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***The Number of the Stars***

by Lois Lowry

***The Incredible Journey***

by Sheila Burnford

***The Summer of the Swans***

by Betsy Byars

***Walkabout***

by James Vance Marshall

***The House of Dies Drear***

by Virginia Hamilton

***A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms***

by Paul B Janeczko (ed.) and Chris Raschka

***Framed***

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

***The Iliad and the Odyssey***

by Marcia Williams

***Skellig***

by David Almond

***Volcanoes (100 Facts)***

by Chris Oxlade

***Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness)***

by Michelle Paver

***The Red Pony***

by John Steinbeck

***The Railway Children***

by E Nesbit

***Treasure Island***

by Robert Louis Stevenson

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🔖 ***The Philosophy Files***
by Stephen Law and Daniel Postgate

🔖 ***Del-Del***
by Victor Kelleher

🔖 ***Z for Zachariah***
by Robert C O'Brien

🔖 ***The Old Man and the Sea***
by Ernest Hemmingway

🔖 ***Chinese Cinderella***
by Adeline Yen Mah

🔖 ***A Little History of the World***
by Michelle Magorian

🔖 ***The Yearling***
by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

🔖 ***The Ghost of Thomas Kempe***
by Penelope Lively

🔖 ***Face***
by Benjamin Zephaniah

🔖 ***Madame Doubtfire***
by Anne Fine

🔖 ***The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events)***
by Lemony Snicket

🔖 ***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry***
by Mildred D Taylor

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***Chemical Chaos (Horrible Science)***

by Nick Arnold and Tony De Saulles

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer***

by Mark Twain

***So Much to Tell You***

by John Marsden

***Across the Nightingale Floor (Tales of the Otori)***

by Lian Hearn

***Rebecca***

by Daphne du Maurier

***The Thirty-Nine Steps***

by John Buchan

***Kidnapped***

by Robert Louis Stevenson

***Of Mice and Men***

by John Steinbeck

***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind***

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by Simon Armstrong

**A Wrinkle in Time**

by Madeleine L'Engle

**The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

by Douglas Adams

**Princess & The Hustler**

by Chinonyerem Odimba

**My Name is Leon**

by Kit de Waal

**An Inspector Calls**

by JB Priestley

**Seven Wonders of the Industrial World**

by Deborah Cadbury

**Around the World in Eighty Days**

by Jules Verne

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

by Robert Louis Stevenson

**All Creatures Great and Small**

by James Herriot

**Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World**

by Jennifer Armstrong

**A Taste of Honey**

by Shelagh Delaney

**Leave Taking**

by Winsome Pinnock

**Never Let Me Go**

by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Little Women**

by Louisa M Alcott

**Fahrenheit 451**

by Ray Bradbury

**The Importance of Being Earnest**

by Oscar Wilde

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🔖 ***The Yellow Wallpaper***
by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

🔖 ***The Handmaids Tale***
by Margaret Atwood

🔖 ***The Great Gatsby***
by F Scott Fitzgerald

🔖 ***Nineteen Eighty-Four***
by George Orwell

🔖 ***Maud***
by Lord Tennyson

🔖 ***Alias Grace***
by Margaret Atwood

🔖 ***Gaia, a new look at life on Earth***
by James Lovelock

🔖 ***The Motorcycle Diaries***
by Ernesto 'Che' Guevara

🔖 ***To Sir, with Love***
by E R Braithwaite

🔖 ***The Code Book***
by Simon Singh

🔖 ***The White Tiger***
by Aravind Adiga

🔖 ***The Constant Gardener***
by John le Carre

🔖 ***Hedda Gabler***
by Henrik Ibsen

🔖 ***The Reluctant Fundamentalist***
by Mohsin Hamid

🔖 ***White Teeth***
by Zadie Smith

🔖 ***Things Fall Apart***
by Chinua Achebe

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by Jon Krakauer

🔖 ***Pride and Prejudice***
by Jane Austen

🔖 ***Metamorphosis and Other Stories***
by Franz Kafka

🔖 ***New Selected Poems 1966-1987***
by Seamus Heaney

🔖 ***Brave New World***
by Aldous Huxley

🔖 ***On the Road***
by Jack Kerouac

🔖 ***The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Writings***
by Edgar Allan Poe

🔖 ***The Secret Life of Walter Mitty and Other Pieces***
by James Thurber

🔖 ***All Quiet on the Western Front***
by Erich Maria Remarque

🔖 ***The Spy Who Came in from the Cold***
by John le Carré

🔖 ***An Unsuitable Job for a Woman***
by P D James

🔖 ***Heart of Darkness***
by Joseph Conrad

🔖 ***There is no such thing as a natural disaster***
edited by Chester Hartman and Gregory D. Squires

🔖 ***The Death of Ivan Ilyich***
by Leo Tolstoy
