

101 Great Books

Recommended for College-Bound Readers

There are a number of ways you and your child can share the great books and enrich both of your reading experiences. Try picking a book to read together and discuss your opinions as you both read. Or choose a text like *The Odyssey* that lends itself to being read aloud, and take turns reading with your child. Listen to an audio recording of one of the classics while you're on a family trip. A great reader can bring these books to life for listeners of all ages and backgrounds.

Be sure to look at the list of [Poetry and Cultural and Historical Texts](#), as well.

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>
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Bronte, Emily	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>
Camus, Albert	<i>The Stranger</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i>
Cervantes, Miguel de	<i>Don Quixote</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>
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>
Eliot, George	<i>The Mill on the Floss</i>
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 Garcia	<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 Allen	<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	<i>Native Son</i>