



Before You Were Born

1930s

1. The Good Earth-Pearl Buck
2. Rebecca-Daphne DuMaurier
3. Absalom, Absalom-William Faulkner
4. As I Lay Dying-William Faulkner
5. Tender is the Night-F. Scott Fitzgerald
6. Cold Comfort Farm-Stella Gibbons
7. Goodbye Mr. Chips-James Hilton
8. Lost Horizon-James Hilton
9. Brave New World-Aldous Huxley
10. At Swim-Two-Birds-Flann O'Brien
11. Of Mice and Men-John Steinbeck
12. The Grapes of Wrath-John Steinbeck
13. The Hobbit-J.R.R. Tolkien

1940s

1. A Street in Bronzeville-Gwendolyn Brooks
2. The Stranger-Albert Camus
3. The Little Prince-Antoine deSaint-Expery
4. For Whom the Bell Tolls-Ernest Hemingway
5. West with the Night-Beryl Markham

6. The Heart is a Lonely Hunter-Carson McCullers
7. Long Day's Journey into Night-Eugene O'Neill
8. The Fountainhead-Ayn Rand
9. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn-Betty Smith
10. Native Son-Richard Wright

1950s

1. The Robe-Lloyd C. Douglas
2. Invisible Man-Ralph Ellison
3. Giant-Edna Ferber
4. Across the River and into the Trees-Ernest Hemingway
5. From Here to Eternity-James Jones
6. Peyton Place-Grace Metalious
7. The Cruel Sea-Nicholas Monsarrat
8. The Catcher in the Rye-J.D. Salinger
9. Love is Eternal-Irving Stone
10. The Caine Mutiny-Herman Wouk

1960s

1. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings-Maya Angelou
2. In Cold Blood-Truman Capote
3. Slouching Towards Bethlehem-Joan Didion
4. The Feminine Mystique-Betty Friedan
5. The Autobiography of Malcolm X-Alex Haley
6. Stranger in a Strange Land-Robert A. Heinlein
7. To Kill a Mockingbird-Harper Lee
8. Portnoy's Complaint-Philip Roth
9. Rabbit, Run-John Updike
10. Slaughterhouse-Five-Kurt Vonnegut

1970s

1. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy-Douglas Adams
2. I Heard the Owl Call My Name-Margaret Craven
3. The Day of the Jackal-Frederick Forsyth
4. Islands in the Stream-Ernest Hemingway
5. Scruples-Judith Krantz
6. One Hundred Years of Solitude-Gabriel Garcia Marquez
7. The Chosen-Chaim Potok
8. Oliver's Story-Erich Segal
9. The Hollow Hills-Mary Stewart
10. Sophie's Choice-William Styron

1980s

1. What We Talk About When We Talk About Love-Raymond Carver
2. The House on Mango Street-Sandra Cisneros
3. Neuromancer-William Gibson
4. The Remains of the Day-Kazuo Ishiguro
5. Christine-Stephen King
6. Different Seasons-Stephen King
7. Pet Sematary-Stephen King
8. Blood Meridian-Cormac McCarthy
9. Lonesome Dove-Larry McMurty
10. Midnight's Children-Salman Rushdie

1990s

1. The Plains of Passage-Jean Auel
2. Tara Road-Maeve Binchy
3. Loves Music, Loves to Dance-Mary Higgins Clark
4. Disclosure-Michael Crichton
5. Politically Correct Bedtime Stories-James Finn Garner
6. The Firm-John Grisham
7. The Scorpio Illusion-Robert Ludlum
8. The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle-Haruki Murakami
9. The Tenth Insight-James Redfield
10. Message From Nam-Danielle Steel
11. Pleading Guilty-Scott Turow

2000s

1. 2666-Roberto Bolano
2. The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay-Michael Chabon
3. Trace-Patricia Cornwell
4. Valhalla Rising-Clive Cussler
5. The Road-Cormac McCarthy
6. A Day Late and a Dollar Short-Terry McMillan
7. Cloud Atlas-David Mitchell
8. Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage-Alice Munro
9. Out Stealing Horses-Per Petterson
10. White Teeth-Zadie Smith