
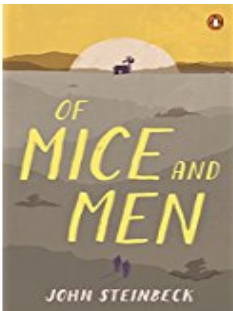


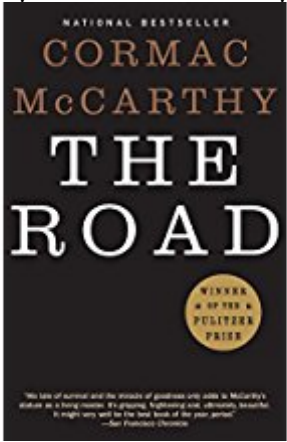
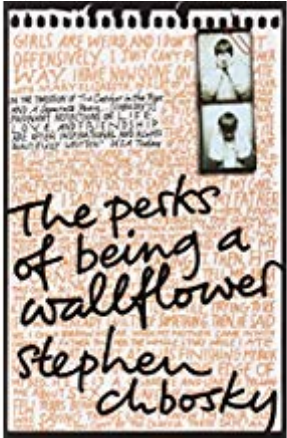
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Book Title	Synopsis	Lexile Level
<p data-bbox="289 337 546 412"><i>The Hate You Give</i> By: Angie Thomas</p> 	<p data-bbox="747 337 1350 1019">Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what <i>really</i> went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.</p>	<p data-bbox="1650 337 1724 367">590L</p>
<p data-bbox="281 1055 550 1130"><i>Of Mice and Men</i> By: John Steinbeck</p> 	<p data-bbox="747 1055 1350 1292">They are an unlikely pair: George is "small and quick and dark of face"; Lennie, a man of tremendous size, has the mind of a young child. Yet they have formed a "family," clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation.</p>	<p data-bbox="1650 1055 1724 1084">630L</p>

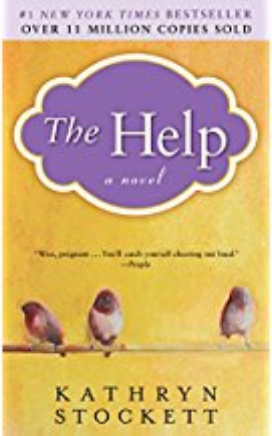
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<p><i>The Road</i> By: Cormac McCarthy</p> 	<p>A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other.</p>	<p>670L</p>
<p><i>Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> By: Stephen Chbosky</p> 	<p>First dates, family drama, and new friends. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie must learn to navigate those wild and poignant roller-coaster days known as growing up.</p>	<p>720L</p>

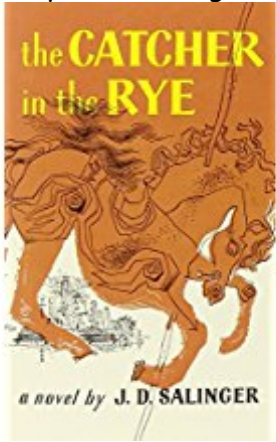
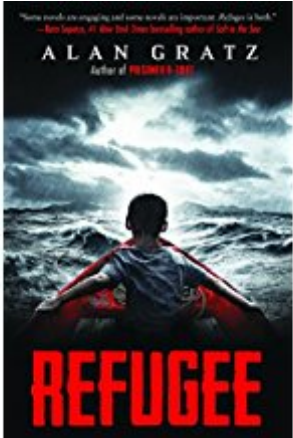
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<p><i>The Help</i> By: Kathryn Stockett</p> 	<p>Aibileen is a black maid in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, who's always taken orders quietly, but lately she's unable to hold her bitterness back. Her friend Minny has never held her tongue but now must somehow keep secrets about her employer that leave her speechless. White socialite Skeeter just graduated college. She's full of ambition, but without a husband, she's considered a failure. Together, these seemingly different women join together to write a tell-all book about work as a black maid in the South, that could forever alter their destinies and the life of a small town.</p>	<p>730L</p>
<p><i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> By: Margaret Atwood</p> 	<p>Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. Offred and the other Handmaids are valued only if their ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the days before, when she lived with her husband Luke; when she played with and protected her daughter; when she had a job, money of her own, and access to knowledge. But all of that is gone now.</p>	<p>750L</p>

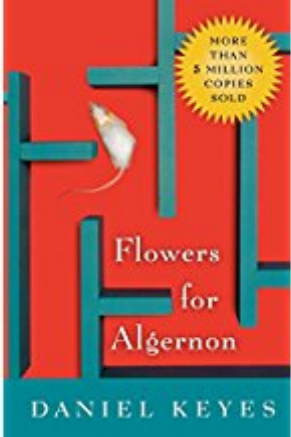
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<p><i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> By: J.D. Salinger</p> 	<p>The hero-narrator of THE CATCHER IN THE RYE is an ancient child of sixteen, a native New Yorker named Holden Caulfield. Through circumstances that tend to preclude adult, secondhand description, he leaves his prep school in Pennsylvania and goes underground in New York City for three days.</p>	<p>790L</p>
<p><i>Refugee</i> By: Alan Gratz</p> 	<p>Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of <i>tomorrow</i>. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud</p>	<p>800L</p>

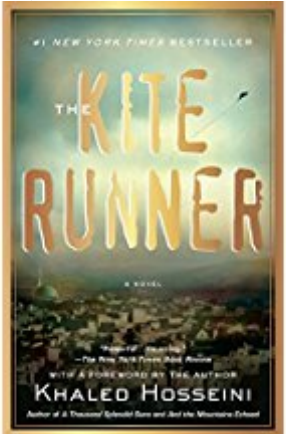
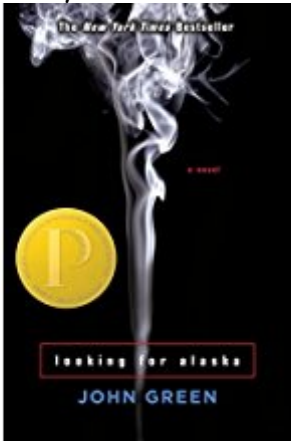
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	<p>are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.</p>	
<p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i> By: Daniel Keyes</p> 	<p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i> is the beloved, classic story of a mentally disabled man whose experimental quest for intelligence mirrors that of Algernon, an extraordinary lab mouse. In poignant diary entries, Charlie tells how a brain operation increases his IQ and changes his life. As the experimental procedure takes effect, Charlie's intelligence expands until it surpasses that of the doctors who engineered his metamorphosis. The experiment seems to be a scientific breakthrough of paramount importance--until Algernon begins his</p>	<p>840L</p>


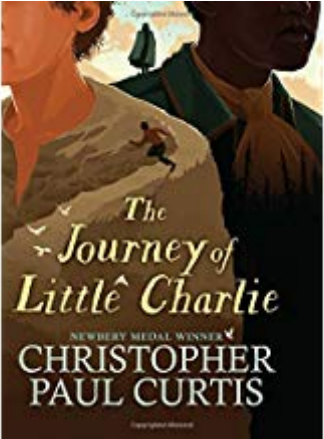
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	sudden, unexpected deterioration. Will the same happen to Charlie?	
<p><i>The Kite Runner</i> By: Khaled Hosseini</p> 	<p>The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, <i>The Kite Runner</i> transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.</p>	840L
<p><i>Looking for Alaska</i> By: John Green</p> 	<p>Before. Miles Halter is fascinated by famous last words—and tired of his safe life at home. He leaves for Culver Creek boarding school to seek what the dying poet François Rabelais called "The Great Perhaps." Much awaits Miles at Culver Creek, including clever, beguiling, and self-destructive Alaska Young, who will pull Miles into her labyrinth and catapult him into the Great Perhaps.</p> <p>After. Nothing will ever be the same.</p>	850L


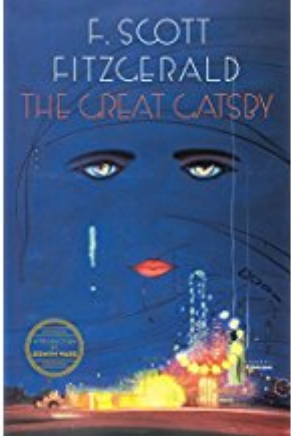
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<p><i>The Bluest Eye</i> By: Toni Morrison</p> 	<p>Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart, she yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in. Yet as her dream grows more fervent, her life slowly starts to disintegrate in the face of adversity and strife.</p>	<p>920L</p>
<p><i>The Journey of Little Charlie</i> By: Christopher Paul Curtis</p> 	<p>Twelve-year-old Charlie is down on his luck: His sharecropper father just died and Cap'n Buck -- the most fearsome man in Possum Moan, South Carolina -- has come to collect a debt. Fearing for his life, Charlie strikes a deal with Cap'n Buck and agrees to track down some folks accused of stealing from the cap'n and his boss. It's not too bad of a bargain for Charlie... until he comes face-to-face with the fugitives and discovers their true identities. Torn between his guilty conscience and his survival instinct, Charlie needs to figure out his next move -- and soon. It's only a matter of time before Cap'n Buck catches on.</p>	<p>960L</p>

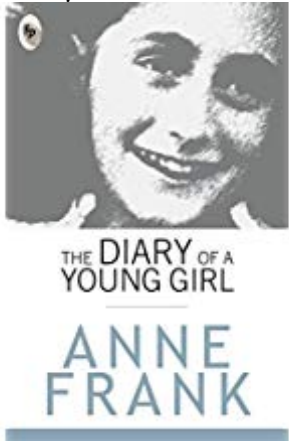
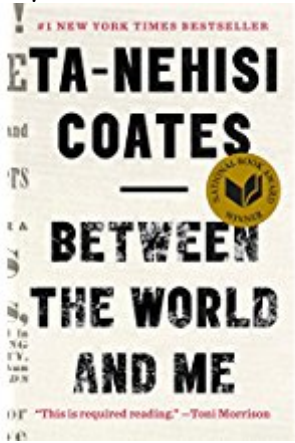
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<p><i>The Glass Castle</i> By: Jeannette Walls</p> 	<p><i>The Glass Castle</i> is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family.</p>	<p>1010L</p>
<p><i>The Great Gatsby</i> By: F. Scott Fitzgerald</p> 	<p>First published in 1925, this quintessential novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, and of lavish parties on Long Island. It is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.</p>	<p>1010L</p>

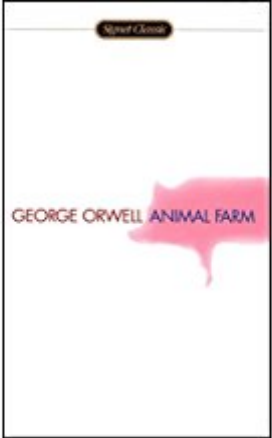
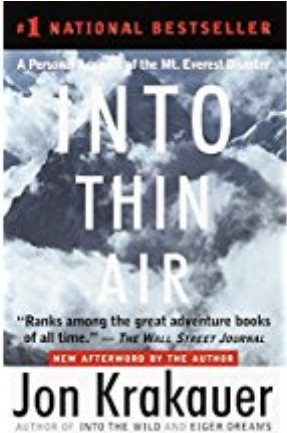
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<p><i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i> By: Anne Frank</p> 	<p>This beautifully written memoir of a young girl caught in the middle of one of the most horrific periods of human history, is a testament to the indestructible human will to persevere and survive in the face of the most adverse of circumstances.</p>	<p>1020L</p>
<p><i>Between the World and Me</i> By: Ta-Nehisi Coates</p> 	<p>In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly</p>	<p>1090L</p>

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	reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?	
<p><i>Animal Farm</i> By: George Orwell</p> 	<p>A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned—a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.</p>	1170L
<p><i>Into Thin Air</i> By: Jon Krakauer</p> 	<p>A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more—including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for <i>Into Thin Air</i>, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.</p>	1320L

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Other Great Books to Explore:

Anne of Green Gables Series

Corner Stones of Freedom American History Series

Divergent Series

Frances Tucket Series

Hunger Games Series

Maze Runner Series

Little House on the Prairie Series

Lord of the Rings Series

Who Was Series

What Was Series

Titles by William Shakespeare

Titles by Newbery Authors

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