



CLASSICS

Classics are books that are still being read long after their first publication. The books on this list have been enjoyed by American readers for at least 90 years (although they are not all written by American writers). It is not a complete list, but it's a place to start. Most classics have lasted because they are great stories and the writers have a unique style. There are simplified editions, graphic novels, and movie versions of most of these; but this list consists of unabridged works, just as the author wrote them. You may find the language, writing styles, and ideas challenging. You may also recognize the influence these writers from the past have had on the writers of today. (Original publication date included.)

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott | j Alc (1868)

Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie | j Bar (1911)

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum | j Bau (1900)

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett | j Bur (1909/1911)

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll | j Car (1865)

Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There by Lewis Carroll | j Car (1871)

The Children of Odin: the Book of Northern Myths by Padraic Colum | j 293 Col (1920)

The Children's Homer: the Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy by Padraic Colum | j 292.13 Col (1918)

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens | jJ Dic (1843)

Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge | j Dod (1865)

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame | j Gra (1908)

Rip Van Winkle and Other Stories by Washington Irving | j Irv (1819)

The Jungle Book: Mowgli's Story by Rudyard Kipling | j Kip (1894)

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling | j Kip (1902)

The Blue Fairy Book by Andrew Lang | j 398.2 Lan (1889)

The Story of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting | j Lof (1920)

The Call of the Wild by Jack London | j Lon (1903)



At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald | j Mac (1871)
The Princess and the Goblin by George MacDonald | j Mac (1872)
Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery | j Mon (1908)
Five Children and It by E. Nesbit | j Nes (1902)
The Railway Children by E. Nesbit | j Nes (1906)
The Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle | j Pyl (1883)
Otto of the Silver Hand by Howard Pyle | j Pyl (1892)
The Story of King Arthur and his Knights by Howard Pyle | j 398.2 Pyl (1903)
Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse by Anna Sewell | j Sew (1877)
Heidi by Johanna Spyri | j Spy (1881)
Kidnapped: the Adventures of David Balfour by Robert Louis Stevenson | j Ste (1886)
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson | j Ste (serial 1881; book 1883)
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain | j Twa (1884)
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain | j Twa (1876)
20,000 Leagues under the Sea by Jules Verne | j Ver (1870)
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne | j Ver (1873)
Daddy-Long-Legs by Jean Webster | j Web (1911)
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin | j Wig (1903)
The Happy Prince, and Other Tales by Oscar Wilde | j Wil (1888)

From the ADULT COLLECTION

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen | Fiction Aus (1813)
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte | Fiction Bro (1847)
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper | Fiction Coo (1826)
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe | Fiction Def (1719)
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens | Fiction Dic (1860-61)
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens | Fiction Dic (1837-38)
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle | Mystery Doy (1892)
The Man in the Iron Mask by Alexandre Dumas | Fiction Dum (1848-50)
The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas | Fiction Dum (1844)
Tales of Edgar Allan Poe by Edgar Allan Poe | Fiction Poe (1919; orig. pub. 1830-49)
Dracula by Bram Stoker | Fiction Sto (1897)

