

*SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVANCED HIGHER
ENGLISH DISSERTATIONS
By Theme*

Children

*Eustace and Hilda. LP Hartley
Lord of the Flies. William Golding
Swann's Way. Marcel Proust
The Blessing. Nancy Mitford
The Orchard on Fire. Shena Mackay
To Kill a Mockingbird. Harper Lee
What Maisie Knew. Henry James*

Teenagers

*A Buddha of Suburbia. Hanif Kureishi
A Prayer for Owen Meany. John Irving
Metroland. Julian Barnes
The Catcher in the Rye. JD Salinger
The Sopranos. Alan Warner
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides
Oranges are not the Only Fruit. Jeanette Winter*

Young Adult

*The Apprenticeship of Wilhelm Meister. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
A Sport of Nature. Nadine Gordimer
Goodbye, Columbus. Philip Roth
Parade's End. Ford Maddox Ford
The Graduate. Charles Webb
Within a Budding Grove. Marcel Proust*

Adolescence

A Boy's Own Story. Edmund White

*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man. James Joyce
A Quiet Life. Beryl Bainbridge
Demien. Herman Hesse
Digging to Australia. Lesley Glaister
Frost in May. Antonia White
Le Grande Meaulnes. Alain-Fournier
My Brilliant Career. Miles Franklin*

Now You See Me. Lesley Glaister
Plainsong. Kent Haruf
The Member of the Wedding. Carson McCullers
The Ripening Seed. Colette
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides
The Way I Found Her. Rose Tremain

School

A Portrait for the Artist as a Young Man. James Joyce
Call for the Dead. John Le Carre
Decline and Fall. Evelyn Waugh
Frost in May. Antonia White
Nicholas Nickleby. Charles Dickens
Old School. Tobias Woolf
The Centaur. John Updike
The Rotters Club. Jonathon Coe
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. Muriel Spark
The Wives of Bath. Susan Swann

Coming-of-Age

Black Swan Green. David Mitchell
Bonjour Tristesse. Françoise Sagan
Cat and Mouse. Gunter Grass
Frost in May. Antonia White
Living Nowhere. John Burnside
My Brilliant Career. Miles Franklin
The Catcher in the Rye. JD Salinger
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter. Carson McCullers
The Magic Toyshop. Angela Carter
The Virgin Suicides. Jeffrey Eugenides
To Kill a Mocking Bird. Harper Lee

The Elderly

Angelica's Grotto. Russell Hoban
Ending Up. Kingsley Amis.
Happily Ever After. Jenny Diski
Have the Men Had Enough? Margaret Forster
Memento Mori. Muriel Spark
Old Goriot. Honore De Balzac
Serenity House. Christopher Hope
Staring at the Sun. Julian Barnes
The Prince of West End Avenue. Alan Isler

Countries

Africa

A Grain of Wheat. Ngugi Ma Thiong'o
A Good Man in Africa. William Boyd
Anthills of the Savannah. Chinua Achebe
Arrow of God. Chinua Achebe
Collected African Stories. Doris Lessing
Cry, the Beloved Country. Alan Paton
Disgrace. JM Coetzee
Fragments. Ayi Kwei Armah
God Dies by the Nile. Nawal El Saadawi
God's Bits of Wood. Sembene Ousmane
Half of a Yellow Sun. CN Adichie
Heart of Darkness. Joseph Conrad
In a Free State. VS Naipaul
Masai Dreaming. Justin Cartwright
Nervous Conditions. Tsitsi Dangarembga
No Longer at Ease. Chinua Achebe
None to Accompany Me. Nadine Gordimer
Petals of Blood. Ngugi wa Thiong'o
Purple Hibiscus. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Scoop. Evelyn Waugh
So Long a Letter. Mariama Ba
Things Fall Apart. Chinua Achebe
The Bride Price. Buchi Emecheta
The Catastrophist. Ronan Bennett
The Famished Road. Ben Okri
The Last King of Scotland. Giles Foden
The Poisonwood Bible. Barbara Kingsolver
The Poor Christ of Bomba. Mongo Beti
The River Between. Ngugi wa Thiong'o
The Season of Anomie. Wole Soyinka
The Sheltering Sky. Paul Bowles
Waiting for the Barbarians. JM Coetzee
Waiting for the Rain. Charles Mungoshi
Weep Not, Child. Ngugi Wa Thiong'o

American Deep South

Absalom, Absalom! William Faulkner
Beloved. Toni Morrison
Delta Wedding. Eudora Welty
Gone with the Wind. Margaret Mitchell
Look Homeward, Angel. Thomas Wolfe
Narrative of the Life of an American Slave. Douglass Frederick

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Mark Twain
The Color Purple. Alice Walker
The Ballad of the Sad Café. Carson McCullers
Their Eyes Were Watching God. Zora Neale Hurston
To Kill a Mockingbird. Harper Lee

Uncle Tom's Cabin. Richard Wright
Wise Blood. Flannery O'Connor

American West

All the Pretty Horses. Cormac McCarthy
Angle of Repose. Wallace Stegner
Blood Meridian. Cormac McCarthy
Little Big Man. Thomas Berger
Lonesome Dove. Larry McMurty
Marching to Valhalla. Michael Blake
Riders of the Purple Sgae. Zane Grey
St Agnes' Stand. Thomas Eidson
The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lydie Newton. Jane Smiley
The Chivalry of Crime. Desmond Barry
The Last of the Mohicans. James Fenimore Cooper
Welcome to Hard Times. EL Doctorow

American Small Town Life

Affliction. Russell Banks
Bullet Park. John Cheever
Empire Falls. Richard Russo
Gilead. Marilynne Robinson
Lake Wobegon Days. Garrison Keillor
Little Women. Louisa May Alcott
Machine Dreams. Jayne Anne Phillips
Main Street. Sinclair Lewis
Methland. Nick Reding
My Home is Far Away. Dawn Powell
Plainsong. Kent Haruf
The Cider House Rules. John Irving
The Last Picture Show. Larry McMurty
The Risk Pool. Richard Russo
The Shipping News. Annie Proulx
Time Will Darken It. William Maxwell
Winesburg, Ohio. Sherwood Anderson

Russia

A Hero of our Time. Mikhail Lermontov
All Quiet Flows the Don. Mikhail Sholokhov
Anna Karenina. Leo Tolstoy
A Sportsman's Notebook. Ivan Turgenev
August 1914. Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Bend Sinister. Vladimir Nabokov
Cancer Ward. Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Dead Souls. Nikolai Gogol
Demons. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Diary of a Madman and Other Stories. Nikolai Gogol
Doctor Zhivago. Boris Pasternak
Eugene Onegin. Alexander Poesjkin
First Love. Ivan Turgenev
Fathers and Sons. Ivan Turgenev
Foma Gordeev. Maxim Gorky
Heart of a Dog. Mikhail Sholokhov
Invitation to a Beheading. Vladimir Nabokov
Life and Fate. Vasily Grossman
Lolita. Vladimir Nabokov
Notes from the Underground. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Oblomov. Ivan Goncharov
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Petersburg. Andrei Bely
Resurrection. Leo Tolstoy
Soul. Andrey Platonov
St Petersburg. Andrei Bely
The Adolescent. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Brother's Karamazov. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Death of Ivan Ilych and Other Stories. Leo Tolstoy
The First Circle. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
The House of the Dead. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Idiot. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Master and Margarita. Mikhail Bulgakov
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy
We. Yevgeny Zamyatin

Scotland

A Scots Quair. Lewis Grassie Gibbon (Trilogy)
Calum Todd. Norman Malcolm MacDonald
Catriona. Robert Louis Stevenson
Confessions of an English Opium-Eater. Thomas De Quincey
Consider the Lilies. Ian Crichton Smith
Docherty. William McIlvanney
Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde. Robert Louis Stevenson

Greenvoe. George Mackay Brown
Highland River. Neil Gunn
Hester. Margaret Oliphant
How Late It Was, How Late. James Kelman
Fergus Lamont. Robin Jenkins
Ivanhoe. Walter Scott
Kidnapped. Robert Louis Stevenson
Lanark. Alasdair Gray
Morning Tide. Neil M Gunn
Morvern Caller. Alan Waner
Poor Things. Alasdair Gray
Rob Roy. Walter Scott
Sartor Resartus. Thomas Carlyle
The Bull Calves. Naomi Mitchison
The Cone-Gatherers. Robin Jenkins
The Coral Island. RM Ballantyne
The Heart of Midlothian. Walter Scott
The Hound of the Baskervilles. Arthur Conan Doyle
The House with the Green Shutters. George Douglas Brown
The Master of Ballantrae. Robert Louis Stevenson
The New Road. Neil Munro
The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner. James Hogg
The Silver Darlings. Neil M Gunn
The Ship Builders. George Blake
The White Bird Passes. Jessie Kesson
Treasure Island. Robert Louis Stevenson
Walking Mounded. William McIlvanney
Waverley. Walter Scott

Crime & Detective

Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Miss Smilla's Feeling For Snow. Peter Hoeg
That Awful Mess on Via Merulana. Carlo Emilio Gadda
The Big Sleep. Raymond Chandler
The Cutting Room. Louise Welsh
The Hound of the Baskervilles. Arthur Conan Doyle
The Long Goodbye. Raymond Chandler
The LA Quartet. James Ellroy (4 novels. 3 is LA Confidential)#
The Magic Flute. Alan Spence
The Maltese Falcon. Dashiell Hammett
The Moonstone. Wilkie Collins
The Name of the Rose. Umberto Eco
The Pledge. Friedrich Durrenmatt
The Trail. Franz Kafka

Journalism

Divorcing Jack. Colin Bateman
In Cold Blood. Truman Capote
Model Behaviour. Jane McInerney
New Grub Street. George Gissing
Pendennis. William Thackeray
Scoop. Evelyn Waugh
The Lost Honour of Katharine Blum. Heinrich Boll
Towards the End of the Morning. Michael Frayn

Existentialism

Being and Nothingness. Jean-Paul Sartre
Being and Time. Martin Heidegger
Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Demian. Herman Hesse
Fear and Trembling. Soren Kierkegaard
I and Thou. Martin Buber
Nausea. Jean-Paul Sartre
No Exit and Three Other Plays. Jean-Paul Sartre
Notes from Underground. Fyodor Dostoevsky
Steppenwolf. Hermann Hesse
The Age of Reason. Jean-Paul Sartre
The Brothers Karamazov. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Castle. Franz Kafka
The Courage to Be. Paul Tillich
The Idiot. Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Fall. Albert Camus
The Mandarins. Simone de Beauvoir
The Metamorphosis. Franz Kafka
The Myth of Sisyphus. Albert Camus
The Plague. Albert Camus
The Second Sex. Simone de Beauvoir
The Stranger. Albert Camus
The Trial. Franz Kafka
The Unbearable Lightness of Being. Milan Kundera
The Wall. Jean-Paul Sartre
Thus Spoke Zarathustra. Friedrich Nietzsche
Waiting for Godot. Samuel Beckett
Young Adam. Alexander Trocchi

Feminism/Women

A Doll's House. Henrik Ibsen
A Room of One's Own. Virginia Woolf
Back When We Were Grown-Ups. Anne Tyler
Cat's Eye. Margaret Atwood
Evelina. Fanny Burney
Grace Notes. Bernard MacLaverty
Herland. Charlotte Perkins Gilman
Hester. Margaret Oliphant
Hotel Du Lac. Anita Brookner
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Maya Angelou
Imagined Corners. Willa Muir
Jane Eyre. Charlotte Bronte
Life and Loves of a She-Devil. Fay Weldon
Lolita. Vladimir Nabokov
Lolley Willowses. Sylvia Townsend Warner
Maria/The Wrongs of Women. Mary Wollstonecraft
Marriage. Susan Edmonstone Ferrier
Possessing the Secret of Joy. Alice Walker
Quarry Wood. Nan Shepard
Roxana. Daniel Defoe
She's Come Undone. Wally Lamb
Tess of D'Ubervilles. Thomas Hardy
The Awakening. Kate Chopin
The Colour Purple. Alice Walker
The Death of the Heart. Elizabeth Bowen
The Edible Woman. Margaret Atwood
The Golden Notebook. Doris Lessing
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter. Carson McCullers
Their Eyes Were Watching God. Zora Neale Hurston
The Judge. Rebecca West
The L-Shaped Room. Lynne Reid Banks
The Yellow Wallpaper. Charlotte Perkins Gilman
The Woman's Room. Marilyn French
The Woman Who Walked into Doors. Roddy Doyle
Trumpet. Jackie Kay
Under the Skin. Michael Faber

Future Societies/Dystopia

1984. George Orwell
A Canticle for Leibowitz. Walter M Miller
A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess
Animal Farm. George Orwell
Anthem. Ayn Rand

Brave New World. Aldous Huxley
Body Politic. Paul Johnston
Children of Men. PD James.
Consider Phelbas. Iain M Banks
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? Philip K Dick
Fahrenheit 451. Ray Bradbury
Never Let Me Go. Kazuo Ishiguro
News from Nowhere. William Morris
Oryx and Crake. Margaret Atwood
Riddley Walker. Russell Hoban
Seven Days in New Crete. Robert Graves
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood
The Man in the High Castle. Philip K Dick.
The Passion of New Eve. Angela Carter
The Road. Cormac McCarthy
The Year of the Flood. Margaret Atwood
V for Vendetta. Alan Moore
We. Yevgeny Zamyatin

Science Fiction

A Voyage to Arcturus. David Lindsay
But n Ben A-Go-Go. Matthew Fit
Childhood's End. Arthur C Clarke
Children of God. Mary Doria Russell
Consider Phlebas. Iain M Banks
Devil in the Darkness. Archie Roy
Dune. Frank Herbert
Idoru. William Gibson
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley
Gravity's Rainbow. Thomas Pynchon
Oh Pure and Radiant Heart. Lydia Millet
Oryx and Crake. Margaret Atwood
Riddley Walker. Russell Hoban
Shikasta. Doris Lessing
Stone. Adam Roberts
The Children Gardem. Geoff Ryman
The Dispossessed. Ursula Le Guin
The Handmaid's Tale. Margaret Atwood
The Impossible Bird. Patrick O'leary
The Left Hand of Darkness. Ursula Le Guin
The Making of the representative for Planet 8. Doris Lessing
The Sparrow. Mary Doria Russell
The Time Machine. HG Wells
War of the Worlds. HG Wells

Mental State

Self Discovery

Back When We Were Grown-Ups. Anne Tyler
Lolley Willowes. Sylvia Townsend Warner
Into the Wild. Jon Krakauer
Middlesex. Jeffrey Eugenides
Mrs Dalloway. Virginia Woolf
The Guermentes Way. Michael Proust
The Sandcastle. Iris Murdoch

Perplexed by Life

A House for Mr Biswas. VS Naipaul
Anglo-Saxon Attitudes. Angus Wilson
Humboldt's Gift. Saul Bellow
The Confessions of Zeno. Italo Svevo
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. Mark Haddon
The Fall. Albert Camus

Emotionally Ill-at-Ease

Baumgartner's Bombay. Anita Desai
Howards End. EM forster
Look At Me. Anita Brookner
Madame Bovary. Gustace Flaubert
Marry Me. John Updike
Middlemarch. George Eliot
Milk and Honey. Elizabeth Jolley
The Ballad and the Source. Rosamond Lehmann
The Company She Keeps. Mary McCarthy

On the Edge of Sanity

Against Nature. J-K Huysmans
Beyond the Glass. Antonia White
Brighton Rock. Graham Greene
Despair. Vladimir Nabokov
Losing Nelson. Barry Unsworth
Nightwood. Djuna Barnes
Notes from an Exhibition. Patrick Gale
Steppenwolf. Hermann Hesse
The Dice man. Luke Rhinehart
The English Teacher/Grateful to Life and Death. RK Narayan

The Memory of Running. Ron McLarty
The Trial. Franz Kafka
Under the Volcano. Malcolm Lowry
Vilette. Charlotte Bronte

Madness

American Psycho. Bret Easton Ellis
Good Morning, Midnight. Jean Rhys
Hamlet. William Shakespeare
Hunger. Knut Hamsun
King Lear. William Shakespeare
Faces in the Water. Janet Frame
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Ken Kesey
The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath
The Bird of Night. Susan Hill
The Bride of Lowther Fell. Margaret Forster
The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold. Evelyn Waugh
The Private Parts of Women. Lesley Glaister
The Trick is to Keep Breathing. Janice Galloway
The Yellow Wallpaper. Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Depression and Psychiatry

A Beautiful Mind. Sylvia Nasar
An Unquiet Mind. Kay Redfield Jamison
Asylum. Patrick McGarth
Fifty-minute Hour. Wendy Perriam
Franny and Zooey. JD Salinger
Girl, Interrupted. Susanna Kaysen
Going Sane. Adam Phillips
Human Traces. Sebastian C. Faulks
I Know This Much is True. Wally Lamb
I Never Promised You A Rose Garden. Joanne Greenberg
Inside Out. Terry Trueman
Lowboy. John Wray
Maurice Guest. HH Richardson
Mrs Dalloway. Virginia Woolf
Other Women. Lisa Alther
One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. Ken Kesey
Peter Smart's Confessions. Paul Bailey
Scar Culture. Toni Davidson
She's Come Undone. Wally Lamb
The Bell Jar. Sylvia Plath
The Centre Cannot Hold. Elyn R Saks
The Comforts of Madness. Paul Sayer
The Eden Express. Mark Vonnegut

The Glass Cell. Patricia Highsmith
The Golden Notebook. Doris Lessing
The Trick is to Keep Breathing. Janice Galloway
Tom O'Bedlam. Robert Silverberg
Veronika Decides to Die. Paulo Coelho
When Nietzsche Wept. Irvin D. Yalom

Relationships

Adolphe. Benjamin Constant
A Kist of Sorrows. David Kerr Cameron
Charlotte Gray. Sebastian Faulks
Emma. Jane Austen
Far from the Madding Crowd. Thomas Hardy
First Love. Ivan Turgenev
Jane Eyre. Charlotte Bronte
Lady Chatterleys Lover. DH Lawrence
Lorna Doone. RD Blackmore
Possession. AS Byatt
Pride and Prejudice. Jane Austen
The Gowk Storm. Nancy Brysson Morrison
The Lover. Marguerite Dumas
The Hours of the Night. Sue Gee
Rebecca . Daphne Du Maurier
The Rector's Daughter. FM Mayor
The Romance of Tristan and Iseult. Josph Bedier
The Sorrows of young Werther. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Wuthering Heights. Emily Bronte

Gay/Lesbian

A Boy's Own Story. Edmund White
At Swim, Two Boys. Jamie O'Neill
Choices. Nancy Toder
Giovanni's Room. James Baldwin
Fingersmith. Sarah Waters
Maurice. EM Forster
Monopolies of Lies. Adam Mars Jones
Night Swimmer. Joseph Olshan
Nightwood. Djuna Barnes
Oranges are not the Only Fruit. Jeanette Winterson
Patience and Sarah. Isabel Miller
The Beautiful Room is Empty. Edmund White
The Line of Beauty. Alan Hollinghurst
The Lost Language of Cranes. David Leavitt
The Story of the Night. Colm Toibon
The Swimming Pool Library. Alan Hollinghurst

The Well of Loneliness. Radclyffe Hall
Tipping the Velvet. Sarah Waters
Written on the Body. Jeanette Winterson

Society

Terrorists/Freedom Fighters

American Pastoral. Philip Roth
Ashes and Diamonds. Jerzy Andrzejewski
Bel Canto. Ann Patchett
Falling Man. Don DeLillo
If not Now, When? Primo Levi
Like Men Betrayed. Frederic Raphael
The Good Terrorist. Doris Lessing
Under Western Eyes. Joseph Conrad

Religion

Barabbas. Par Lagerkvist
Buddha Da. Anne Donovan
Cal. Bernard MacLaverty
Confessions. Saint Augustine
Gilead. Marilynne Robinson
Go Tell It To The Mountain. James Baldwin
Jericho Sleep Alone. Chaim Bermant
Letters from the Earth. Mark Twain
My Name is Asher Lev. Chaim Potok
Siddhartha. Hermann Hesse
The Chosen. Chaim Potok
The Discovery of Heaven. Harry Mulisch
The Gospel According to Jesus Christ. Jose Saramago
The Last Temptation of Christ. Nikos Kazantzakis
The Name of the Rose. Umberto Eco
The Pilgrim's Progress. John Bunyan
The Power and the Glory. Graham Greene
The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner. James Hogg
The Satanic Verses. Salman Rushdie
The Screwtape Letters. CS Lewis

Race Relations

An Autobiography of an Ex-colored Man. James Weldon Johnson
A Swarthy Boy. Edgar Mittelholzer
Beloved. Toni Morrison
Beka Lamb. Zee Edgell
Black Girl/White Girl. Joyce Carol Oates
Black Like Me. John Howard Griffin
Black Shack Alley. Joseph Zobel
Breath, Eyes, Memory. Edwidge Danticat
Brick Lane. Monica Ali
Buxton Spice. Oonya Kempadoo
Corentyne Thunder. Edgar Mittelholzer
Feathers. Jacqueline Woodson
Half of a Yellow Sun. CN Adichie
I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing. Maya Angelou
In Another Place, Not Here. Dionne Brand
Invisible Man. Ralph Ellison
Mudbound. Hillary Jordan
Native Son. Richard Wright
The Bluest Eye. Toni Morrison
The Farming of Bones. Edwidge Danticat
The Grass is Singing. Doris Lessing
The Lonely Londoners. Samuel Selvon
White Teeth. Zadie Smith

Control/Brain Washing/Government

1984. George Orwell
A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess
Brave New World. Aldous Huxley
Blade Runner. Philip K. Dick
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley
Jennifer Government. Max Berry
Slaughterhouse-five. Kurt Vonnegut
V. Thomas Pynchon

Politics

Animal Farm. George Orwell
A Perfect Peace. Amos Oz
All the King's Men. Robert Penn Warren
Anthills of the Savannah. Chinua Achebe
Brave New World. Aldous Huxley
Burr. Gore Vidal
Coningsby. Benjamin Disraeli
Darkness at Noon. Arthur Koestler

Homage to Catalonia. George Orwell
House of Cards. Michael Dobbs
Fame is the Spur. Howard Spring
Primary Colours. Joe Klein
Seeing. Jose Saramago
The Land of the Leal. James Barke
The Corridors of Power. CP Snow
The Ragged Trousered philanthropists. Robert Tressell
The Violet Land. Jorge Amado
Utopia. Thomas More

Social Class

A Dear Green Place. Archie Hind
Atonement. Ian McEwan
Dance of the Apprentices. Edward Glaitens
Docherty. William McIlvanney
Growing Up in the Gorbals. Ralph Glasser
Hard Times. Charles Dickens
Little Dorrit. Charles Dickens
No Mean City. Alexander McArthur & HK Long
Oliver Twist. Charles Dickens
Swing Hammer Swing! Jeff Torrington
The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner. Alan Sillitoe
The Space Between us. Thrity Umrigar
The White Bird Passes. Jessie Kesson
Vile Bodies. Evelyn Waugh

Substance Abuse

Alcohol

Down by the Rover Where the Dead Men Go. George Pelecanos
Ham on Rye: A novel. Charles Bukowski
Hangover Square. Patrick Hamilton
Tales of Ordinary Madness. Charles Bukowski
The Disenchanted. Budd Schulberg
The Horse's Mouth. Cary Joyce
The Lost Weekend. Charles Jackson
Paradise. AL Kennedy
The Poor Mouth. Flann O'Brien
The Power and the Glory. Graham Greene
The Sound of my Voice. Ron Butlin
Under the Volcano. Malcolm Lowry

Drugs (Content and Authors on Drugs)

Alice in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll
Cain's Book. Alexander Trocchie
Cocaine Nights. JG Ballard.
Dopefiend. Donald Goines
Fear and Loathing in America. Hunter S. Thompson
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. Hunter S. Thompson
Fight Club. Chuck Palahniuk
Glamorama. Bret Easton Ellis
Junky. William Burroughs
Methland. Nick Reding
Naked Lunch. William Burroughs
Novel With Cocaine. M Ageyev
Requiem for a Dream. Hubert Selby Jr
The Man with the Golden Arm. Nelson Algren
The Rules of Attraction. Brett Easton Ellis
The Rum Diary. Hunter S. Thompson
The Story of my Life. Jay McInerney.
Trainspotting. Irvine Welsh

Gothic Fiction/Ghost Stories

A Christmas Carol. Charles Dickens
Dark Entries. Robert Aikman
Dracula. Bram Stoker
Frankenstein. Mary Shelley
Ghost Stories and Tales of Mystery. JS Le Fanu
Ghost Stories of an Antiquary. MR James
Gormenghast Trilogy. Mervyn Peake
In A Glass Darkly. Sheridan Le Fanu
Interview with the Vampire. Ann Rice
Melmoth the Wanderer. Charles Robert Martin
The Castle of Otranto. Horace Walpole
The Dunwich Horror and Others. HP Lovecraft
The Ghost Stories of Edith Wharton. Edith Wharton
The Golem. Gustac Meyrinck
The Green Man. Kingsley Amis
The Haunting of Hill House. Shirley Jackson
The Historian. Elizabeth Kostova
The Italian. Ann Radcliffe
The Listener. Algernon Blackwood
The Little Stranger. Sarah Waters
The Lost Stradivarius. John Meade Falkner
The Monk. MG Lewis
The Mysteries of Adolpho. Ann Radcliffe
The Picture of Dorian Gray. Oscar Wilde

The Phantom of the Opera. Gaston Leroux
The Scarlet Letter. Nathaniel Hawthorne
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Robert Louis Stevenson
The Turn of the Screw. Henry James
The Woman in Black. Susan Hill
The Woman in White. Wilkie Collins
They Return at Evening. HR Wakefield
Vathek. William Beckford
Wise blood. Flannery O'Connor

War

Front Line

All Quiet on the Western Front. Erich Maria Remarque
A Soldier of the Great War. Mark Helprin
Birdsong. Sebastian Faulks
Bomber. Len Deighton
Catch-22. Joseph Heller
For Whom the Bell Tolls. Ernest Hemingway
Going After Cacciato. Tim O'Brien
Regeneration. Pat Barker
The Ghost Road. Pat Barker
The Good Soldier Svejk. Jaroslav Hasek
The Naked and the Dead. Norman Mailer
The Red Badge of Courage. Stephen Crane
The Sorrow of War. Bao Ninh
The Spanish Farm Trilogy. RH Mottram

Behind the Lines

A Farewell to Arms. Ernest Hemingway
Captain Corelli's Mandolin. Louis de Bernieres
Charlotte Gray. Sebastian Faulks
Garden Ashes. Danilo Kis
Schindler's Ark. Thomas Keneally
The Good Soldier Svejk. Jaroslav Hasek
The Heat of the Day. Elizabeth Bowen
The Painted Bird. Jerzy Kosinski
The Quiet American. Graham Greene
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy

War and its Aftermath

A Farewell to Arms. Ernest Hemingway (WWI)
A Pale View of Hills. Kazuo Ishiguro (Hiroshima)
Doctor Zhivago. Boris Pasternak (Russian Revolution)
Fortunes of War. Olivia Manning (WWII)
Sophie's Choice. William Styron (WWII)
The Three Perils of Women. James Hogg (Culloden)

Napoleon and Napoleonic Wars

Scarlet and Black. Stendhal
The Napoleon Symphony. Anthony Burgess
The Passion. Jeanette Winterson
Vanity Fair. William Thackeray
War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy

Autism

Anything But Typical. Nora Raleigh Baskin
Astonishing Splashes of Colour. Clare Morrall
A Wizard Alone. Diane Duane
Daniel Isn't Talking. Marti Meimbach
Eye Contact. Cammie McGovern
Family Pictures. Sue Miller
Girl with the Pearl Earring. Tracy Chevalier
Marcelo in the Real World. Francisco X. Stork
Mondays are Red. Nicola Morgan
Painting Ruby Tuesday, Jane Yeadley
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. Mark Haddon
The Speed of Dark. Elizabeth Moon

'Joycean' Novels

(Experimental, All-encompassing novels)

A Confederacy of Dunces. John Kennedy Toole
D'Arconville's Cat. Alexander Theroux
Earthly Powers. Anthony Burgess
Giles Goat-Boy. John Bath
Midnight's Children. Salman Rushdie.
The Confessions of Zeno. Italo Svevo
The Horse's Mouth. Joyce Cary
Tristram Shandy. Laurence Sterne
What's Bred in the Bone. Robertson Davis

Revenge

A Clockwork Orange. Anthony Burgess
The Count of Monte Cristo. Alexandre Dumas

Scandal

Armadale. Wilkie Collins
Caleb Williams. William Godwin
Dirty Snow. George Simenon
East Lynne. Henry Wood
Lady Audley's Secret. Mary Elizabeth Braddon
Memoirs of Emma Courtney. Mary Hays
Moll Flanders. Daniel Defoe

'Plotless' Narratives

A Day at the Office. Robert Alan Jamieson
Chasing Dreams. Aaron Jennings
Dirty Havana Trilogy. Pedro Juan Gutierrez
Fear and Loathing in America. Hunter S. Thompson
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. Hunter S. Thompson
Nine. Andrejz Stasiuk
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