

## 101 Great Books Recommended for College-Bound Readers

It's a good idea to talk to your parents, librarians, teachers and counselors about your reading list. They can help you choose the best books for you from among your many options. Here are some suggestions to get you started.

Author	Title
--	<i>Beowulf</i>
Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Agee, James	<i>A Death in the Family</i>
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Baldwin, James	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Beckett, Samuel	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>
Bellow, Saul	<i>The Adventures of Augie March</i>
Brontë, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Brontë, Emily	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>
Camus, Albert	<i>The Stranger</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i>
Chaucer, Geoffrey	<i>The Canterbury Tales</i>
Chekhov, Anton	<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>
Chopin, Kate	<i>The Awakening</i>
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>
Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Dante	<i>Inferno</i>
de Cervantes, Miguel	<i>Don Quixote</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>
Douglass, Frederick	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>
Dreiser, Theodore	<i>An American Tragedy</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
Elia, George	<i>The Mill on the Floss</i>

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Ellison, Ralph	<i>Invisible Man</i>
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	<i>Selected Essays</i>
Faulkner, William	<i>As I Lay Dying</i>
Faulkner, William	<i>The Sound and the Fury</i>
Fielding, Henry	<i>Tom Jones</i>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Flaubert, Gustave	<i>Madame Bovary</i>
Ford, Ford Madox	<i>The Good Soldier</i>
Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von	<i>Faust</i>
Golding, William	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Hardy, Thomas	<i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch-22</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>A Farewell to Arms</i>
Homer	<i>The Iliad</i>
Homer	<i>The Odyssey</i>
Hugo, Victor	<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>A Doll's House</i>
James, Henry	<i>The Portrait of a Lady</i>
James, Henry	<i>The Turn of the Screw</i>
Joyce, James	<i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>
Kafka, Franz	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>
Kingston, Maxine Hong	<i>The Woman Warrior</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Babbitt</i>
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Mann, Thomas	<i>The Magic Mountain</i>
Marquez, Gabriel García	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>Bartleby the Scrivener</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>Moby Dick</i>
Miller, Arthur	<i>The Crucible</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>Beloved</i>
O'Connor, Flannery	<i>A Good Man Is Hard to Find</i>
O'Neill, Eugene	<i>Long Day's Journey into Night</i>

Orwell, George	<i>Animal Farm</i>
Pasternak, Boris	<i>Doctor Zhivago</i>
Plath, Sylvia	<i>The Bell Jar</i>
Poe, Edgar Allan	<i>Selected Tales</i>
Proust, Marcel	<i>Swann's Way</i>
Pynchon, Thomas	<i>The Crying of Lot 49</i>
Remarque, Erich Maria	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>
Rostand, Edmond	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>
Roth, Henry	<i>Call It Sleep</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Hamlet</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Macbeth</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
Shaw, George Bernard	<i>Pygmalion</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Silko, Leslie Marmon	<i>Ceremony</i>
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>
Sophocles	<i>Antigone</i>
Sophocles	<i>Oedipus Rex</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Treasure Island</i>
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
Swift, Jonathan	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>
Thackeray, William	<i>Vanity Fair</i>
Thoreau, Henry David	<i>Walden</i>
Tolstoy, Leo	<i>War and Peace</i>
Turgenev, Ivan	<i>Fathers and Sons</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Voltaire	<i>Candide</i>
Vonnegut, Kurt Jr.	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i>
Walker, Alice	<i>The Color Purple</i>
Wharton, Edith	<i>The House of Mirth</i>
Welty, Eudora	<i>Collected Stories</i>
Whitman, Walt	<i>Leaves of Grass</i>
Wilde, Oscar	<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>
Williams, Tennessee	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>
Woolf, Virginia	<i>To the Lighthouse</i>

**Wright, Richard**

***Native Son***

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## Poetry and Cultural and Historical Texts Recommended for College-Bound Readers

The poetry and other texts below didn't fit neatly into the [101 Great Books](#) list, but are worth reading and rereading.

Poetry	
Author	Title
Blake, William	"London" and "The Tyger"
Keats, John	"Ode on a Grecian Urn," "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" and "The Eve of St. Agnes"
Brooks, Gwendolyn	"We Real Cool," "The Mother" and "The Bean Eaters"
Moore, Marianne	"Marriage," "Poetry" and "The Fish"
Coleridge, Samuel Taylor	"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," "Kubla Khan" and "Frost at Midnight"
O'Hara, Frank	"Why I Am Not a Painter," "The Day Lady Died" and "Poem (Lana Turner Has Collapsed)"
Dickinson, Emily	"There's a certain Slant of light" (258), "I felt a Funeral, in my Brain" (280) and "Because I could not stop for Death" (712)
Shakespeare, William	<i>Sonnets</i>
Donne, John	"A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning," "Death, be not proud" (Holy Sonnet 10) and "The Flea"
Stein, Gertrude	"Tender Buttons" and "Stanzas in Meditation"
Eliot, T.S.	"The Waste Land" and "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"
Williams, William Carlos	"The Red Wheelbarrow," "This Is Just to Say" and "Spring and All"
Hopkins, Gerard Manley	"God's Grandeur," "Windhover" and "Carrion Comfort"
Wordsworth, William	"Tintern Abbey," "The Prelude" and "Lyrical Ballads" (with Samuel Taylor Coleridge)
Hughes, Langston	"Theme for English B" and "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"

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## Classic Cultural and Historical Texts

Author

Title

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Kennedy, John F.

*The Arabian Nights*

*Profiles in Courage*

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*The Bible*

King, Martin Luther, Jr.

*A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Adams, Henry

*The Education of Henry Adams*

Malory, Sir Thomas

*Le Morte d'Arthur*

Aesop

*Aesop's Fables*

Machiavelli, Niccolò

*The Prince*

Andersen, Hans Christian

*Andersen's Fairy Tales*

Marx, Karl

*The Communist Manifesto*

Aristotle

*Nicomachean Ethics*

Paine, Thomas

*Common Sense*

DuBois, W.E.B.

*The Souls of Black Folk*

Plato

*The Republic*

Franklin, Benjamin

*Autobiography*

Tocqueville, Alexis de

*Democracy in America*

Hamilton, Edith

*Mythology*

X, Malcolm

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Hamilton, Alexander; Jay, John; and Madison, James

*The Federalist Papers*