

Discovery Project Book Master List

Some Classics for your consideration:

- = easy, but oh-so-interesting
- = medium difficulty
- ❖ = bring your brain along—you'll need it!

- *Epic of Gilgamesh*
- ❖ *When Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- ❖ *The Inferno* by Dante Alegheri
- *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson
- ❖ *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austin
- ❖ *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin
- ❖ *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- ❖ *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- ❖ *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- ❖ *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- *Invisible Man* by Ellison
- ❖ *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
- *End of the Affair* by Graham Greene
- *Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansbury
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *A Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- ❖ *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen
- *Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
- ❖ *Dr. Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe
- ❖ *One Hundred years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- ❖ *Paradise Lost* by John Milton
- ❖ *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly
- *A Day in Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- ❖ *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck
- *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- ❖ *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy (don't be scared—it's amazing!)
- ❖ *Slaughter House 5* by Kurt Vonnegut
- ❖ *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Native Son* by Richard Wright

Some Classics-To-Be: Modern Good Stuff You'll Enjoy

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- ❖ *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie
- *House of Spirits* by Isabel Allende
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- ❖ *Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Amen Corner* by James Baldwin
- *A Place on Earth* by Wendell Berry
- *My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy
- ❖ *The River Why* by David James Duncan
- *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Eggers
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger
- ❖ *The Sound and the Fury* by Faulkner
- *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch
- *Life is Funny* by E.R. Frank
- *Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder (a philosophy thing)
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
- *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
- *A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *Catch-22*. Joseph Heller.
- *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse
- ❖ *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
- *Men in the Sun and other Palestinian Stories* by Ghassan Kanafani
- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- ❖ *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
- *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
- ❖ *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabrielle Garcia Marquez
- ❖ *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- *A Boy's Life* by Robert McGammon
- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- *We Were the Mulvaney's* by Joyce Carol Oates
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- *Fight Club* by Chuck Palahniuk
- *The Bel Canto* by Anne Patchett
- *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok
- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx
- *Still Life of a Woodpecker* by Tom Robbins

- *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo
- ❖ *One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen
- *Woman at Point Zero* by Nawal El Sadaawi
- *Contact* by Carl Sagan
- ❖ *Blindness* by Jose Saramago
- *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
- *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan
- *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkein
- *The Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole
- Gertrude and Claudius* by John Updike
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Nonfiction

- *Paula* by Isabel Allende
- *Undaunted Courage* by Stephan Ambrose
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series* by Eliot Asinof
- *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
- *E=MC²* by David Bodanis
- *The Power of Myth* by Joseph Campbell
- *The Hero With A Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell
- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- *The Chronicle of Jazz* by Mervyn Cooke
- *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard
- *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. Anne Frank.
- *A Civil Action* by Jonathon Harr
- *Hiroshima* by John Hersey.
- ❖ *Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston
- *The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea* by Sebastian Junger
- *The Liars' Club: A Memoir* by Mary Karr
- *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster* by Jon Krakauer
- *Young Men and Fire* by Norman Maclean
- *The Color of Water: a Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride
- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- *'Tis* by Frank McCourt.
- *Blue Highways* by William Least Heat Moon
- *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley
- ❖ *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig
- *On Writing* by Stephen King
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal