

## **Classics: Timeless Titles for Teens**

### **Pride and Prejudice**

YA AUSTEN

*In 19th-century England, spirited Elizabeth copes with an unwanted suitor, Mr. Darcy, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.*

### **Fahrenheit 451**

YA BRADBURY

*A totalitarian regime has ordered all the books to be destroyed, but one of the “firemen” suddenly realizes their merit.*

### **Jane Eyre**

YA BRONTE

*A Victorian governess’s love for her mysterious employer is threatened by his tragic secrets.*

### **The Good Earth**

YA BUCK

*Wang Lung, a simple farmer, grows rich with the help of his faithful wife. But tragedy strikes when he betrays his family and neglects the earth he has worshipped.*

### **Don Quixote**

FIC CERVANTES

*The adventures of an eccentric (and possibly crazy) Spanish gentleman, who sets out as a knight of old to right wrongs and punish evil.*

### **The Red Badge of Courage**

YA CRANE

*During the Civil War, a young Union soldier must wrestle with his conflicting emotions about war.*

### **Robinson Crusoe**

YA DEFOE

*In the 1600s, an adventuring Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island.*

### **Great Expectations**

YA DICKENS

*A young orphan, Pip, receives a fortune from a mysterious benefactor and travels to London in order to become “a gentleman.”*

### **The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**

YA DOYLE

*In his consulting room on Baker Street, the master sleuth unravels his client’s baffling and unorthodox puzzles.*

### **The Count of Monte Cristo**

YA DUMAS

*Sent to prison on a false accusation, Edmond Dantes escapes many years later and finds a treasure which he uses to exact his revenge.*

### **The Great Gatsby**

YA FITZGERALD

*A young man newly rich tries to recapture the past and win back his former love, despite the fact that she has married.*

### **Lord of the Flies**

YA GOLDING

*Thirty English schoolboys are stranded on an uninhabited island... but with no adults or rules present, their society turns violent.*

### **The Scarlet Letter**

YA HAWTHORNE

*In colonial Massachusetts, a young woman endures the consequences of her adultery and spends the rest of her life in atonement.*

### **The Old Man and the Sea**

YA HEMINGWAY

*Santiago, a Cuban fisherman who encounters a giant marlin in the Gulf Stream, battles for his catch and his survival against a band of marauding sharks.*

### **The Outsiders**

YA HINTON

*The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parents' deaths and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.*

### **The Hunchback of Notre Dame**

YA HUGO

*In medieval Paris, Quasimodo, the hunchbacked bell ringer of Notre Dame, struggles to save a beautiful gypsy dancer from being executed.*

### **Brave New World**

YA HUXLEY

*Six hundred years into the future, humans are bred by cloning and "mother" and "father" are forbidden words.*

### **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**

YA IRVING

*A superstitious schoolmaster, in love with a wealthy farmer's daughter, has a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman.*

### **A Separate Peace**

YA KNOWLES

*Against the backdrop of World War II, a conflict of loyalties between Gene and his fearless friend, Phineas, leads to tragedy.*

### **To Kill a Mockingbird**

YA LEE

*Scout is thrust into a world of racial bigotry and hatred when her lawyer father defends a black man unjustly accused of raping a white girl.*

### **Call of the Wild**

YA LONDON

*Buck, a loyal family pet, is cruelly forced to go into the Klondike gold rush, where he eventually becomes the leader of a ferocious wolf pack.*

### **Moby Dick**

YA MELVILLE

*Consumed by an insane rage, Captain Ahab has but one purpose in life — revenge on the great white whale who maimed and disfigured him.*

### **Animal Farm**

YA ORWELL

*A group of farm animals revolt, only to be betrayed into worse servitude by their leaders, the pigs!*

### **1984**

YA ORWELL

*A chilling portrait of a totalitarian society under the ever-watchful gaze of Big Brother—where love, individuality and privacy are banned.*

### **Catcher in the Rye**

YA SALINGER

*In an effort to escape the hypocrisy at his boarding school, 16-year-old Holden Caulfield seeks refuge in New York City.*

### **Romeo and Juliet**

YA SHAKESPEARE

*A pair of young lovers are destroyed by the hatred of their rival families in what is perhaps the greatest tragic love story of all time.*

### **Frankenstein**

YA SHELLEY

*A monster, assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies, develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.*

### **The Grapes of Wrath**

YA STEINBECK

*Depicts the hardships and suffering endured by the impoverished masses as they journey to California during the Great Depression.*

### **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**

YA STEVENSON

*A kind and respected doctor is transformed into a murderous madman when he tests a secret drug of his own creation.*

### **Dracula**

YA STOKER

*When the true identity of a wealthy Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula, is uncovered, his discoverers know he must be destroyed.*

### **The Hobbit**

YA TOLKIEN

*Chronicles the adventures Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit who brought home the Ring of Power.*

### **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**

YA TWAIN

*The adventures of a young boy and a runaway slave as they travel down the Mississippi river together on a raft.*

### **Around the World in 80 Days**

YA VERNE

*An eccentric Englishman accepts a wager to circle the globe in this fantastic blend of adventure, entertainment and suspense.*

### **The Time Machine**

YA WELLS

*A scientist travels to the future, where he discovers a changed world inhabited by two unusual races, the Eloi and the Morlocks.*

### **The Picture of Dorian Gray**

FIC WILDE

*A handsome young man retains his good looks over the years while his portrait reflects the true costs of a life of decadence and corruption.*