Classic Novels, Alphabetical by Author
Some of Ms. Halla’s favorites are in bold, but you may find favorites of your own!

A
- **Watership Down** by Richard Adams. When man invades their home in Sandleford Warren, a brave band of rabbits are forced to flee and forge a new life for themselves.
- **Little Women by Louisa May Alcott**. Jo March is an independent tomboy vying for attention with her three sisters, who are also her best friends. In the midst of the Civil War, these sisters must learn to rely on each other for support in the midst of both joy and tragedy.
- **Little Men by Louisa May Alcott**
- **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
- **Emma** by Jane Austen

B-C
- **The Natural** by Malamud Bernard
- **Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass** by Lewis Carroll. In these companion novels you join Alice on her wild and whimsical adventures in Wonderland where life just keeps getting “curiouser” and “curiouser.” If you love a quirky sense of humor, and delight in utter nonsense, you will enjoy Lewis Carol’s stories.
- **The Last of the Mohicans** by James Fenimore Cooper
- **The Red Badge of Courage** by Stephen Crane. This is the story of a young boy, thrown headlong into the Civil War, who must overcome paralyzing fear as he learns what it means to become a man and a comrade.

D
- **Robinson Crusoe** by Daniel Defoe
- **Oliver Twist** by Charles Dickens. The classic story of an orphan with a surprising birthright. Oliver escapes the orphanage workhouse only to find that people are even more cruel in the city. He finds one friend who helps his discover his true identity.
- **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. This is the classic tale of a miserly old man who needs the help of three wise ghosts to teach him the true spirit of Christmas generosity and love. Dickens humor is subtle and hilarious!
- **The Three Musketeers** by Alexandre Dumas
- **The Count of Monte Cristo** by Alexandre Dumas

E-H
- **Johnny Tremain** by Esther Forbes. A young, prideful silversmith is dealt a crushing blow when he burns his hand in molten silver, rendering him unable to practice his art and livelihood. He must forge a new life for himself and find a new purpose.
- **Raisin in the Sun** by Lorraine Hansberry
- **The Old Man and the Sea** by Ernest Hemingway
• **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** by Victor Hugo
• **Across Five Aprils** by Irene Hunt. This is a classic novel of a young boy who has to step into the roll of a man due to the Civil War and his father’s illness.

K
• **Flowers for Algernon** by Daniel Keyes. Charlie Gordon is a mentally retarded adult who undergoes an experimental surgery to turn him into a genius. He befriends the lab rat, Algernon, and find that they have striking similarities. This is a fascinating study on the risks of medical experimentation and how intelligence level affects personal relationships and identity.
• **The Jungle Books** by Rudyard Kipling. Mowgli is an orphan boy raised in the jungle by wolves and taught the laws of the jungle by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther.
• **A Separate Peace** by John Knowles. Se just before WWII, this is a story of friendship between two very different boys and the devastating affects of jealousy at a New England boarding school.
• **A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeline L’Engle. Meg Murry and her brother, Charles Wallace, are not only weird outcasts, they are brilliant children who come from a family of quantum physicists. Together with Meg’s friend Calvin, they bend time and space, travel to unknown planets, and engage in cosmic battles between good and evil.
• **The Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis. Four children stumble through a wardrobe into an alternate world—a kingdom they will one day fight for and rule. Together with talking beavers, a majestic lion, fawns and dwarves, and other magical creatures, they unlock ancient prophecies and fight the battle between good and evil.
• **Call of the Wild** by Jack London. Buck was comfortable living as a family dog here in San Jose, until he is stolen by brutal traders and sold up to the Alaskan Klondike as a sled dog. He must discover his primal nature to survive in the wild.
• **White Fang** by Jack London
• **The Sea Wolf** by Jack London

M-P
• **Le Morte d’Arthur** Sir Thomas Malory
• **Moby-Dick** by Herman Melville
• **Anne of Green Gables** by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Anne is a bold, outspoken orphan with a temper to match her fiery red hair. When the Cuthberts accidentally receive her instead of the orphan boy they wanted, she has to find her way into their hearts and prove that she belongs in Avonlea.
• **Animal Farm** by George Orwell
• **Cry, the Beloved Country** by Alan Paton

R-S
• **The Yearling** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The story of a love between a boy and his horse, which he raised from a fawn.
• **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck. A heartrending story of poor farm laborers with a big dream. George Milton tries to protect his mentally retarded friend Lenny Small, as they struggle to make a living working the California ranches and saving to buy their own land some day. I get choked up just thinking about this one!
• **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck
• **Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson. Ever wonder where the original Long John Silver came from? You’ll find him in this pirate adventure.
• **Kidnapped** by Robert Louis Stevenson
• **Gulliver’s Travels** by Jonathan Swift

• **Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry** by Mildred Taylor. A heartrending and inspiring story of a brave nine-year-old African American girl in 1930’ Mississippi, holding on to her family for strength in the midst of intense racial bigotry.

• **The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy** by J.R.R. Tolkien. It all begins when a little Hobbit Bilbo baggins is torn from his quiet shire life and thrown into a grand dragon-hunting adventure. Along the way, he finds a very powerful ring, which he later entrusts to his nephew, Frodo. Frodo and his Hobbit friends will need the help of elves, wizards, and even men, as they endure the perilous journey to destroy the ring before it destroys Middle Earth.

• **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain. Huck Finn thinks he is a bad kid, at least that is what he has always been told. In his worst bout of sinning, Huck escapes from his drunken father and teams up with Jim, a runaway slave, for a journey rafting down the Mississippi River to freedom.

• **The Prince and the Pauper** by Mark Twain. Prince Edward and Tom Canty look exactly alike, but they are from opposite ends of the feudal ladder. What would it be like for a pauper to become a prince and a prince to become a pauper?

• **Around the World in 80 Days** by Jules Verne
• **20000 Leagues Under the Sea** by Jules Verne
• **Journey to the Center of the Earth** by Jules Verne

• **Up From Slavery** Booker T. Washington
• **The Time Machine** by H.G. Wells. A brilliant scientists discovers a way to travel through the 4th dimension—time. He tries to make sense of a seemingly innocent and ignorant race of helpless creatures and a brutal and depraved race of monsters that seem to be the result of human evolution.

• **War of the Worlds** by H.G. Wells
• **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley Wollstonecraft

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