Bellow, Saul |
| Death of the Heart | Bowen, Elizabeth |
| The Good Earth | Buck, Pearl |
| A Clockwork Orange | Burgess, Anthony |
| Possession | Byatt, A. S. |
| Up Country | Carter, Alden |
| Death Comes to the Archbishop | Cather, Willa |
| My Antonia | Cather, Willa |
| The Long Goodbye | Chandler, Raymond |
| The Awakening | Chopin, Kate |
| Heart of Darkness | Conrad, Joseph |
| Lord Jim | Conrad, Joseph |
| Mao II | DeLillo, Don |
| White Noise | DeLillo, Don |
| Slouching Towards Bethlehem | Didion, Joan |
| Billy Bathgate | Doctorow, E. L. |
| USA | Dos Passos, John |
| An American Tragedy | Dreiser, Theodore |
| Sister Carrie | Dreiser, Theodore |
| The Souls of Black Folk | DuBois, W. E. B. |
| Invisible Man | Ellison, Ralph |
| Absalom! Absalom! | Faulkner, William |
| As I Lay Dying | Faulkner, William |
| Light in August | Faulkner, William |
| The Sound and The Fury | Faulkner, William |
| Tender is the Night | Fitzgerald, F. Scott |
| The Great Gatsby | Fitzgerald, F. Scott |
| This Side of Paradise | Fitzgerald, F. Scott |
| The Good Soldier | Ford, Ford Maddox |
| A Room with a View | Forster, E. M. |
| Howard's End | Forster, E. M. |
| Passage to India | Forster, E. M. |
| French Lieutenant's Woman | Fowles, John |
| July's People | Gordimer, Nadine |
| The Late Bourgeois World | Gordimer, Nadine |
| The Heart of the Matter | Greene, Graham |
| The Power and The Glory | Greene, Graham |

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| Catch-22 | Heller, Joseph |
| For Whom the Bell Tolls | Hemingway, Ernest |
| In Our Time | Hemingway, Ernest |
| The Sun Also Rises | Hemingway, Ernest |
| Their Eyes Were Watching God | Hurston, Zora Neale |
| Brave New World | Huxley, Aldous |
| Portrait of a Lady | James, Henry |
| The Ambassadors | James, Henry |
| The Golden Bowl | James, Henry |
| Middle Passage | Johnson, Charles |
| A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man | Joyce, James |
| The Dubliners | Joyce, James |
| Ulysses | Joyce, James |
| Sons and Lovers | Lawrence, D. H. |
| Women in Love | Lawrence, D. H. |
| To Kill a Mockingbird | Lee, Harper |
| The Executioner's Song | Mailer, Norman |
| Death in Venice | Mann, Thomas |
| Of Human Bondage | Maugham, Somerset |
| The Heart is a Lonely Hunter | McCullers, Carson |
| Beloved | Morrison, Toni |
| Song of Solomon | Morrison, Toni |
| An Accidental Man | Murdoch, Iris |
| Lolita | Nabokov, Vladimir |
| Pale Fire | Nabokov, Vladimir |
| Speak, Memory | Nabokov, Vladimir |
| At Swim Two Birds | O'Brian, Flan |
| Because It Is Bitter, and Because It Is My Heart | Oates, Joyce Carol |
| 1984 | Orwell, George |
| Cry, The Beloved Country | Paton, Alan |
| The Moviegoer | Percey, Walker |
| Pale Horse, Pale Rider | Porter, Katherine Anne |
| The Chosen | Potok, Chaim |
| A Dance to the Music of Time | Powell, Anthony |
| Gravity's Rainbow | Pynchon, Thomas |
| Wide Sargasso Sea | Rhys, Jean |
| Giants in the Earth | Rolvaa, O. E. |
| American Pastoral | Roth, Philip |
| Midnight's Children | Rushdie, Salman |
| The Catcher in the Rye | Salinger, J. D. |
| The Raj Quartet | Scott, Paul |
| Grapes of Wrath | Steinbeck, John |
| The Confessions of Nat Turner | Styron, William |
| Rabbit, Run | Updike, John |
| Slaughterhouse Five | Vonnegut, Kurt |

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| | The Color Purple | Walker, Alice |
| | Brideshead Revisited | Waugh, Evelyn |
| | Handful of Dust | Waugh, Evelyn |
| | Scoop | Waugh, Evelyn |
| | Age of Innocence | Wharton, Edith |
| | Ethan Frome | Wharton, Edith |
| | The Once and Future King | White, T. H. |
| | Look Homeward Angel | Wolfe, Thomas |
| | Between the Acts | Woolf, Virginia |
| | Mrs. Dalloway | Woolf, Virginia |
| | Orlando | Woolf, Virginia |
| | The Waves | Woolf, Virginia |
| | To the Lighthouse | Woolf, Virginia |
| | Black Boy | Wright, Richard |
| | Native Son | Wright, Richard |