

Literature

Edwin Abbott Abbott- English 1838-1926

Flatland

- Square
- Lives in flatland
- Women are lines, polygons are nobility, circles are the perfect people
 - Women are able to stab men
- Sight Recognition
 - Fog helps things appear dimmer
- Pass the Universal Colour Bill
- Can't convince the points in lineland of higher dimensions
- Can't convince the sphere in space land of higher dimensions
- Imprisoned for his thoughts
 - "Upward not northward!"
- Social satire on class

Kobo Abe- Japanese 1924-1993

Inter Ice Age 4

- Professor Katsumi tries to prevent the genetic altering of children to survive rising sea levels
- He is killed, and his unborn children are listed to be a part of the water breathing net generation

The Woman in the Dunes

- Jumpei Niki travels to fishing village to collect insects
- Is trapped in a house, where he finds how to collect water
- Gives up trying to escape, and lives there

The Face of Another

- Mr Okuyama is disfigured from facial burns, so creates a prosthetic mask so he can have sex with his wife

The Ruined Map

MH Abrams- American 1912-2015

The Norton Anthology of English Literature

The Mirror and the Lamp

- Treatise on Romanticism

Chinua Achebe- Nigerian

Things Fall Apart

- Okonkwo
 - Wrestling champion
 - Defeated Amalinze the Cat
 - Igbo, Umuofia clan
 - Harvests yams
 - Tries to escape legacy of father Unoka
 - Loved the flute

- Daughter Ezinma becomes ill
- Accidentally kills Ezeudu's son during a funeral when his gun explodes
- Exiled
 - White men appear and introduce Christianity
- Hangs himself
- Wife Ekwefi
 - First nine children died
 - Only one who knocks on his door at dawn
- Son Unoka
 - Prefers his mother's stories
 - Converts and adopts name Isaac
- Takes in Ikemefuna as a peace settlement
- Oracle says to put the boy to death, but elder Ezeudu warns against this
- Okonkwo kills him anyway with machete
- Evil Forest
- Weak of Peace

No Longer at Ease

- Sequel to Things Fall Apart
- Obi meets Clara at dance class

Arrow of God

- TK Winterbottom
- John Goodcountry
 - Converts village of Umuaru to Christianity
 - They give up God Ulu

A Man of the People

- Chief Nanga

Anthills of the Savannah

- Takes place in Kangan
- Sam takes power
- Chris Oriko
 - ? Commissioner for Information
- Beatrice Okoh
 - ? Girlfriend of Chris
- Ikem Osodi
 - ? Newspaper editor critical of regime
 - ? Elewa
 - ? Assassinated by regime
 - ? Daughter Amaechina
 - § Naming ceremony
 - § Means "path will never close"
- Major "Samsonite" Ossai
 - ? Staples peoples hands

An Image of Africa

- Conrad's Heart of Darkness is racist

Douglas Adams- English

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency

The Long Dark Tea Time of the Soul
The Salmon of Doubt
The Meaning of Liff
The Deeper Meaning of Liff
Last Chance to See

Adichie- Nigerian 1977

We Should All be Feminists

- Denied the role of hall monitor because she is not a boy

Purple Hibiscus

- Kambili Achike is beaten by her Catholic father Eugene
- Stays at aunt Ifeoma's house and is loved
- Mother Beatrice poisons Eugene, but brother Jaja takes the blame
- Falls in love with Father Amadi

Half of a Yellow Sun

Americanah

- Ifemely writes "Raceteenth", a blog about race
- Schoolmate love Obinze

The Thing Around Your Neck

- Cell One
- A Private Experience
- The Headstrong Historian

"The Danger of a Single Story"

- Influenced by Chinua Achebe

Aesop- Greek 620-564 BCE

The Aesop Romance

- Fictionalized account of his life
- Greek slave on Samos
- Show kindness to priestess of Isis, so she blesses him with the power of speech and clever storytelling

The Tortoise and the Hare

The Mischievous Dog

- Dog bites others so master gives it a bell
- Flaunts bell until another reminds him it is a sign of disgrace

The Ant and the Grasshopper

- Ants work hard to store food all summer, while the grasshopper sings
- Grasshopper then begs for food in winter, while the ant rebukes him

The Boy who Cried Wolf

The Fox and the Grapes

- Fox tries and fails to reach grapes
- Instead of admitting defeat, he declares them undesirable
- Origin of "sour grapes"

The Lion and the Mouse

- Lion spares a mouse's life, and the mouse later gnaws through the lion's rope when he is tied up by hunters

The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs

- Goose lays golden eggs
- Couple kills goose to find the gold that must be inside, but find nothing

The Lion, the Fox, and the Ass

- Ass divides the food into three separate parts, and then the lion devoid him

Tables numbered by the Perry Index

James Agee- American 1909-1955

A Death in the Family

- Autobiographical novel about father's death in car accident
- Shows live in Knoxville
- Butterfly lands on coffin of Jay Follet

Let Us Now Praise Famous Men

- Photographs by Walker Evans

The Night of the Hunter

- Movie based on Davis Grubb's novel
- Serial killer Harry Powell murders his wife Willa Harper

The African Queen

- Movie based on CS Forester's novel

Ama Ata Aidoo- Ghanian

Our Sister Killjoy (or Reflections from a Black-eyed Squint)

- Sissie thinks Africans who have emigrated at "Sell-outs"

Cesar Aira- Argentine 1949

The Literary Conference

- Attempts to take over the world by cloning Carlos Fuentes

Ghosts

Akutagawa- Japanese 1892-1927

The Spider's Thread

- Kandata was a criminal whose only good deed was not killing a spider
- Thread was lowered down into hell to help him escape
- Others started crawling, he selfishly yelled at them, and the thread broke
- Retold onion anecdote from Brothers Karamazov

In a Grove

- Woodcutter finds dead body
 - Alongside comb, rope, and blood
- Buddhist Priest sees him alive with a woman and a horse
- Lady steals hair from corpse
- Basis for Kurosawa film

Rashomon

The Nose

Kappa

- Fetuses can choose to be aborted

Louisa May Alcott- American 1832-1888

Little Women

- Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy
- Massachusetts
- Mother Marmee and father who was a chaplain in Civil War
- Begins on Christmas

- They deliver food to the Hummel family, and receive a breakfast from their neighbor Mr Laurence
- Laurie, neighborhood boy
 - Proposes to Jo
- March, their great-aunt
- Meg
 - Marries John Brooke
 - Humiliated at ball held by the Moffats
- Professor Bhaer
 - German immigrant in NYC who critiques Jo's writing
 - They eventually marry
- Servant Hannah cares for the March sisters
- Mr. Davis
 - Punishes Amy for bringing in pickled limes

Little Men

- Nat Blake
- Plumfield School
 - Scheduled pillow fights
 - All boys have their own gardens and pets

Jo's Boys

Penn name A M Barnar

Michelle Alexander

The New Jim Crow

- "Undercaste" created by War on Drugs and mass incarceration

Sherman Alexie- Spokane 1966

The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven

- Adapted as Smoke Signals
- Victor Joseph
- Spokane

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

War Dances

Reservation Blues

"Because My Father Said He Was the Only Indian Who Saw Jimi Hendrix Play the 'The Star Spangled Banner' at Woodstock"

Nelson Algren- American 1909-1981

The Man with the Golden Arm

- Frankie Majcinek
- Known as "Frankie Machine"
- WW2 vet who tries to stabilize life
- Addicted to morphine

The Neon Wilderness

- How the Devil Came Down Division Street

A Walk on the Wild Side

- Fitz Linkhorn
- "Three rules of life"

Simone de Beauvoir's lover

Dante Alighieri- Italian 1265-1321

Divine Comedy

- 33 cantos in terza rima
- Inferno
- Begins with Dante facing the presence of a lion, leopard, and she-wolf
- Led by Virgil to Hell
- Gate that reads "Abandon all hope, ye who enter here"
- Limbo
 - Virtuous non-Christians
 - Poets (Horace, Ovid, Homer)
 - Philosophers (Plato, Diogenese, Zeno)
 - Statesmen (Cicero, Tullius, Seneca)
- Lust
 - Violent winds, representing the power of lust to blow aimlessly
- Gluttony
 - Stuck in putrid slush of icy rain
- Greed
 - Forced to joust using heavy weights
 - Ruled by Plutus
 - Clergyman, cardinals, and popes
- Wrath
 - Actively wrathful fight on surface of swampy River Styx, while the sullen reside below
- Heresy
 - Flaming tombs
 - Epicurus ("the soul dies with the body")
- Violence
 - Against neighbors
 - Immersed in Phlegethon, river of blood
 - Chiron and other centaurs patrol, shooting arrows if they come out
 - Alexander the Great, Atilla the Hun
 - Against self
 - Transformed into trees and attacked by Harpies
 - Against God, Art, and Nature
 - Plain of Burning Sand
 - Blasphemers, Users, and Sodomites
- Fraud
 - Panderers and seducers
 - Flatterers
 - Simoniacs
 - Sorcerers (soothsayers, false prophets)
 - Forced to walk with head on backwards
 - Barrators
 - Hypocrites
 - Thieves
 - Counsellors of fraud

- Sowers of discord
- Falsifiers
- Treachery
 - Judas Iscariot, Brutus, and Gaius Cassius
- Purgatorio
- Paradiso

La Vita Nuova

- Courtly love with Beatrice Portinari

On Eloquence in the Vernacular

- Defended use of vernacular (everyday language) in writing

Isabel Allende- Chilean 1972

The House of the Spirits

- Begins “Barabbas came to us by sea”, the dog
- Clara del Valle
 - Has paranormal powers, and knows that somebody in her family will die soon
 - Asks the priest “If that story about hell is a lie, we’re all fucked, aren’t we?” After which he calls her possessed
- Rosa del Valle (Rosa the Beautiful) is poisoned, instead of her father running for Senate
- Esteban Trueba
 - Rosa’s fiancé, a poor miner
 - Uses his sadness as motivation to turn around his poor hacienda, Las Tres Marias
 - Turns Pedro Segundo into his foreman
 - Rapes many of the women, including Pancha Garcia, with whom he has Esteban Garcia
 - Goes to see his dying mother, and fulfills her wish of him marrying
 - Marries Clara, who predicted this two months earlier, talking for the first time in 9 years
 - Férula, his sister, comes to live with them, but he kicks her out
 - Says he will keep shrinking (which he does) and die like a dog
 - Has daughter Blanca and boys Jaime and Nicholas
 - Gives birth with mother Nivea de Valle’s head under the bed, who died in car crash
 - Nicholas creates The Institute for Union with Nothingness, a religious group
 - Causes Alba to shave her head, infuriating Esteban
 - Nicholas nakedly shows up in front of Congress, chanting “om”, giving Esteban a heart attack
 - Blanca falls in love with hacienda member Pedro Tercero, who is banished for his communist ideals
 - Jean de Satigny, a French count, comes and tells Esteban about Pedro’s trysts with Blanca
 - Esteban whips Blanca, knocks the teeth out of Clara, and goes to hunt Pedro, later cutting off three of his fingers
 - Makes Blanca marry de Satigny
 - Leaves him after finding pornographic pictures of him and the servants
 - Clara and Blanca leave
 - Blanca has Pedro’s daughter, Alba
 - Esteban runs for Conservative Party senator, with his motto being “those who have

always won will win again”

- Alba finds love Miguel
- Pedro is captured, but is saved by Tránsito Soto
 - Esteban’s former prostitute, worked at Red Lantern
- After revolution and some deaths, Esteban dies in arms of Alba, accompanied by Clara’s spirit, avoiding Ferula’s prophecy that he will die like a dog
- Started as letter she was writing to her dying 100 year old grandfather
- Started her tradition of writing books on Jan 8th

Eva Luna

- Mother Consuelo conceived her with Indian gardener, who was on his deathbed after being bitten by snake
- Father recovers, but mother dies from choking on chicken bone
- Huberto Naranja places her with La Senora, who puts her in a brothel
- After police force her to flee brothel, she moves to Agua Santa with Riad Halabi
- Riad Halabi
 - Has cleft palate
 - Wife Zulema, who seduces his cousin Kamal
 - Zulema shoots herself in mouth
 - Makes love to Eva after getting her out of prison, because she was suspected of killing Zulema
- After fleeing, has sex with Huberto Naranja and the transexual Melécio (Mimi)
- Parallel narrative of Rolf Carlo, who after being raised in Europe by abusive father, moves to South America as a journalist, where he marries Eva

Daughter of Fortune

- Eliza Sommers
- Siblings Rose, Jeremy, and John
- Falls in love with Joaquin Andieta
- Their affair gets her pregnant, and he moves to California for Gold Rush
- She moves after him
 - Accompanied with Chinese physician Tao Chi’en
 - On ship captained by Vincent Katz
- Suffers miscarriage
- Tao disguises her as Chinese boy to escape ship
- Disguises herself as cowboy Elias Andieta to find Joaquin

Portrait of Sepia

- Sequel to Daughter of Fortune
- Aurora del Valle, Eliza Sommers’s granddaughter

City of the Beasts

- Alexander Cold’s trio to the Amazon

Moves to Venezuela for 13 years to avoid assassination

Kingsley Amis- English 1922-1995

Lucky Jim

- Jim Dixon tires under Professor Welch
- Imitates him in a drunken speech that gets him fired

Angry Young Men

Mulk Raj Anand- Indian

Conversations in Bloomsbury

Untouchable

Sherwood Anderson- American
Winesburg, Ohio

- Short story collection
- Main protagonist George Willard
- Begins with The Book of the Grotesque
- Godliness
- Hands
 - Wing Biddlebaum
- Paper Pills
 - Dr. Reefy
- The Philosopher
 - Doctor Parcival
- Nobody Knows
 - Louise Trunnion

Isaac Asimov- American 1920-1992

Robot Series

- I, Robot
 - "Robbie"
 - Gloria becomes attached to robot Robbie
 - Mrs. Weston sends him back, fearing it will affect Gloria's development
 - Mr. Weston then takes her to NYC, where after Robbie saves her life, they reunite
 - De. Susan Calvin's first appearance
 - "Runaround"
 - Powell and Donovan send Speedy to retrieve Selenium
 - A contradiction between the second and third laws make Speedy continuously run around the Selenium pool
 - "Reason"
 - "Catch That Rabbit"
 - "Liar!"
 - "Little Lost Robot"
 - "Escape!"
 - "Evidence"
 - "The Evitable Conflict"
- The Caves of Steel
- The Naked Sun
- The Robots of Dawn
- Robots of Empire

Galactic Empire Series

- The Currents of Space
- The Stars, Like Dust
- Pebble in the Sky

Foundation Trilogy

- Foundation
 - Hair Seldon tries to save galactic order

- Uses psychohistory
- Foundation and Empire
- Second Foundation

Lucky Starr Series

- David Starr, Space Ranger
- Lucky Starr and the Pirates of the Asteroids
- Lucky Starr and the Oceans of Venus
- Lucky Starr and the Big Sun of Mercury
- Lucky Starr and the Moons of Jupiter
- Lucky Starr and the Rings of Saturn
- Written under pseudonym Paul French

Norby Chronicles

- Norby, the Mixed Up Robot

“Mirror Image”

- Detective Elijah Baley and robot partner R Daneel Olivaw
- When two mathematicians accuse each other of plagiarism, Baley figures out which one is lying, despite their robots telling identical stories

“Nightfall”

- Lagash, which is usually covered in light, experiences complete darkness, causing mass hysteria and extinction

“The Last Question”

- Multivac, a supercomputer reports “insufficient data for meaningful calculation” after being asked “how can the net amount of entropy of the universe be massively decreased?”
- Millions of years pass and humanity dies out
- After rearranging all information in every possible way, AC, Multivac’s successor answers “Let there be light”

Opus

- Reflection on past 99 works
- 100, 200, 300

Margaret Atwood- Canadian

The Handmaid's Tale

- Offred
 - Concubine that is made to reproduce
 - Learns codeword Mayday
 - Works under the Commander
 - Husband of Serena Joy
 - Plays Scrabble with him
 - Sleeps with Nick
- Moira
 - Escapes Red Center
 - After attacking Aunt Elizabeth
- Professor Pieixoto
- Republic of Gilead
- "Don't let the bastards grind you down"

Cat's Eye

- Elaine Risley

Alias Grace

- Historical nonfiction
- Murder of Thomas Kinnear and Nancy Montgomery
- Grace Marks and James McDermott were convicted of crime

The Blind Assassin

- Iris Chase
- Alex Thomas
 - Radical writer
- Children make carpets until they can't see

Oryx and Crake

- Snowman
- Crake
 - Studies at Watson-Crick Institute
 - Works for RejoovenEsense
 - Creates Crakers, vegetarian sex humans
 - Creates BlyssPluss, viagra-like sterilization pill
 - Plays online game Extinctathon
- Jimmy
 - Falls in love with Oryx
 - Same girl from porno
 - Partner of Crake
 - Smokes skunkweed

Surfacing

Hag-Seed

- Felix tries to put on a play of The Tempest in prison

"Rape Fantasies"

- Girl shares fantasies of how she escapes rape in humorous ways

Paul Auster- American 1947

The New York Trilogy

- City of Glass
- Ghosts
- The Locked Room
- Detective fiction

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Jane Austen- English 1775-1817

Sense and Sensibility

- Elinor Dashwood
 - "Sense" half that becomes attracted to Edward Ferrars
- Marianne Dashwood
 - "Sensibility" half that marries Colonel Brandon instead of John Willoughby
 - Twists ankle running down hill at Barton Park
- Edward Ferrars
 - Originally engaged to Lucy Steele
- John Willoughby
 - Ends up being engaged to Sophia Grey
 - Seduces and impregnates Eliza Williams
 - Rejects Marianne by returning her love letters and a lock of her hair

- Fanny, John Dashwood's wife, dislikes the sisters
- Charlotte Palmer
 - Nice lady who gossips
- Takes place at Norland Estate
- Stay with John Middleton and Mrs Jennings

Pride and Prejudice

- "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife"
- Elizabeth Bennett who loves Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy
- Charles Bingley
- Netherfield Park

Mansfield Park

- Fanny Price
 - Sent to live at Mansfield Park
 - Goes to Portsmouth and forms bond with little sister Susan
- Sir Thomas Bertram
 - Owns Mansfield Park
 - Leaves to deal with his plantation in Antigua
- Cousin
 - Edmund
 - Tom Jr
 - Maria
 - Maries stupid James Rushworth
 - Julia
- Henry and Mary Crawford
 - Flirt with many of the cousins
- Mrs. Norris, antagonist
- Older brother William
- They put on the play Lover's Vows
 - Encouraged by John Yates
 - Roles- Amelia, Agatha, Anhalt, the Baron
- Lord Ravenshaw

Emma

- Emma Woodhouse
 - Ends up marrying Mr. Knightly with prospect of "perfect happiness"
- Attends marriage of governess Miss Taylor to Mr. Weston
- Tries to match Harriet Smith to Mr. Elton
 - Harriet Smith must reject honest farmer Robert Martin against her will
 - Ends up marrying Robert Martin
- Mr. Elton proposed to Emma, who rejects him
 - Brings back another rich girl out of anger
- Jane Fairfax
 - Comes to see her aunt Miss Bates and grandmother Mrs. Bates
 - Educated by Colonel Campbell
 - Anonymous piano arrives as a gift for Jane
 - Marries Frank Churchill
- Set in Hartfield

Northanger Abbey

Persuasion

- Anne Elliot
 - Frederick Wentworth, ex-lover who she meets again
 - Kellynch Hall
 - Sister Marry is married to Charles Musgrove

Sanditon

- Unfinished

First to use term baseball

Isaac Babel- Russian 1894-1940

Red Cavalry

- Short Stories about Budyonny's First Cavalry Army during Polish-Soviet War
- Depicts marauding Cossacks, narrated by Kirill Liutov
- "My First Goose"
 - Must deny intellectuality by killing goose
- "Salt"
- "The Way to Brody"
- "The Death of Dolgushov"

Story of My Dovecot

Tales of Odessa

- Jewish gangsters led by Benya Krik

"Gimpel the Fool"

- Marries Elka
 - Is already 5 months pregnant but convinced him it's his
 - Has 6 other children after
 - Apologizes on deathbed
- Spirit of Evil
 - Convinces Gimpel to urinate in bread before giving it to the town

Maria

Sunset

Killed by NKVD

Mikhail Bathtin- Russian 1895-1975

Rabelais and His World

- Carnival and grotesque

Literary Critic

Honore de Balzac- French 1799-1850

The Human Comedy

- Cousin Bette
 - Adeline Hulot
 - Married to Baron Hector Hulot
 - Spends money on Josepha
 - Gets uncle Johann Fischer to embezzle funds from War Department in Algiers
 - Pressured to marry Celestin Crevel
 - Perfumer
 - Hortense, her daughter
 - Lisbeth (Bette) Hulot, her cousin

- Cares for Wenceslas Steinbock after his attempted suicide
 - Sculptor
 - Valerie Marnuffe
 - Friend of Bette who seduces and ruins Hulots
- Eugenie Grandet
- Pierre Goroit
 - Jean Joachim Goroit
 - Old vermicelli (noodle) maker
 - Daughters Anastasia and Delphine
 - Dies from stroke and they don't come to the funeral
 - Eugène de Rastignac
 - Law student
 - Madame de Beauseant helps him fit in to upper class
 - Tries to court Delphine
 - Vautrin
 - Wants Rastignac to marry Victorine
 - Offers to get her brother killed in a duel so Rastignac can have their fortune
 - Criminal nicknamed the "Cheater of Death"
 - Set in Maison Vauquer
- Sarrasine
 - Sarrasine loves Zambinella
 - Analyzed in Roland Barthe's essay S/Z
- The Wild Ass's Skin
 - Man finds shagreen that grants his every wish, but he loses physical energy each time
- A Passion in the Desert
 - French soldier flees to a cave during Napoleon's invasion of Egypt
 - Meets a panther whom he names "Mignonne" and falls in love with
 - Goes to the Nile to drink, but stabs the panther when he mistakes it for attacking him
 - Is rescued in tears, and expressing regret later

Called the first naturalist writer

Died of caffeine poisoning, because of drinking 50 cups of coffee a day to stay prolific

James Baldwin- American

Go Tell It on the Mountain

- John Grimes
 - Resents Roy for receiving preferential treatment from stepfather Gabriel
 - All happens on 14th birthday
 - Wonders if anybody remembered after viewing stain on ceiling
 - Reflects on having "sinned his hand" (masturbated)
- Gabriel
 - Spiritually reborn and becomes a priest on his 21st birthday
 - Has two dead sons named Royal
 - Speaks at Temple of Fire Baptized Church
- Roy
 - Florence keeps a letter from his dead wife Deborah as blackmail
- Wrestling match with Elisha on the threshing floor
- Parallels with Noah's son Ham

- Harlem

Giovanni's Room

- David
 - Wife Hella goes to US to think about marriage
 - He goes to France
 - Meets Giovanni, who is sentenced to be guillotined
 - Guillaume's Bar
 - Calls Jacques for help
 - Has sex with Sue to convince himself he's straight
 - Recalls making love to a boy during a sleepover, just to bully him the next day

Notes of a Native Son

- "Everybody's Protest Novel"
 - Castigates Uncle Tom's Cabin and Native Son
- "Carmen Jones: The Light is Dark Enough"
 - Criticizes Carmen Jones
- "Stranger in the Village"
 - Racism incurred while staying in a small village in Switzerland
 - "People are trapped in history and history is trapped in them"

Remember This House

- Unfinished manuscript adapted into film I am Not Your Negro

If Beale Street Could Talk

- Fonny and Tish are in love
- Fonny is falsely accused of rape
- Tish gets pregnant

The Fire Next Time

- 2 essays
- "My Dungeon Shook- Letter to my Nephew on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Emancipation"
- "Down at the Cross- Letter from a Region in My Mind"
 - Talks about his dinner with Elijah Muhammad discussing NOI
- Inspired Between the World and Me

Another Country

Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone

John Banville- Irish

The Sea

- Max Morden
- Deals with the loss of his wife Anna and his memory of watches Chloe Grace and her mute brother Myles drown

Doctor Copernicus

Kepler

The Newton Letter

The Book of Evidence

Ghosts

Athena

The Untouchable

Eclipse

Shroud

The Infinities

Ancient Light

John Barth- American

The Sot-Weed Factor

- Ebenezer Cooke
 - Real life poet who wrote satire with same name
 - Travels to Maryland from London, and tries to stay innocent (keep virginity)
 - Dad owns tobacco (sot-weed) factory

Giles Goat Boy

Lost in the Funhouse

Tidewater Tales

- Sheherazade as character

Chimera

LETTERS

A Floating Opera

Charles Baudelaire- French

Les Fleurs du mal

- Begins with address "To the Reader"
- Spleen and Ideal
 - "Benediction"
 - "The Albatross"
 - "The Sick Muse"
 - "Exotic Perfume"
 - "The Cat"
 - "The Broken Bell"
 - "The Joyous Corpse" ("The Grateful Dead")
- Parisian Scenes
- Flowers of Evil
 - "Lesbos"
 - "The Vampire's Metamorphoses"
 - "Voyage to Cythera"
- Revolt
- Wine
- Death
- "Prayer"
 - Soul sitting under Tree of Knowledge

Walter Benjamin translated many of his works

Edward Bellamy- American 1850-1898

Looking Backward

- Julian West falls asleep and wakes up in 2000 to a socialist utopia
- Describes the workings of this society
- Very influential during its time, causing "Bellamy Clubs" and utopian communities to emerge

Saul Bellow- Canadian-American

The Adventures of Augie March
Henderson the Rain King
Herzog
Mr Sammler's Planet
Seize the Day
Humboldt's Gift

Stephen Benet- American 1898-1943

John Brown's Body

- Narrated by Jack Ellyat and Clay Wingate

The Devil and Daniel Webster

- Based on The Devil and Tom Walker
- Jabez Stone
 - Sells his soul to Mr. Scratch (the devil)
 - Hires Daniel Webster to be his lawyer
- Webster tries to reason with Mr. Scratch
- Scratch picks a judge and jury who are now known as historical antagonists in the development of our country
 - Judge Hawthorne
- Jury finds that "even the damned may salute the eloquence of Mr. Webster"

By the Waters of Babylon

- Post-apocalyptic short story
- John's mission to the Place of the Gods
- Told to avoid the "Dead Places"
- Has a vision of the "Great Burning"
- Sees places labeled "ASHING" (statue of Washington) and "UBTREAS" (Federal Hall)
- "We must build again"
- Written in response to bombing of Guernica

The King of Cats

"The Sobbin Women"

- Adapted into Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- After one backwoods man gets married, the rest of the men try to get married
- After disapproval from their fathers, they abduct the girls, who are eventually won over

"American Names"

- Bury my heart at Wounded Knee

"Difference"

"Western Star"

Beowulf

Hrothgar

- Hereot, his drinking hall, is being terrorized by Grendel
- Wealhtheow, his wife

Grendel

- Descendant of Cain that lives in the lake of monsters

Unferth impugns Beowulf for losing a swimming contest, so believes he will not be able to defeat Grendel

Beowulf comes to rid Hereot of Grendel

- Doesn't want to use weapons, so it is a fair fight
- Rips Grendel's arm off, killing him

Grendel's mother then attacks Hereot for revenge

- Kills Æschere, Hrothgar's trusted advisor

Gifted Hrunting, a magical sword, by Unferth

Travels to a lake, and is dragged to the bottom inside a cave by Grendel's mother

Hrunting does not harm her, and she tries to stab Beowulf

He finds a sword hanging on a wall, and uses it to kill her

Also uses it to decapitate Grendel, but his blood melts the sword

A slave steals a golden cup from a dragon, and the dragon destroys everything in sight

Beowulf goes to slay him, and his men flee into the woods out of fear, and only Wiglaf remains to aid him

Together they kill the dragon, and Beowulf asks him to bring him a handful of the dragon's loot before he dies

A barrow is built in Beowulf's memory

kennings

- Literary device that combines two nouns

Written on Nowell Codex

- Written by two scribes, who changed in the middle of a sentence
- Along with poem Judith
- UV light analysis by Kevin Kienran
- Stored in Cotton Library
- Damaged in Ashburnham House fire

Thomas Bernhard- Austrian 1931-1989

Correction

- Roithamer is an Austrian lecturer at Cambridge
- Builds an inhabitable cone for his sister in the precise middle of the Kobernausser forest
- She dies after entering the Cone

Extinction

- Franz-Josef Murau exiles himself from his family in Rome to become an artistic intellectual
- When his parents die, he inherits Wolfsegg
- Student Gambetti prompts him to write extinction

The Loser

- Wertheimer auctions off piano after realizing he could never play as well as Glenn Gould

Woodcutters

German-speaking

Ambrose Bierce- American 1842-1914

Tales of Soldiers and Civilians

- An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge
 - Peyton Farquhar is tricked by Union soldier who tells him about burnable driftwood, and is sentenced to a hanging
 - He hallucinates about escaping in the split second before being hanged
 - Feels a "stunning blow upon" his neck just as he goes to embrace his wife

The Devil's Dictionary

- Witty definitions for common words
- Compiled into Cynic's World Book

"The Hypnotist"

- Boy with big blue eyes realizes he has the power to hypnotize people
- First makes a girl give him her lunch every day

- Eventually kills the girl
- While in jail, he convinces the warden he is an ostrich, after which he ingests indigestible things, like a doorknob
- Later he tricks his parents into believing they are Broncos, and watches them fight

"Moxon's Master"

- Moxon is killed by the fez-wearing automaton he made after he beats it in a game of chess

Chickamauga

- Deaf-mute child sleeps through the battle
- Soldiers he played with burned down his house

"Oil of Dog"

- Husband and wife team that makes oil from babies

"The Damned Thing"

- Hugh Morgan writes in his diary about "The Damned Thing", an invisible creature that he learned he is hunting
- He takes his friend William Harker along time make sure he isn't crazy
- Eventually kills him, which appears as convulsions to Morgan
- Harker explains this during the inquest, but people call him crazy
- Agree that he was killed by mountain lion

"The Boarded Window"

- Murlock's wife is having fits, and later dies
- Murlock then takes a nap
- While napping, a strange beast enters through the window
- He didn't his rifle, and sees a panther dragging his wife by the neck
- After examining his wife's corpse, he sees the panther's ear in her teeth

Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen)- Danish- 1885-1962

Out of Africa

- Memoir about time in Kenya on a coffee farm
 - Inhabited by Kikuyu squatters
 - Declines offer by Remi Martin to sell plantation
 - Leaves Kenya for Denmark
- Farah Aden, Somali head servant
- Kamante, becomes cook
- Old Knudsen
- Lula, pet gazelle that runs off with a buck
- Kabero shoots Wamai and Wanyagerri
 - Goes off to live with Masai
 - Father Kaninu must pay cow and a half to victim's family
- Ngomas, big native dances
- Emmanuelson, a Swedish outlaw
- Denys Finch-Hatton
 - Karen's presumed lover
- Berkely Cole
- "From an Immigrant's Notebook"
 - Second to last section
- Shadows on the Grass added later

Seven Gothic Tales

- "The Deluge at Norderney"

- Cardinal Hamilcar von Sehestedt
- Servant Kasparson
- Nat-og-dag
- Daughter Calypso
- Jonathan Maersk
- All get rescued on a boat, but trade places with peasants trapped at a granary
- “The Old Chevalier”
 - Baron and Nathalie have sex, he realizes he loves her, but can’t find her after she leaves
 - Baron tells a story of an artist who is painting a skull that resembles Nathalie’s a decade later
- “The Monkey”
- “The Roads Round Pisa”
- “The Supper at Elsinore”
- “The Dreamers”
- “The Poet”

Babette's Feast

- French cook spends all of her lottery winnings on one meal for Martina and Philippa

Robert Bloch- American

Psycho

- Norman Bates
- Kills Mary Crane

Giovanni Boccaccio- Italian 1313-1375

The Decameron

- Group of ten telling stories outside of Florence, escaping the Black Death for ten days
- Last story tells the trials that Griselda's husband put her through
- Compares three rings to three different Abrahamic religions
- All's Well That Ends Well is based on one story

On Famous Women

- Inspired Christine de Pizan to write

The Elegy of Fiammetti

- Fiammetti loves Panfilo, the Florentine merchant

Roberto Bolano- Chilean 1953-2003

2666

The Savage Detectives

Amulet

- Auxilio Lacouture hides out in bathroom during Tlatelolco Massacre

Heinrich Boll- German 1917-1985 1972 Nobel

Billiards at Half-past Nine

- Robert Faehmel
 - Friend Schrella
 - Adopts bellhop Hugo
 - Known as the “lamb”
- Nettlinger wants to see Robert

- Former Nazi
- Beat Robert with gym teacher Old Wobbly
- Bellboy Jochen will not let Nettlinger up
- Johanna
 - Shoots at Old Wobbly, now a Secretary of State
 - Angry for the rule of “the buffalo”
- Heinrich cuts cake in shape of the building at the end of the novel
- Rubber Literature

The Lost Honour of Katherina Blum

- Blum meets Ludwig Gotten
- Life is ruined by tabloid intrusiveness and kills reporter Totges

And Never Said a Word

The Bread of Those Early Years

The Clown

Group Portrait with Lady

The Safety Net

"That Time We Were in Odessa"

"Children Are Civilians Too"

Jorge Luis Borges-Argentine

Ficciones (Fiction):

- Library of Babel
 - Every possible 410 page work
 - Crimson Hexagon and Purifiers
 - People look for book Vindications
- Death and the Compass
 - Erik Lönnrot attempts to solve murders
 - “The first letter of the name has been uttered”
 - Connects these clues with Tetragrammaton
 - Guesses the location of last murder, which he believed forms a rhombus
 - Turns out to be Red Scharlach, his nemesis
 - Lönnrot tells him he should have made the murders in a straight line, before being murdered
 - "Labyrinth made of the single straight line which is invisible and everlasting"
 - Inspired by "The Purloined Letters"
- Tlon, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius
 - Residents speak Ursprache, a language without nouns
 - “Upward begins the onstreaming it mooned”
 - Hronir- duplicate items
 - Herbert Ashe wrote an encyclopedia about it
- The Garden of Forking Paths
 - Ts’ui tries to write novel with every possible outcome
 - Narrated by Yu Tsun
 - Spy for Germany
 - Warned after receiving phone call from apartment of Viktor Runeberg
 - Chased by MI 5 agent Richard Madden
 - Kills Stephen Albert to convey code to Berlin that Germany would bomb Albert
- The Lottery in Babylon

- "Company never existed, and it never will"
- Qaphga- Kafka

Pierre Menard, Author of the Quixote

- Creates a line by line reproduction of Don Quixote

El Aleph

- The Aleph
 - Point in space that contains all other points
 - Can see everything from every angle
 - Located in Carlos Daneiri's cellar
 - There is a similar one the Mosque of Amr described by Richard Burton, in which all sounds can be heard simultaneously
 - Protagonist
 - In love with Beatriz Viterbo
 - Carlos Daneiri
 - Poet trying to write epic about General San Martin
- Emma Zunz

Labyrinths

- Short stories translated to English

The Book of Sand

- Written in last days while blind
- Has no beginning or end
- Eventually hides it in National Library
 - "Best place to hide a leaf is the forest"
- "There Are More Things"
 - Protagonist's uncle Edwin Arnett dies
 - Max Preetorius buys the house
 - Makes many unusual modifications to the house, replacing Alexander Muir's previous work
 - Man must take shelter there during storm, must confront creature that lives there
 - Title from Hamlet
 - Dedicated to HP Lovecraft

Universal History of Infamy (Iniquity)

- On Exactitude in Science
 - Maps are so precise that they now are identical to the empires themselves
 - "In all the land, there is no other relic of the disciplines of geography"

"The Analytical Knowledge of John Wilkins"

- Includes the Celestial Emporium of Benevolent Knowledge to show how absurd the taxonomy is

Pierre Boulle- French 1912-1994

The Bridge over the River Kwai

- British POWS build bridge for "Death Railway" during WW2

Ray Bradbury- American 1920-2012

Fahrenheit 451

- The Hearth and the Salamander
- The Sieve and the Sand
- Burning Bright

- Protagonist Guy Montag
 - Witnesses a girl who chooses to be burned alive rather than leave house
 - Hides book under his pillow
 - Goes to see Faber, a retired professor who gives him an ear piece communicator
 - Beatty orders him to burn down the house, which causes Guy to kill him with the flamethrower, which is what he wanted
 - The Mechanical Hound is set on his trail
 - Assigned to memorize "Book of Ecclesiastes" by Granger
 - Suggests a factory of mirrors be built so people can look at themselves and reflect
 - Dandelion rubbed under his chin by a girl who tells him he is not in love with anybody
- Wife Mildred
 - Overdoses on sleeping pills
 - Goes on a date with Mrs. Bowles to watch the "parlor walls", walls of tv screens
 - Guy reads "Dover Beach" to wife Milly and Bowles
- Clarisse McClellan
 - Young, well-read neighbor that can see past the current disillusionment in the world
 - Goes missing which prompts curiosity in Montag
 - Turns out she was hit by speeding car

The Martian Chronicles

- "Rocket Summer"
- "Ylla"
 - Alien becomes jealous of his wife's love for the astronauts
 - Kills astronauts Nathaniel York and Bert
- "The Summer Night"
- "The Earth Men"
 - Mr. Xxx kills the astronauts and then himself after believing they were hallucinations
- "The Taxpayer"
- "The Third Expedition"
- "-And the Moon Be Still as Bright"
 - Spender, Captain Wilder, and Parkhill
 - Questions about if colonization is right
 - Man vomits on ruins
- "The Settlers"
- "The Green Morning"
 - Benjamin Driscoll plants thousands of trees
- "The Locusts"
- "Night Meeting"
- "The Shore"
- "The Fire Balloon"
 - Priests come to find ethereal spirits in blue flames who have escaped the world of sin
- "Interim"
- "The Musicians"
 - Young boys play on "white xylophones", Martian ribcages
- "The Wilderness"
- "Way in the Middle of the Air"

- Samuel Teece, a racist white man, tries to stop African Americans from going to space
 - Tries to stop Silly and and Belter
 - Silly asks him “What you goin’ to do nights?” Referring to his gang lynching people
- “Naming of Names”
 - Physical features like Spender Hill and Driscoll Forest
- “Usher II”
 - William Stendhal and Pikes develop a haunted mansion with many cliché traps from other media
 - Kill the “Moral Climate Monitors” when they come to visit, reminiscent of Poe’s short stories
- “The Old Ones”
- “The Martian”
 - Anna and LaFarge
 - Shape shifting alien takes the form of their deceased son Tom
 - When they take the alien into town, they lose him, and he takes the form of another family’s lost daughter Lavinia
 - They try to take him out of town, but because he must shape shift for anybody that looks at him and has lost somebody, he spasms and dies
- “The Luggage Store”
 - Nuclear war is eminent on earth
- “The Off Season”
 - Sam Parkhill opens up a hotdog stand on mars
 - Accidentally kills alien that comes up to stand, and after being chased down through the desert, is offered control of half the planet
- “The Watchers”
 - People return to help nuclear war on earth
- “The Silent Towns”
 - Walter Gripp is the last man on Mars
 - He misses a phone call, presumably from another person on the planet, and sets out to find her
 - Meets Genevieve Selsor in New Texas City
 - Because she is unattractive and fat, he rejects her proposal and runs away to live on his own
- “The Long Years”
 - Hathaway, now retired, is old and aging
 - He lights up the old town to attract a rocket flying nearby
 - Captain Wilder lands and meets his family
 - The wife and son look remarkably young
 - After a crew member goes off to look in the cemetery, he realized that his entire family his dead, and Hathaway has replaced them with androids
 - Hathaway then dies of a heart attack
 - One of the crew members is tasked with killing the androids with a pistol, but is not able to
- “There Will Come Soft Rains”
 - Automated house continues to function after nuclear war
 - People’s shadows are burned onto house
 - Destroyed by fire, but wall continues to announce date

- Named for Sara Teasedale poem
- "The Million Year Picnic"

The Illustrated Man

- "Green Town"
- "The Veldt"
 - Hadley family lives in the automated "HappyLife Home"
 - Takes over George and Lydia's role as parents
 - Nursery displays depictions of the African Veldt, with lions eating carcasses
 - Lions eventually eat George and Lydia
- "The Rocket"
 - Fiorello Bodoni

The Golden Apples of the Sun

- "The Fog Horn"
 - Johnny and his boss McDunn work at a lighthouse
 - The fog horn attracts a sea monster who thinks it is one of his own kind
 - Basis for film The Beast from 20,000 fathoms
- "The Pedestrian"
 - Leonard Mead walks around at night, while everybody else watches TV
 - Tries to explain this to an automated cop who takes him away past his house
- "A Sound of Thunder"
 - Eckels pays Time Safari Inc \$10,000 to go to the past and hunt dinosaurs
 - Deutcher, the fascist candidate, loses to the moderate Keith
 - Travis and Lesperance warn that they should not wander from the path or there could be drastic consequences
 - Eckels becomes scared by a T Rex and falls off the path, accidentally stepping on a butterfly
 - When he comes back, he realizes Deutcher won the presidency
 - Travis shoots Eckels, the sound of thunder

I Sing the Body Electric

- The Kilimanjaro Device
 - Searches for Hemingway to time travel
 - Right and wrong graves
- Inspired Chicken Motel
 - Fortune-telling chicken
 - Long-horn steer and "Rest in peace. Prosperity is near" eggs

Dandelion Wine

- Douglas Spaulding
- Mr. Sanderson agrees to let Douglas have a new pair of sneakers after childhood memories of running like a antelope
- Leo Auffman tries to invent a Happiness Machine
- "Dandelion Wine. The words were summer on the tongue"

Something Wicked This Way Comes

- Will Halloway and Jim Nightshade
- Tom Fury sells the boys a lightning rod and tells them a storm is coming
- Mr. Cooger and Mr. Dark
 - Own the Pandemonium Shadow Show
 - They ride the carousel to age forward and backward
 - Mr. Dark transforms into Mr. Electrico

- Miss Foley is mesmerized by mirror maze and is turned young and blind by Cooger and Dark
- Charles Halloway
 - Old librarian father who saves them by laughing to the witch and hugging Mr. Dark
 - Describe las 3am as “soul’s midnight”

Summer Morning, Summer Nights

- Collection of short stories about "Green Town"

Green Shadows, White Whale

- Fictionalized account of his trip to Ireland to help with the screen play of Moby Dick

Death is a Lonely Business

- Elmo Crumley helps the narrator solve murders in Venice, California

The Halloween Tree

- Carapace Clavicle Moundshroud helps rescue Pipkin throughout space and time

"People ask me to predict the future, when all I want to do is prevent it"

Richard Brautigan- American 1935-1984

Trout Fishing in America

- Cover is Brautigan and Michaela le Grande in front of statute of Ben Franklin
- Mayo jar is symbolic
- Character named “Trout Fishing in America Shorty”

In Watermelon Sugar

A Confederate General from Big Sur

- Lee Mellon believes his ancestor from Big Sur California fought in the Civil War, despite no proof that he actually existed

"All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace"

- Given away for free

Anne Bronte- English

Agnes Gray

- Governess that works for the Bloomfield family

Tenant of Wildfell Hall

- Helen Graham marries Gilbert Markham after her husband Arthur Huntingdon dies
- Epistolary novel made up of letters to Jack Halford

Charlotte Bronte- English

Jane Eyre

The Professor

- William Crimsworth
- Offered a job by his brother Edward, who becomes mean and jealous of his intelligence
- Mr. Hunsden frees him from his job, and gets him a job as a professor in Brussels
- School is run by Monsieur Pelet
- Gets a job from Mademoiselle Reuter, who is kind to him
- Hears of the two's engagement and their deceitful treatment of him
- Falls in love with a teacher, Frances, whom he marries, opens a school, and has a child with

Villette

- Lucy Snowe
 - Stays at godmother Mrs. Bretton's home
 - Polly falls in love with John Graham Bretton

- Works for Miss Marchmont, a crippled lady
 - After retelling her love story, she dies
- Travels to Villete, Belgium in the kingdom of Labassecour where she works as a nanny for Mme Beck
- Dr. John comes to visit because of his love Ginerva Fanshawe
 - Later revealed to be John Graham Bretton, Mrs Bretton's son
- Falls in love with Paul Emmanuel, a chauvinist professor
- They are kept apart by the efforts of many, and although he confesses his love, Paul is forced to leave to oversee a plantation
- Has visions of a ghost of a nun, who was buried alive for breaking vows of chastity
- Turns out to be Ginerva's love Alfred de Hamal
- Hinted that Paul dies in shipwreck, drowned by the "destroying angel of tempest"

Shirley

Biographical Notice of Ellis and Acton Bell

Emily Bronte- English

Wuthering Heights

- Heathcliff has love affair with Catherine Earnshaw
- Lockwood narrates from Thrushcross Grange

Max Brooks- American 1972

World War Z

The Zombie Survival Guide

The Harlem Hellfighters

- Graphic novel of African American Regiment during WW1

Lecturer at West Point

Son of Mel Brooks

Fredric Brown- American 1906-1972

"Arena"

- Bobby Carson spaceship fight

"Answer"

- Supercomputer becomes God

Pearl S Buck- American

The Good Earth

- Wang Lung
 - Disgusted that his sons stole meat, he throws it on the ground
 - Buys a concubine named Lotus
- O-Lan, his wife
 - First child is malnourished, called "Poor Fool"
 - Second child is killed to save her misery and help family
 - Hides a diamond she found between her breasts

Sons

A House Divided

Satan Never Sleeps

- Chronicles communism in China

Translated Water Margin

Grew up mostly in China

Charles Bukowski- German-American 1920-1994

Ham on Rye

- Henry Chinaski, his alter ego
- Coming of age story
- Sex, alcohol, and severe acne treatment
- Set in LA

Post Office

- Henry Chinaski as mail carrier in LA

Factotum

- Henry goes from job to job

Mikhail Bulgakov- Russian 1891-1940

The Master and Margarita

- Master
 - Writes novel about Pontius Pilate and Yeshua Ha-Notsri
 - Eventually burns his manuscript (just as Bulgakov did with his first draft of the novel)
- Margarita
 - Lover of Master
 - Acts as hostess during Satan's Grand Ball on Walpurgis Night
 - Held at Apartment No 50
 - Applies Azazello's cream, which allows her to fly to it
- Professor Woland (Satan)
 - Visits Patriarch Ponds, Moscow with his entourage of followers
 - Has a magic show at variety theater
 - Makes deck of cards appear in people's pockets
 - Makes it rain money
 - Constructs a lady shop where women can take clothing for free, then makes it disappear, leaving the women naked
- Behemoth, giant black cat that can talk and walk on two legs
 - Decapitates man during magic show, but puts the head back on
- Azazello, fanged hitman
- Korovyev, pince-nez wearing "choirmaster"
 - Called Fagott ("bassoon")
- Hella, vampire
- Berlioz
 - President of MASSOLIT, elite literary organization
 - Headquartered at Griboyedov House
 - Laughs off Woland's prediction of his death, then dies that night exactly how Woland described it
 - Slips on sunflower oil and is decapitated by a streetcar
 - Witnessed by poet Ivan Ponyrev, or Bezdomny ("homeless")
- Rimsky, treasurer of variety theater
 - Attacked by partner Varenukha, after she is turned into a vampire
 - First noticed because she doesn't have a shadow
- Had to be published through underground practice of samizdat

The Fatal Eggs

- Vladimir Persikov, zoologist
- After leaving microscope for several hours, he returns to find cells rapidly multiplying
- Plague kills almost all chickens
- Aleksandr Rokk confiscates his technology so he can use it to save chicken population
- Chicken eggs intended for Rokk go to Persikov, and reptile eggs intended for Persikov go to Rokk
- Leads to large amount of aggressive snakes, crocodiles, and ostriches
- Persikov is killed by mob, who blame him for the problem, smashing his cameras
- Sub-zero temperatures are the only thing that can kill the animals, acting as a deus ex machina

Heart of a Dog

- Sharik, a dog that is taken in by Dr. Preobrazhensky, after being scalded by boiling water
- Given human pituitary gland and testicles, and adopting name Polygraph Polygraphovich
- Partly retold by notes of Dr. Bormenthal

The White Guard

- Turned into more successful play, The Day of the Turbins

Anthony Burgess- English- 1917-1933

A Clockwork Orange

The Long Day Wanes: A Malayan Trilogy

- Time for a Tiger
- The Enemy in the Blanket
- Beds in the East
- Main protagonist Victor Crabbe

Inside Mr. Enderby

The Right to an Answer

- JW Denham

One Hand Clapping

- Indictment of what Burgess saw as the degradation of Western culture and education

Nothing Like the Sun

- Fictional biography of Shakespeare's love life
- Fictional black prostitute Fatimah, who is based off of his Dark Lady

A Dead Man in Deptford

- Similar to Nothing Like the Sun, but this time with Christopher Marlowe

Napoleon Symphony

- Fictional account of Napoleon Bonaparte's life
- Cuckold with heartburn and halitosis
- Divided into sections like Beethoven's Eroica

Mozart and the Wolf Gang

M/F

- Miles Faber embarks on a journey across the Caribbean to find Castilian poet Sib Legeru
- Commentary on incest

The Worm and the Ring

- Version of the Ring Cycle

Beard's Roman Women

- Death of his first wife and the affair that led to his second

Earthly Powers

- Kenneth Toomey
 - Possibly based on Maugham

- Gay writer who is tasked with helping the canonization of Carlo Campanati
- Begins “It was the afternoon of my eighty-first birthday, and I was in bed with my catamite when Ali announced that the archbishop had come to see me”

The Kingdom of the Wicked

Man of Nazareth

Any Old Iron

Frances Hodgson Burnett-British-American 1849-1924

Little Lord Fauntleroy

- Cedric Errol inherits estate, becoming title character

A Little Princess

- Sara Crewe
- Wealthy father sends her to boarding school with luxuries
- Dies and leaves her with nothing
- Miss Minchin goes from being sweet to nasty after this
- She buys buns for beggar girl
- Mr Carrisford, her father’s business partner leaves her gifts
 - Indian servant Ram nig, who has a monkey
 - In diamond business
- Sara’s finance and safety is restored

A Secret Garden

- Mary Lennox is orphaned when parents die omg cholera
- Called “Mistress Mary, quite contrary”

Samuel Butler- English 1835-1902

Erewhon

- Higgs discovers the utopia of Erewhon (nowhere backwards)

The Way of All Flesh

- Pontifex family
 - Ernest Pontifex
- Overton, the Godfather

Darwin among the Machines

- Machines are constantly evolving and might one day overtake humanity

AS Byatt- British

Possession

- Follows two academics
- Analyzes love life between poets Randolph Henry Ash and Christabel LaMotte

The Children's Book

- Wellwood Family
 - Fabians
 - Based on life of E Nesbit
- Talked about how children of children book writers aren’t good

The Virgin in the Garden

The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye

George Washington Cable- American

Old Creole Days

- "Sieur George"

- "Belles Demoiselles Plantation"
- "Jean-ah Poquelin"
- Madame Delphine

James Mallahan Cain- American 1892-1977

The Postman Always Rings Twice

Double Indemnity

Erskine Caldwell- American 1903-1987

Tobacco Road

- Story about Georgia sharecroppers
- Lov Bensey
- Married to Pearl, 12 years old
- Dude Lester
 - Runs over Grandma
- Jeeter Lester
 - Worried that his dead body will be eaten by rats
- Ada
 - Worried that she will be buried in old tattered calico dress
- Ellie May
 - Has a cleft lip
- Sister Bessie Rice
 - Nose has no bone, can so see straight into her face
 - Marries Dude
 - Together buy a Ford, which becomes more and more wrecked
- Adapted by Jack Kirkland for eight years on Broadway

God's Little Acre

- Ty Ty Walden
 - Sons Buck, Shaw, and Jim Leslie
 - Kidnap albino Dave Dawson to help dig for gold
 - Daughter Rosamund is married to Will Thompson
 - Daughter Darling Jill, who is pursued by obese Pluto Swint
 - Beaten by Rosamund with hairbrush after sleeping with Will
 - All work done by African American farmhands Uncle Felix and Black Sam
 - Will is shot when reopening mill
- Family is obsessed with sex and gold
- Promises all gold found on "God's acre" to church, and afraid that he will find some on it, keeps moving its location

Married to Margaret Bourke-White

Italo Calvino- Italian 1923-1985

Our Ancestors

- The Cloven Viscount
 - Medardo of Terralba
 - Split into two by cannonball
 - Becomes Gramo (The Bad) and Bueno (The Good)
 - Reversed by Dr. Trewlaney
- The Baron in the Trees

- Cosimo
- Climbs into the trees after refusing to eat snail soup
- Has many adventures
- Hangs himself on a balloon, so that he will never touch the earth again, not even in death
- The Nonexistent Knight
 - Agilulf
 - Along with Rambaldo, are Charlemagne's paladins
 - Love Bradamante
 - Saves Sophronia
 - Crisis emerges when Torrismondo casts doubt on whether she is actually a virgin
 - Rescues Priscilla from bears

Cosmicomics

- Stories that build an imaginative story about a scientific fact
- Narrated by Qfwfq
- The Distance of the Moon
 - Love triangle of people who would jump between the earth and the moon
- Without Colors
 - Everything was gray, but then colorful atmosphere fades in
 - Scares away Ayl, Qfwfq's love interest
- Games Without End
 - Marble game between the universe
- The Aquatic Uncle
 - Family ashamed of their uncle who still lives in the water
 - References evolution of fish to land
- The Forms of Space
 - Narrator falls through space
 - Parallel to beautiful woman Ursula H'x, and another man Fenimore

Invisible Cities

- Dialogues between Marco Polo and Kublai Khan
- Describes 55 fictional cities

If on a winter's night a traveler

- You love Ludmilla
- Lotaria, Ludmilla's sister
- Silas Flannery, author
- Translator Hermes Marana
- Professor of Cimmerian lit Uzzi-Tuzzi
- 2nd person, describes your experience trying to read the book
- Fictional countries of Cimmeria and Cimbria
- Post-modern

The Castle of Crossed Destinies

- Mute travelers communicate through tarot cards

Under the Jaguar Sun

- "A King Listens"
 - King's palace becomes a giant ear, and he overheard love song
- "The Name, the Nose"
 - Three men try to capture woman's scent, which turns out to be death

Mr. Palomar

- Discusses things like time, infinity, and the universe
- Divided into 3x3x3 sections
- 1.2.3 discusses an infinite lawn

The Path to the Nest of Spiders

- Pin steals a pistol from the Nazis

Karel Capek- Czech 1890-1938

War with the Newts

- Captain van Toch discovers newts on island near Sumatra
 - Initially uses them for pearl farming
- Mr Povondra collects newspaper clippings about newts
- Newts eventually take over the world

R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)

- Introduced word robot
- Helena Glory, League of Humanity representative
- Marries Harry Domin
 - Owns factory
 - Sulla, his secretary, is a robot
- Alquist realized Primus and Helena are the new Adam and Eve

The White Disease

- Satirized Nazi Germany
- Disease only affects people over 45

The Makropulos Affair

- Woman lives for 300 years

The Absolute at Large

Pictures from the Insects Life

The Mother

Peter Carey- Australian

Oscar and Lucinda

True History of the Kelly Gang

- Australian outlaw

Alejo Carpentier- Cuban 1904-1980

This Kingdom of this World

- Demonstrates lo real maraviloso ("the marvellous reality"), a precursor to magical realism
- Ti Noel, a slave during the Haitian Revolution
- Macandal, another slave

John le Carre- British 1931

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

- George Smiley, a spy for British agency
- Must find Soviet mole
- Part of Karla trilogy

Lewis Carroll- English

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Through the Looking Glass

Jabberwocky

- Vorpal blade going snicker snack
- Chortle

The Hunting of the Snark

- If a Boojum, "you will softly and suddenly vanish away"

Adolfo Bioy Casares- Argentine 1914-1999

The Invention of Morel

- Fugitive on island creates a machine to replay reality

Friend of Borges

Willa Cather- American 1873-1947

O Pioneers!

- First in Great Plains Trilogy (Prairie Trilogy)
- Alexandra Bergson
 - Dreams of strong god-like figures who carry her over the field
 - Afterward douses her in cold water
 - Concerns over her wanting to marry Carl Linstrum, her neighbor
 - Eventually they marry
 - Brothers Lou and Oscar
- Emil Bergson and Marie Shabata
 - Embrace under white mulberry tree
 - Killed by Marie's husband Frank
 - Emil's cat climbs Telegraph pole in beginning
- Crazy Ivar
 - Tells them the hogs should not live in filth
- Title comes from Walt Whitman poem

The Song of the Lark

- Thea Kronborg

My Antonia

- Jim Burden
 - Kills a rattlesnake with a shovel
- Antonia Shimerda
 - From Bohemia
 - Works for Mr. Cutter
 - Marries Anton Cuzak
- Mr Shimerda kills himself at the end of winter

One of Ours

- Claude Wheeler
 - Meets the Erlich family, and moves to their farms
 - Marries childhood friend Enid Royce
 - Enlists in the army during WWI, believing he has found purpose

Alexander's Bridge

- Bartley Alexander is a construction engineer
 - Married to Winifred
 - Also loves Hilda Burgoyne

The Professor's House

- Professor Godfrey St. Peter

- Two daughters marry and move out
- Tom Outland dies in the Great War
 - His friend and eldest daughter's fiancée
 - She gets great wealth from the "Outland vacuum"
- Wishes to die, but is rescued by the seamstress Augusta

Shadows on the Rock

- Euclide Auclair daughter Cecil oversee plantation
- Blinker, does the chores

Sapphira and the Slave Girl

- Sapphira Dodderidge Colbert
 - Bitter and privileged white woman
 - Becomes paranoid that her husband Henry is having an affair with the slave Nancy
 - Daughter Rachel Colbert Blake, Nancy escapes via Underground Railroad

Death Comes for the Archbishop

- Jean Marie Latour
 - Tries to spread Catholicism in New Mexico
 - Travels from Ontario
 - Befriends Kit Carson
 - Stays in a cave with Native American Jacinto
- Travels with Father Valiant
 - Serves as foil
 - Nicknamed "blanchet" (whitey) for fair complexion
 - Nicknamed "trompe la morte" (cheater do death) for episodes of bad health
 - Forces a land owner to hand over two prize mules
 - Angelica and Contneto
- Magdalena saves the two from her husband Buck Scales
- Don Antonio and Don Isabella Olivares
 - He promises to give Latour money for church, but dies
- Father Jesus de Baca
 - Collects parrots
- Sympathetic to the Hopi and Navajo people

"Paul's Case"

- Paul works as an usher at Carnegie Hall
- Visits Charley Edwards, a young actor
- Steals \$2000 from a bank to buy new clothes and stay at the Waldorf-Astoria
- Jumps in front of a train to end his life

Many novels set in Nebraska

Elias Canetti- German

Crowds and Power

- Shows how crowds and packs think, and how they are ruled by tyrannical powers
- Analysis of Daniel Paul Schreber
- "The most blatant tyranny is the one that asks the most blatant questions"
- Nonfiction, but poetic and seething with anger

Auto-da-fe

Raymond Carver- American

Will You Please Be Quiet, Please?

- “Fat”
 - Waitress takes an order from the fattest person she has ever seen
 - Later she felt “terrifically fat” when having sex with her partner Rudy that night
- “They’re Not Your Husband”
 - Earl suggests to his wife Doreen that she goes on a diet after men see her thighs as she bends over to scoop ice cream
- “Nobody Said Anything”
 - Boy catches a fish with another boy, so they split it in two, but his parents are disgusted by it
- “What Do You Do In San Francisco?”
 - Postman Henry Robertson recalls how his marriage ended via a letter
- “Will You Please Be Quiet Please?”
 - Ralph finds out that his partner Marian has been unfaithful to him in the past
 - After a crazed and drunken night of poker and locking himself in their bathroom, he admits to forgiving her because of the new changes within him

What We Talk About When We Talk About Love

- “What We Talk About When We Talk About Love”
 - Mel McGinnis is married to Terri
 - Set around bottle of gin
 - Talks about old couple who got in a crash due to drunk driving
 - Old man laments that he does not get to see his wife now
 - Terri
 - Abused by old boyfriend Ed
 - Would drag her around living room
 - Stalked Mel and Terri
 - Ate rat poison, then shot himself
 - She got to be with him when he died
- “So Much Water So Close To Home”
 - Claire is scared that her husband Stuart and his friends killed a girl and left her body by the river while camping
 - Is scared when he approaches her and hears the sink running
- “Little Things”
 - Couple gets into a fight and both pull the baby, leading to ambiguously grim results

Cathedral

- Man is jealous of his wife, who had a life changing experience of a blind man touching her face
- The man comes over and he instructs the narrator to draw a cathedral from the tv, and it changes his life too

Elephant

Eleanor Catton- New Zealand 1985

The Luminaries

- Walter Moody travels to Hokitika in search for Gold

Camilo Jose Cela- Spanish 1916-2002

The Family of Pascual Duarte

The Hive

Member of Generation of ‘36

89 Nobel

Miguel de Cervantes- Spanish 1547-1616

Don Quixote

- Attacks windmills against advice of Sancho Panza
- "his wits to be quite gone"
- Horse Rocinante
- Aldonza Lorenzo (Dulcinea del Toboso) his lady love
- Samson Carrasco disguised himself as the Knight of the White Moon to fight Quixote
- Library is burned, but he saves La Galatea
- Claims to be translated by Moorish author Benengeli

La Galatea

- Journey to the wedding of Daranio and Silveria
- Pastoral

Exemplary Novel

- "The Power of Blood"
 - Rape victim uses silver cross to prove identity
- "Dialogue of the Dogs"
 - Syphilitic man overhears conversation of two dogs
 - Berganza
- "Little Gypsy Girl"

Aime Cesaire- Martinique French

Une Tempete (A Tempest)

- Based on the Tempest, but from a postcolonial perspective

Discourse on Colonialism

Notebook of a Return of a Native Land

- Talks about cops as pigs

The Tragedy of King Cristophe

A Season in the Congo

- Patrice Lumumba is executed
- About the transition of independence of the Belgian Congo

Founder of the negritude movement

- With Leon Damas and Leopold Senghor

Michael Chabon- American

The Mysteries of Pittsburgh

Wonder Boys

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay

- Jewish cousins create the Escapist
- Early comic book industry
- Pulitzer 2001

The Yiddish Policemen's Union

- Jewish refugees in Sitka, Alaska
- Meyer Landsman
 - Alcoholic homicide detective
- Berko Shemets
 - Half Tlingit, half Jewish partner
- Open cardboard chess board next to murder

Telegraph Avenue
Moonglow: A Novel

Raymond Chandler- American
The Big Sleep

- Detective Philip Marlowe
 - Played by Humphrey Bogart
 - Hired by General Sternwood to find daughter Carmen
 - Carmen asks Marlowe to teach her to shoot
 - Puts blanks in her gun, saved when she tries to shoot him
- Arthur Gieger
 - Blackmails Carmen
 - Bookstore is a pornography front
 - Backed by Eddie Mars
 - Is killed
- Joe Brady takes over the stand
 - Killed by Arthur's lover
- Vivian's husband Rusty disappears

"Blackmailers don't shoot"

- Black Mask

The Long Goodbye

- Terry Lennox

Poodle Springs

- Finished by Robert Parker

Farewell My Lovely

The Little Sister

The Simple Art of Murder

Geoffrey Chaucer- English 1343-1400

The Canterbury Tales

- Written in Middle English
- 22 Pilgrims going to visit shrine of Saint Thomas Beckett
- Story telling contest, winner gets free meal at Tabard Inn
- Starts with General Prologue
- First two tales are by the Knight and the Miller
- Harry Bailey
 - Host and narrator of the work
- Possibly based on Decameron
- Knight
 - Thesues imprisons Arcite and Palamon, who end up dueling over his sister-in-law Emelye
 - Arcite wins, but dies during it, so Palamon marries her
- Miller
 - Drunkenly insists that he should share his story before the Monk
 - Nicholas convinces his landlord's wife Alisoun to spend the night with him
 - Nicholas tricks John, the landlord's carpenter, into hanging from the ceiling in a bathtub by telling him a flood is coming
 - Absolon comes and asks for a kiss from Alisoun, who sticks her butt out for him to

- kiss instead
 - He asks for another kiss, and when Nicholas sticks out his butt and farts, Absolon brands him
 - His cries for water make John believe the flood is coming, and he falls down
- Reeve
 - Takes offense at the Miller's Tale, so tells story of a stupid Miller
 - Miller tries to steal corn of his customers, but they sleep with his daughter and wife
 - Wife mistakenly beats him in the head, and the customers take their goods back
- Wife of Bath's Tale
 - Knight rapes a girl and is sent away for penance, tasked with finding out what girls want the most
 - He meets an old ugly woman, and promises to do whatever she asks if she tells him the answer
 - She tells him women want to control their husbands and their own lives
 - She then asks him to marry her in return, but after lamenting that she is ugly, she gives him the option of her being ugly and faithful or beautiful and unfaithful
 - He lets her decide, and she rewards him by being both
- Nun's Tale
 - Chauncleer the Rooster
 - Kidnapped by Reynard the Fox

The Book of the Duchess

The House of Fame

- Dream vision where he wakes up in a Temple of Venus
- He is then visited by an eagle who takes him to Fame
- Discusses fame and truth

The Legend of Good Women

Troilus and Criseyde

- Set during Siege of Troy in Trojan War
- Pandarus encourages his niece Criseyde to sleep with Troilus
- Criseyde later betrays him for Diomedes on the tenth day
- Narrator apologizes at the end, dedicates his poem to Gower and Strode
- Song "Love that rules the earth and sea"
- "All good things must come to an end"

"Father of English Literature"

GK Chesterton- English 1874-1936

The Napoleon of Notting Hill

- Auberon Quin is selected to be King of England
- Makes everybody wear costumes, which bores everybody
- Except for Adam Wayne, the Napoleon of Notting Hill

The Man Who Was Thursday

- Gabriel Syme goes undercover into an anarchists club
- Lucian Gregory tricks him into being voted as a delegate, who are named after the days of the week
- President asks him "can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?"

Orthodoxy

- Christian (Catholic) apologetic

The Everlasting Man

- Christian apologetic and rebuttal to Wells's The Outline of History

"Blue Cross"

- Valentin tracks down Flambeau, a 6'4" criminal, but loses track of him
- Father Brown has the valuable Blue Cross, so Flambeau disguises himself as a priest to get near
- He claims that he has the cross, but Father Brown switched them beforehand, figuring out Flambeau's disguise
- Switched the salt and sugar, and made Flambeau's check 3 times too high

Erskine Childers- British-born Irish 1870-1922

The Riddle of the Sands

- Pioneer in espionage and spy fiction

Kate Chopin- American

The Awakening

- Edna Pontellier
 - Has affair with Alcee Arobin and Robert Lebrun
 - Dreams about wandering through a Kentucky field one Sunday morning
- Mademoiselle Reisz
- Adele Ratignolle
- Leonce

"Desiree's Baby"

- The Valmonde's have a baby in antebellum Louisiana
- Her partner Armand Aubigny accuses her of having African descent after their baby appears as a quadroon
- After destroying her stuff, burning the crib, and casting her away, it turns out Armand has the African ancestry

"The Story of an Hour"

- Louise Mallard gets news of her husband Brentley's death in a railroad disaster
- Initially feels grief, followed by immense joy
 - Feels "free, free, free" and resolves to "live for herself"
- After seeing him walk in her house alive, she dies of shock

"At the Cadian Ball"

- Calixta is only attracted to Alcee, whom she leaves with
- Clarisse, Alcee's original partner who rejected him, steals him away from Calixta with the pretense that "something terrible has happened"
- After revealing that nothing bad has happened, they leave together
- Calixta ends up with Bobinot, somebody she is not that attracted to

"The Storm"

- Bobinot and Bibi are at the store when a storm comes
- Calixta stops sewing to take their clothes off the line
- Alcee rides up and waits out the storm with her
- He comforts her, and they have a short affair, rekindling their old passion
- He leaves once the storm dies down
- Bobinot comes back with a can of shrimp for Calixta
- Alcee writes a letter to Clarisse encouraging her to stay in Biloxi with the kids
- "So the storm passed and every one was happy"
- Town of Assumption

"The Night Came Slowly"

- "I am losing my interest in human beings; in the significance of their lives and their action"

Agatha Christie- English

The Mousetrap

- Audience given order to not reveal the identity of murderer
- Murder of Maureen Lyon
 - Similar to Dennis O'Neill Case, she mistreated 3 foster children, leading to death of one
- Giles and Mollie Ralston
 - Rent out Monkswell Manor to 4 guests
- Christopher Wren
- Miss Casewell
- Mrs Boyle
 - Killed while 3 blind mice is playing
- Mr Metcalf
- Mr Paravicini enters unexpectedly
- Mr Trotter
 - Policeman who tries to determine who the killer is
 - Arrives on skis, which are eventually "stolen"
 - Turns out he is the child's older brother, and is the one committing the murders out of revenge

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

- Introduced Hercule Poirot
 - Mustached, Belgian detective
- Arthur Hastings
 - Foolish sidekick to Poirot
 - Marries music hall performer Dulcie Duveen

And Then There Were None

- Ten Little Indians / Ten Little N*ggers

Witness for the Prosecution

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

- Dr. Sheppard acts as unreliable narrator

Murder on the Orient Express

- Taurus Express from Aleppo to Syria to Istanbul
- Monsieur Bouc
- Samuel Ratchett
 - Attempts to hire Poirot
 - Gets murdered
 - Note "-member little Daisy Armstrong" in his compartment
 - Revealed that he is Cassetti
- Mrs. Hubbard
 - Daisy's (murdered 3 year old's) grandmother
- Linda Arden
- Poirot
 - Puzzled by scarlet kimono

Death on the Nile

The Murder at the Vicarage

Partners in Crime

The ABC Murders

The Thirteen Problems

The Labours of Hercules

- "The Capture of Cerberus"

- Poirot goes to nightclub with Countess Vera Rossakoff, a diamond thief

Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple

Sandra Cisneros- Mexican-American 1954

The House on Mango Street

- Esperanza Cordero
 - Determined to "Say Goodbye"
 - Befriends Lucy and Rachel Guerrero, two Texan girls
 - Little sister Nenny
 - Sexually assaulted at carnival after friend Sally ditches her for a guy
 - Wants to change name to Zeze the X
- 44 Vignettes
- Chicago

Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories

Arthur C Clarke- British 1917-2008

Childhood's End

- Alien race called the Overlords peacefully take over earth
- Rikki Stormgren
 - Hides device on Karellen's ship to see what he looks like

2001: A Space Odyssey

- David Bowman must shut down HAL 9000

Rendezvous with Rama

- Cylindrical spaceships comes near earth
- Intercepted by Endeavour
- Jimmy Pak skybikes across it
- Discovers "biots"
 - Mix between human and robot

The Fountains of Paradise

- Orbital Tower
 - Elevator from earth to a geostationary satellite
- Can be built in Pacific Ocean or Sri Lanka
 - Buddhist temple prevents it from being built in Sri Lanka
- Vannevar Morgan
 - Helps deliver package to students and professor
 - Dies of heart attack on way down

The Song of Distant Earth

"The Sentinel"

- Relic is left on the moon

"The Nine Billion Names of God"

- Tibetan monks want to list all the names of God so that he will return

Ta-Nehisi Coates- American 1975

Between the World and Me

- Inspired by The Fire Next Time

We Were Eight Years in Power

- "The Case for Reparations"

Wrote some Black Panther comic strips

The Water Dancer

Journalist that talks about the lives of African Americans

- Correspondent for the Atlantic

JM Coetzee- South African

Life and Times of Michael K

- Cape Town to Prince Albert, cleft lip

Disgrace

- Prof David Lurie "rape" of Melanie Isaacs
 - Is working on Byron opera
 - Moves to daughter Lucy's farm in Cape Town
 - While there 3 men attempt to rape her and set David on fire
 - Works with Bev Shaw, owner of animal shelter
 - Sleeps with prostitute Soraya
 - Euthanizes a dog at end
 - "Yes I am giving him up"
- Petrus and Pollux

Foe

- Susan Barton frame story of Robinson Crusoe
- Tries to convince Foe to publish her story

In the Heart of the Country

- 266 numbered paragraphs
- Magda shoots her father with his rifle after hearing him fornicating with Anna in the farmhouse
- Hendrick and Anna move into the farmhouse
- Hendrick continually rapes Magda, and flees when white farmers approach
- Magda is left starving and delusional
- Takes place in Karoo of Western Cape

Elizabeth Costello

- Fictional 66 year old Australian author
- Writes:
 - The House on Eccles Street
 - Book written by her that retells Ulysses from Molly Bloom's perspective
- Animal rights

The Lives of Animals

Slow Man

Waiting for the Barbarians

- Third Bureau terrorizes and captures people
 - Led by Colonel Joll
- Title from poem by Constantine Cavafy

2003 Nobel

Booker Prize

Colette- French 1873-1954

Gigi

- Turned into play by Lerner and Loewe

Cheri

Wilkie Collins- Irish

Woman in White

- Walter Hartright
 - Gives directions to a woman dressed in all white, later revealed to have just escaped an asylum
 - Goes by the name of Anne Catherick, who used to live in Limmeridge House
- Moves into the Limmeridge House
- Pesca, an Italian language master
- Frederick Fairlie, invalid
- Marian Halcombe
- Laura Fairlie
 - Marian's sister
 - Falls in love with Walter, although betrothed to Sir Percival Glyde
 - Tries to get her to hand over money, and she refuses
- Count Fosco, Percival's friend
 - Come up with a plan to exchange identities with Anne, placing Laura in the asylum, and burying Anne
 - Perishes in the flames while trying to destroy Glyde's incriminating documents
 - Murdered by the Italian group called the "Brotherhood" when trying to flee
- Detective work

The Moonstone

- Rachel Verinder receives a large Indian diamond on 18th birthday from corrupt British officer Colonel Herncastle, which later disappears
- Sergeant Cuff, a detective, tries to figure out who stole it
- Rejects proposal from her cousin Godfrey Abelwhite
- Franklin Blake tries to solve mystery of the missing diamond
- Rosanna Spearman
 - Maidservant who drowns herself in quicksand after being in love with Franklin
 - Sees a paint smear on Franklin's clothes that incriminates him, so she tries to throw suspicion on herself instead
- Ezra Jennings helps Rachel with the search
- Mr Candy gave Franklin laudanum during the night of the party, causing him to move it in a narcotic trance
- Miss Drusilla Clack
 - Evangelical who hands out moralizing tracts
- Gabriel Betteredge
 - Servant obsessed with Robinson Crusoe
- Mr Murthwaite tells us that the moonstone ends up in the forehead of the statue of the god of India, as it should

No Name

Armada

Addicted to opium

Joseph Conrad- Polish-born English

The N*gger of the Narcissus

- James Wait, dying West Indian black sailor
- Captain Allistoun
- Singleton the sailor
- Ship capsizes at Cape of Good Hope, and men risk their lives to rescue Wait
- Wait confesses to Donkin that he is only feigning sickness to get out of work
- Sentenced to the forecandle where he becomes frail
- Wait dies within sight of land, and once tossed into the sea, the heavy winds return

Heart of Darkness

- Charles Marlow
- Kurtz
 - "the horror, the horror!"
 - Writes a report on the "Suppression of Savage Customs"
 - "exterminate all the Brutes!"
 - "All Europe contributed to the making of Kurtz"
- On board the Nellie

Lord Jim

- Patna carries 800 pilgrims to the Red Sea
- After it begins taking in water, the Jim and crew escape on boat
- Later find out the others were saved by French navy ship
- Living with guilt, Jim cannot keep a job
- Charles Marlow's friend sets Jim up with a job on Patusan, a remote island
- He protects them from Sherif Ali and chief Rajah Tunku Allang
- Becomes friends with Doramin, and falls in love with Jewel
- Dain Waris is killed trying to defend village against "Gentleman" Brown
- Doramin shoots Jim for not protecting his only son

Typhoon

- Captain MacWhirr sails the SS Nan-Shan
- Juke, Conrad's alter ego
- Solomon Rout the engineer

Nostromo

- Set in Costaguana
- Charles Gould
 - Owns a silver mine, which he uses to fund Dictator Ribiera in hopes of stability
 - General Montero invades Sulaco, so Gould orders his silver to be taken offshore
- Nostromo, an Italian expatriate, smuggles the silver out
 - Journalist Martin Decoud helps
 - Boat is struck by revolutionary boat, and they save the silver by landing ashore Great Isabel
 - Nostromo swims back to protect the city's elite
 - Decoud goes insane and shoots himself, sinking into the sea with some silver ingots
 - Becomes resentful for not getting enough fame, so decides that the silver will be his
 - After a lighthouse on Great Isabel makes it difficult to recover the silver, he gets help from Giorgio Viola
 - Shot dead one night after mistaken for a trespasser

The Secret Agent

- Adolf Verloc tasked to bomb Greenwich Observatory
- The Professor

Under Western Eyes

- Razumov
 - Betrays his friend Haldin, who bombs Mr. de P--
- Written in response to Dostoyevsky

Chance

- Miss de Barral- son of a swindler who marries Captain Anthony
- Narrated by Marlow

Youth

- Marlow relates his experiences aboard the John-Beard captained Judea
- Combusts en route to Bangkok

"The Secret Sharer"

- Narrator hides Leggatt on his ship
- Leggatt climbs aboard after telling that he killed a man aboard the Sephora

Amy Foster

- Yanko Goorall falls in love with Amy Foster
- Provided shelter by Mr Swaffer
- Dies of thirst, asking for water in his native language

The Arrow of Gold

- Dona Rita and Captain Blunt

The Shadow Line

Almayer's Folly

Pat Conroy- American 1945 2016

The Prince of Tides

- Tommy Wingo

The Great Santini

- Lt. Col. Wilbur "Bull" Meecham

The Water is Wide

- Memoir of his time trying to communicate with and teach descendants of slaves on the island of Yamacraw

The Lords of Discipline

- Will McLean has to deal with the hazing and abuse of Carolina Military Institute
- Based off of Conroy's experience in The Citadel of South Carolina

James Fenimore Cooper-

The Leatherstocking Tales

The Deerslayer

- Natty Bumpoo
 - Captured trying to rescue Wah-ta-Wah
- Objects to the practice of taking scalps
- Henry March ("Hurry Harry") and "Floating Tom" Hutter take scalps

The Last of the Mohicans

- Natty Bumppo
- Chingachgook
- Major Duncan Heyward
 - Escorts Alice and Cora Munro from Fort Edward to Fort William Henry
- Uncas killed by Magua
- Magua killed by Hawkeye
- Believe in protection from singing master David Gamut

The Pathfinder

- Natty helps people through the woods

The Pioneers

- Leatherstocking (adult Natty) and Judge Marmaduke Temple argue over who killed a buck
- Oliver Edwards
- Chingachgook dies

The Prairie

The Spy

The American Democrat

Subject of Twain's Literary Offenses

- Scored 114 out of 115 possible
- "The tale shall accomplish something and arrive somewhere. But the "Deerslayer" accomplishes nothing and arrives in the air"

Julio Cortazar- Argentine

Hopscotch (Rayuela)

- 155 chapters
- 99 chapters are "expendable"
- Could read first 56 chapters, or hopscotch through all 155
- Horacio Oliveira
- Serpent Club

Blow-up

- Axolotl

The Night Face-Up

- Man has dream he is in pre-Columbian Mexico after motorcycle accident

Stephen Crane- American

The Red Badge of Courage

Maggie: A Girl of the Streets

- Maggie
 - Dates Jimmie friend's Pete, a bartender
 - Ends up as a prostitute, and later is murdered near a river
- Nellie, a "woman of brilliance and audacity"
 - Woman Pete leaves Maggie for
 - Calls Maggie "a little pale thing with no spirit"
 - Steals Pete's money after he passes out
- Jimmie, Maggie's brother
 - Resents fire truck drivers until he becomes one
- Mary Johnson, Maggie's mother
 - Kicks her out after accusing her of "Goin to deh devil"
 - After receiving news of her death, exclaims "I'll forgive her"

The Open Boat

- The correspondent, the captain, the cook, and the Oiler Billie
- Correspondent recalls line from "Bingen on the Rhine"
- Based off of Crane's shipwreck from Cuba to Florida aboard the SS Commodore
- Begins "None of them knew the color of the sky"

The Blue Hotel

- Pat Scully
 - Owner of the hotel
 - Lures the Swede, the easterner, and the cowboy to his hotel at the train station
- Swede is paranoid that the others want him dead
- Accused Johnnie of cheating
- They fight in the blistering cold
- Swede then puts hand on gamblers shoulder, and after refusing to move it, gets stabbed
- Others discuss if the gambler's 3 year sentence was justified

The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky

- Jack Potter rides to San Antonio
- Scratchy Wilson doesn't attack him because he has a bride
- Weary Gentleman's Saloon

The Monster

- Henry Johnson
 - Employed as a coachman for Dr. Ned Trescott
 - Likes Bella Farragut, who likes him back
 - Saves Ned's son Jimmie from a housefire by wrapping him in a blanket
 - Chemicals badly burn his face, causing him to look like a monster
 - Judge Hagenthorpe urges Trescott to just let Henry die
 - Dr. Trescott takes him in and cares for him, but they are both ostracized by the community

Sullivan County Tales and Sketches

The Black Riders and Other Lines

"A Man Said to the Universe"

War is Kind

- "Do not weep maiden, for war is kind"

"Tradition, thou art for suckling children"

Edwidge Danticat- Haitian

Breath, Eyes, Memory

- Sophie Caco's life in Haiti

The Farming of Bones

- Cane field

Elizabeth David- British

A Book of Mediterranean Food

Robertson Davies- Canada

The Deptford Trilogy

- Fifth Business

The Cornish Trilogy

The Salterton Trilogy

Daniel Defoe- English 1660-1731

Robinson Crusoe

- Ship is overtaken by Sale Rovers
- Escapes with Xury, then sells him
- Creates calendar by marking wooden cross
- 9 degrees 22 minutes north

- Rescues Friday and converts him to Christianity
- First English novel

Moll Flanders

- Open with mother in Newgate Prison
 - “Pleads her belly”
- Married her half brother
- Marries Jemmy
- Marries a Lancashire man
- Thief
- Long subtitle

Captain Singleton

- Raised by gypsies
- Abandoned and survives in Africa with other sailors
- Then turns to a life of piracy on the Indian Ocean
- Quaker friend William Walters
 - Convinces Singleton that taking his own life is the “Devil’s Notion”

The Shortest way with the Dissenters

- Satirical pamphlet from the point of view of a New England church official

Memoirs of a Cavalier

A Journal of the Plague Year

- Details plague of 1665 like Samuel Pepys

Colonel Jack

Don DeLillo- American

White Noise

- Jack Gladney is professor of Hitler studies
- The College-on-the-hill
- Airborne Toxic Event
 - Nyodene D
- Wife Babette
 - Has sex with Willie Mink for Dylar
 - To get rid of her fear of death
 - Son Heinrich

Libra

- Analyses Lee Harvey Oswald and JFK

Mao II

- Bill Gray
 - Recluse author
 - Photographed by Brita
 - Tells her terrorism has supplanted art as the “raids on consciousness”
- Scott Martineau
 - Love Karen has an affair with Bill

Underworld

- Nick Shay
 - Waste management executive
 - Wife Marian cheats on him with best friend
- Cotter Martin
 - Catches the “shot heard round the world” ball

- Father steals it and sells it for \$32.45

Cosmopolis

- Erik Parker's limo trip around New York City for a haircut

Point Omega

- Psycho is slowed down to last 24 hours

Falling Man

- 9/11

Americana

- David Bell

The Angel Esmeralda

- "Human Moments in World War III"
 - Narrator and Vollmer travel around earth to collect wartime intelligence
- "Midnight in Dostoyevsky"

"Baghdad Towers West"

"Pafko at the Wall"

- Became prologue to Underworld

Kiran Desai- Indian 1971

The Inheritance of Loss

Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard

Daughter of author Anita Desai

Dated Orhan Pamuk

Junot Diaz- American

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Drown

This is How You Lose Her

- Narrated by Junior

Charles Dickens- English 1812-1870

The Pickwick Papers

David Copperfield

A Christmas Carol

Oliver Twist

Great Expectations

- Philip Pirrip (Pip)
 - Protagonist orphan
- Joe Gargery- Pip's brother-in-law and kind blacksmith at Satis house
- Estella- cold and beautiful love of Pip
- Mrs. Joe Gargery- Pip's older sister
- Miss Havisham- Estella's mother, a recluse that wears her wedding dress
- Abel Magwitch
 - Convict from Australia who Pip meets in graveyard in the beginning
 - "Provis" and "Mr. Campbell"
 - Helps Pip go to London to become a gentleman
 - Sentenced to twice the jailtime of employer
- Compeyson
 - Professional swindler who was engaged to Miss Havisham

- Antagonist that drowns in the Thames while fighting Abel

A Tale of Two Cities

- Recalled to Life
- The Golden Thread
- The Track of the Storm
- Jerry Cruncher
- Jarvis Lorry
- Lucie Manette
- Monsieur Defarge
- Alexander Manette
- Charles Darney
- John Barsad
- Roger Cly
- Mr. Stryver
- Sydney Carton
 - Guillotined
 - Comforts the seamstress by saying there is no Time or Trouble in "the better land where they will be mercifully sheltered"
- Miss Pross
- Conceived while Dickens was in the play The Frozen Deep

The Old Curiosity Shop

- Owned by Daniel Quilp

Nicholas Nickleby

Bleak House

Little Dorrit

Joan Didion- American 1934

Slouching Towards Bethlehem

- Degeneracy and chaos in Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco during counterculture revolution
- Final essay titled "Goodbye to All That"

The White Album

- "We tell ourselves stories in order to live"

The Year of Magical Thinking

- Mourning the loss of her husband John Gregory Dunne
- Refers to anthropological concept of thinking that doing certain things can prevent an inevitable event from occurring
 - Would not throw away his shoes cause she knew he would need them when he returned

E L Doctorow-

Ragtime

- Father joins Robert Peary's expedition to North Pole
 - Later killed in the sinking of the Lusitania
- Tateh, and Eastern Europe immigrant
 - Makes paper silhouettes
 - Makes it big in film industry, becoming known as "The Baron"
 - Later marries Mother
- Mother's Younger Brother is an expert at fireworks and flags, the family business

- Abandoned black child
- Father is Coalhouse Walker
 - Wins over family by playing ragtime
 - Humiliated by fire crew, who smash his Model T Ford
 - Led by Will Conklin
 - Starts burning and bombing firehouses until justice for son
 - Gets help from Mother's Younger Brother
 - Storms Morgan Library
 - Shot dead after surrendering
- Mother is depressed Sarah

Billy Bathgate

- Billy Behan
- 15 year old Irish-American living in the Bronx
- Impressed mobster Dutch Schultz by juggling
- Otro Berman gives him a job as a janitor, where he can teach him mafia life
 - Done so after Billy infiltrates their gambling ring disguised as a delivery boy
- Schultz kills Bo Weinberg, drowning him with his feet cased in cement
 - Has his girlfriend Drew Preston
- Schultz convinces town that he is philanthropist, and that Billy is orphan
- "Bathgate" comes from the apartment they stay at
- Sends Drew chocolate and flowers during horse race at Saratoga Springs to keep hit man from kidnapping her
- Schultz and Berman are killed
- Billy inherits the fortune, raises kid he had with Drew, and turns mafia into legal business

The Book of Daniel

- Based on Rosenbergs

Fyodor Dostoyevsky- Russian

Notes from the Underground

- Part 1 "Underground"
- Part 2 "Apropos of the Wet Snow"
- Underground Man
 - "I am a sick man... I am a spiteful man"
 - Complains about the pain in his liver, but refuses to get help
- Apollon is commanded to buy tea for Liza

Crime and Punishment

The Idiot

- Prince Myshkim
 - The idiot
 - Comes from Swiss Sanatorium
 - Resembles Jesus Christ in many ways
- Nastasya
 - Gets stabbed by Rogozhin
 - Represents devil
 - Sexual servitude under Totsky
- Aglaya
 - Jealous young woman

Demons

- The Possessed or The Devils
- Stepan Verkhovensky and Varvara Petrovna Stavrogina
- Pyotr
 - Gathers Shigalyov, Kirillov, and Virginsky to kill Ivan Shatov

The Brothers Karamazov

- Fyodor Pavlovich Karamazov, father
- Sons Dmitri, Ivan, and Alyosha
- Grushenka
 - Sexually teases both Fyodor and Dmitri
 - Does this because she was left by a tyrannical Polish officer
- Smerdyakov
 - Son of "Reeking Lizaveta", a street prostitute
 - Epileptic
- Alyosha admonishes a group of boys who are stoning a sickly peer, but the one bites his finger
- Gives Snegiryov money to compensate for Dmitri dragging him out of a bar by the beard
- Ivan tells Alyosha the Grand Inquisitor Parable
 - Jesus kisses prison guard who then let's him go
 - Alyosha then kisses him on the lips
 - Chapter is called "Rebellion"
- Elder Zosima, spiritual advisor at the town's monastery
 - They think he is unholy because his body starts to stink upon death
- Dmitri kills his father with a brass pestle
- Katerina, his fiancée, produces a letter he wrote that proves his guilt, and he is sent to Siberia
- Ends with Alyosha's Speech by the Stone, promising the boys from earlier that he will always keep them in his heart, after Ilyusha dies
- Akutagawa stole story about the onion thrown into hell

Poor Folk

- Makar Devushkin
- Varvara Dobroselova
- Epistolary novel about how poverty leads to low self esteem

House of the Dead

- Aleksandr Petrovich Goryanchikov
- Semi-autobiography of Dostoyevsky's time in Siberian gulag

"White Nights"

- Narrator meets Nastenka during the night
- Confessed his loneliness in life, and agrees to a platonic relationship, even though he has feelings for her
- Confesses his love
- She eventually leaves with her fiancée, but thanks him for his compassion and invites him to her wedding

Arthur Conan Doyle- British

A Study in Scarlet

- Sherlock Holmes
 - Lives on 221B Baker Street
- Watson

The Final Problem

- Professor Moriarty and Sherlock plunge to their death down Reichenbach falls

The Hound of the Baskervilles

The Adventure of the Empty House

- Revives Sherlock

The Lost World

- Professor Challenger

Short Stories

- Feature Brigadier Gerard
- Red Headed League
 - Jabez Wilson
 - Gets payed 4 pounds a week to copy articles from Encyclopedia Britannica
- The Five Orange Pips
 - John Openshaw and his uncle Elias Openshaw
 - Gets a letter from K.K.K. with five orange seeds inside

The White Company

- Sir Nigel Loring
- Receives a mummy from lot 249

The Adventure of the Speckled Band

- Snake

Alexandre Dumas fils- French 1824-1895

La Dame aux Camelias

- The Lady with the Camellias
- Autobiography about affair with Marie Duplessis
- Marguerite Gautier
 - Wears a red camellia when menstruating
 - Wears white when available to lovers
 - Falls in love with Armand Duval
 - Sick with consumption, which is likely a euphemism for syphilis
- Inspired Verdi to write La Traviata

Alexandre Dumas- French 1802-1870

The Count of Monte Cristo

- Edmond Dantes
 - Sailor who is engaged to Mercedes
 - The Count of Monte Cristo- identity after escaping and getting fortune
 - Caesar Spada's fortune
 - Abbe Busoni
 - Gives a diamond to the remorseful Caderousse, who was too cowardly to stop Dantes's arrest
 - Eventually sentenced to death for killing the buyer of the diamond
 - Buys Morrel's debts
 - Owns a ship called the Pharon
 - Lord Wilmore- Englishman that performs acts of generosity
 - Sinbad the Sailor
 - Bertuccio becomes his servant
 - Gets Morcef kidnapped by Luigi Vampa during the Roman Carnival

- Abbe Faria
 - Italian priest who becomes Dantes friend while imprisoned in Chateau d'If
- Villefort, Morcef and Danglar families

The Three Musketeers

- Athos, Porthos, and Aramis
- D'Artagan
 - Finally gets promotion from Cardinal after others decline
 - Beaten by Comte de Rochefort and men with a cooking pot and tong
- Milady de Winter
 - Poisons D'Artagan's love Constance Bonacieux
 - Seduces jailor Felton

Twenty Years After

The Vicomte de Bragelonne: Ten Years Later

Georges

- Protagonist is a man of mixed race

Captain Paul

- First Novel

The Wolf Leader

- One of first ever werewolf novels

Le Chevalier de Maison-Rouge

- Maurice Lindey places himself in royalist plot to rescue Marie Antoinette

Auguste Maquet co-wrote most

Marguerite Duras- French 1914-1996

Moderato Cantabile

Hiroshima mon amour

- Script won her Best Original Screenplay

Umberto Eco- Italian

The Name of the Rose

- Franciscan friar William of Baskerville
- Adso of Melk
- Death of monk Jorge of Burgos
 - Uses poisoned Poetics to kill monks
- Venantius of Salvemec found dead in jar of pig's blood
 - Causes Bernard Gui to investigate library
- "Naked names are all we hold"
- Seven days in Aedificium
- Try to find finis Africae, a hidden room
- The murders line up with the Seven Trumpets

Foucault's Pendulum

- Jacopo Belbo, Casaubon, and Diotavelli concoct a fake conspiracy called "The Plan"
- Diotavelli is a cabalist
- Another society thinks they have key to lost treasure of the Knights Templar
- Colonel Ardent
 - Writes novel about the Knights Templar
 - Claims they should have taken over the world by 1944
- De Angelis interviews them

The Island of the Day Before

- Roberto della Griva is the sole survivor of shipwreck
- Can't swim
- At International Date Line

The Prague Cemetery

Interpretation and Overinterpretation

- Account of cryptnesia with book similar to the one in the Name of the Rose

Envisioned a multimedia arcade

George Eliot- English

Adam Bede

- Hetty Sorrel
 - First in love with Arthur Donnithorne
 - Squire
 - Adam Bede then interrupts their tryst, fighting Arthur and proposing to Hetty
 - Is pregnant with Arthur's child
 - Delivers it with help of woman, but abandons it and it died of exposure
 - Dinah convinces Hetty to confess

The Mill on the Floss

- Tom and Maggie Tulliver
 - She reads The Imitation of Christ
 - Residents of St. Oggs
 - Die at the end when their boats capsize
 - "In their death, they were not divided"
- Philip Wakem
 - Hunchbacked and intellectual love interest of Maggie's
- Stephen Guest
 - Another love interest of Maggie's
 - Initially likes Lucy Deane

Silas Marner

- :Weaver of Raveloe
- Silas Marner
 - Linen weaver at Lantern Yard
 - Accused of stealing Calvinist church's funds
 - Bag of money at his house and his pocket watch used at evidence
 - Betrayed by William Dane
 - Was lent Silas's pocket knife
 - Marries his fiancée Sarah
 - Has his fortune stolen by Dunstan Cass, but believe it is returned in the form of gold-haired Eppie
- Godfrey Cass
 - Married to Molly Farren
 - Prevents him from marrying Nancy Lammeter
 - Molly dies in the snow, and the child wanders to Silas's house, who raises her as Eppie
 - Dolly Winthrop helps to raise Eppie
- Eppie
 - After the truth of her parents is revealed, she remarks "I can't think o' no happiness"

without him”

- Marries Dolly’s son Aaron

Middlemarch

- :A Study of Provincial Life
- Dorothea Brooke
 - 19-year old orphan
 - Initially courts James Chettam
 - Marries the pedantic and selfish Edward Casaubon
 - Chettam goes after her sister Celia instead
 - Marries Casaubon’s younger cousin Will Ladislav after he dies
- Edward Casaubon
 - He is too focused on trying to finish The Key to All Mythologies, but his research is outdated because he can not read German
- Fred Vincy
 - Courts Mary Garth, the niece of rich Mr. Featherstone
 - On Featherstone’s deathbed, it turns out he has a son Joshua Rigg
 - Friends with Camden Farebrother
- Tertius Lydgate
 - Has an unhappy marriage to Rosamond Vincy
 - Says doctors should prescribe but not dispense medicine, garnering ridicule from the town
 - Nicholas Bulstrode offers to make a clinic
- John Raffles
 - Blackmails Ladislav
- The "Woman Question"

Daniel Deronda

- Deronda is a Jew, similar to Moses
- Gwendolen Harleth
- Governess who wants to be singer and actor
- Discouraged by Herr Klesmer
- Marries the controlling Henleigh Grandcourt
- Ezra Mordecai Cohen
 - Suffers from consumption
 - Kabbalist and proto-Zionist
 - Kabbalah terms used to describe meeting along Thames

Scenes of Clerical Life

- “The Sad Fortunes of Reverend Amos Barton”
- “Mr Gilfil’s Love Story”
- “Janet’s Repentance”

Romola

Felix Holt, the Radical

"The Natural History of German Life"

Translated Feuerbach and Spinoza into English

Real name Mary Ann Evans

Bret Easton Ellis- American 1964

American Psycho

- Patrick Bateman

Less Than Zero

- Name comes from Elvis Costello Song
- Same subject material

Lunar Parks

Imperial Bedrooms

Member of literary Brat Pack

Harlan Ellison- American

"I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream"

- Supercomputer AM tortures 5 humans for eternity

"Repent, Harlequin!" Said the Ticktockman"

- Dystopian society with such a precise schedule that being late is a crime, and the punishment is having time "taken away"
- Everett C Marm, the harlequin
 - Tries to disrupt society by blowing foghorn and showering people with jellybeans
 - Betrayed by love Pretty Alice
 - "Converted" by the ticktockman, and repents
- Ends with Ticktockman refusing to believe he is 3 minutes behind schedule

"Jeffty is Five"

- Jeffty never ages past 5

Ralph Ellison- American 1913-1994

Invisible Man

- Narrator, unnamed black man
- Has to endure battle royal to get into college
 - Must grab coins from an electrified carpet
- Takes Mr. Norton, a rich white trustee, on a tour
 - Sees Jim Trueblood, caught up in a scandal in which he impregnates both his wife and daughter
 - Takes him to Golden Day bar with prostitutes and mental patients
 - Supercargo is beaten up
- Dr. Bledsoe excoriates him for this
 - Gives him sealed "letters of recommendation" that are actually slanderous
- Then works at the Liberty Paint Factory
 - Pure white paint
- Claims to steal power from Monopolated Light and Power Company by burning 1,369 light bulbs in his room
- Licious Brockway is paranoid that the narrator will take his job
 - Tricks the narrator into setting off explosion in the boiler room
 - Given electroshock therapy in hospital
 - Can't remember own name
 - Doctors hold signs saying "Who was Buckeye the Rabbit"
 - Says mother is the one that "screams while you suffer"
- Taken in by the kind Mary Rambo in Harlem
- Joins "The Brotherhood"
 - Led by Brother Jack
 - Has glass eye
 - Gives speech

- Crowd chants “No more dispossessing of the dispossessed”
- Ras the Exhorter believes the brotherhood is controlled by whites
- Tod Clifton becomes disillusioned with the Brotherhood
 - Starts selling Sambo dolls on the street
 - Shot after resisting arrest
- Gets advice from Brother Hambro
- Sleeps with Sybil, who wants him to rape her
- Buys sunglasses and a hat to elude the Brotherhood
 - Mistaken for Rinehart, a hipster and spiritual leader
- Ras now on horseback with sword and shield, calling himself the destroyer
 - Narrator hits him with his own spear
 - Ras convinced crowd to lynch him
 - He escaped, but two white men seal him in coal bin
- “Who knows but that, on the lower frequencies, I speak for you?”

Juneteenth

- Adam Sunraider (Bliss)
 - Racist white senator shot by young black man
- Reverend Alonzo Hickman tried to warn him of assassination
- Compiled posthumously by friend John Callahan
- Collectively published in 2010 as Three Days Before the Shooting
- Manuscript burned in house fire, which Ellison used as an excuse for publishing delay

Shadow and Act

- Collection of political essays
- “The World and the Jug”
 - In response to Irving Howe

“The King of the Bingo Game”

- Black competitors play bingo, but the game is rigged by whites
- Many similar themes to Invisible Man

Louise Erdrich- American 1954

Love Medicine

- Set in fictional Ojibwe Indian reservation
- Kashpaws, Lamartines, Morrisseys

The Round House

Tracks

The Beet Queen

The Bingo Palace

Laura Esquivel- Mexican 1950

Like Water for Chocolate

- Tita de la Garza loves Pedro, but as the youngest child, is not allowed to marry and must take care of her mother
- Cries into a cake, which makes everybody sick
- Close to Nacha, a cook that cared for her while she was young
- Each chapter is titled after a month and includes a Mexican recipe
- Magical realism

The Law of Love

Jeffrey Eugenides- American

The Virgin Suicides

- Lisbon girls commit suicide
- Narrated in first person by boys who live across the street
- Cecilia- first tries slitting wrist in bathtub, then jumps out window onto fence post
- Bonnie- hangs herself in basement, which the boys find
- Therese- overdose on sleeping pills
- Lux- carbon monoxide poisoning
 - Has sex with boys on the house
- Mary- tried putting her head in gas oven, and after she fails overdoses on sleeping pills

Middlesex

- Cal
 - Descendant of Greek immigrants
 - Develops crush on Obscure Object while growing up in Detroit suburbs

The Marriage Plot

Frederic Exley- American 1929-1992

A Fan's Note

- :A Fictional Memoir
- Autobiographical work about life struggles

William Faulkner- American Nobel 1949

The Sound and the Fury

- Part 1- Benjy Compson
 - Caretaker- Luster, TP, and Versh
 - Likes fire, golf course, and sister Caddy
 - Caddy muddies her pants
 - Says she smells like trees
- Part 2- Quentin
 - Smartest child, goes to Harvard
 - Fights Dalton Ames, who impregnates Caddy
 - Punches Gerald Bland
 - Assaulted by Julio for befriending an Italian girl he calls "sister"
 - Tells father he committed incest
 - Drowns himself in Charles River
 - Caddy then marries Herbert Head
- Part 3- Jason, Good Friday
 - Mother Caroline's favorite
 - Bad investments on cotton
- Part 4- Dilsey, Easter Sunday
 - Black servant
 - "Seed de first en den de last"
 - Mr. Shegog delivers the sermon
 - Miss Quentin (Caddy's daughter) steals Jason's money that he was taking from her, and runs away with carnival worker
 - Benjy's eyes are "empty and blue and serene again"

As I Lay Dying

- Addie Bundren dies and wishes to be buried in Jefferson, Mississippi

- Later revealed to have had an affair with Reverend Whitfield
- Anse
 - Husband
 - Buys "new teeth"
 - Doesn't take loans or helps, not wanting to "be beholden to no man"
- Cash
 - Eldest son who builds coffin
 - Breaks his leg when neighbor Vernon Tull's bridge collapses, but never complains out of selflessness
- Darl
 - Seized for arson of Gillespie's barn, trying to incinerate his mother
- Jewel
 - Addie's favorite, who is very passionate about protecting the coffin
 - Plows Lon Quick's fields at night so he can save up to buy his horse
- Dewey Dell
 - Impregnated by Lave, who gives her \$10 for abortion
 - Tries to get an abortion, but does not know how to ask
 - Eventually asks Skeet MacGowan, who rapes her
- Vardaman
 - Youngest child with imagination
 - Compares his mother's death to that of a fish
 - Entire chapter that says "my mother is a fish"
- Vernon Tull
 - Father of neighboring wealthier family that always tries to help the Bundrens
 - Gives them mules for their trip
- Dr. Peabody
 - Looks over Addie as she dies
 - Mends Cash's broken leg

Light in August

- Lena Grove
 - Tries to find Lucas Burch, so she can marry him
 - Instead find Byron Bunch, who is better in every way
- Lucas Burch
 - Changes his name to Joe Brown
- Joe Christmas
 - Lucas's partner
 - Psychopath who is on the run after killing his Methodist father, Mr. Mceachern with a chair
 - Although he has light skin, he suspects he is of African American descent
 - Has sex with Joanna Burden
 - Joanna then turns to religion, trying to get Christmas to kneel and pray at gun point, but ends up with her throat slit instead
 - White vigilante Percy Grimm castrates him for the alleged crime
- End with Lena and Byron being dropped off in Tennessee, in a half-hearted search for Joe
- Gail Hightower
 - Friend of Byron
 - Tries to save Christmas
 - Delivers Lena's baby

Absalom, Absalom!

- Narrated by Quentin Compson
- Told via flashbacks to his Harvard roommate Shreve
- Set on Sutpen's Hundred during the Civil War
- Thomas Sutpen
 - Marries Ellen Coldfield and has two kids, Judith and Henry
- Charles Bon
 - Attempts to marry Judith, but Thomas stops it as Charles is his kid from an earlier marriage to Eulalia Bon
- At first Henry does not believe his father, and travels away with Charles
- After joining the confederate army and learning that Charles is part black, he kills him
- Sutpen impregnates Milly, the daughter of Wash Jones
 - She gives him a daughter, and disappointed, Sutpen says she is not even worthy of the horse stables
 - Wash then kills Sutpen
- Ends with the burning of their barn, so that only Jim Bond, the mentally ill grandson of Charles remains

Sanctuary

"The Bear"

- Isaac hunts Old Ben, a ferocious bear
- Lion, a courageous dog, slits Old Ben's throat
- After, Isaac goes back to a plantation, giving it to McCaslin Edmonds
- Thinks man's attempt to own land is the curse of gods earth

"A Rose for Emily"

- Emily Grierson
- First her father's funeral, then hers
- She befriends Homer Barron
 - Ends with his decomposed body and a single gray hair strand on a pillow on her bed
- Buys arsenic, saying it will be used to kill rats
- General Sartoris offers to do her taxes to help her cope

"Dry September"

"Red Leaves"

"Barn Burning"

- Sarty's father Abner Snopes is accused of burning down Mr. Harris's barn

A Fable

The Reivers

Snopes Trilogy

- The Hamlet
- The Town
- The Mansion

The Unvanquished

- Ben Redmond

Sartoris

Henry Fielding- English

Tom Jones

- Squire Allworthy
- Tom befriends Black George the gamekeeper
 - Falls in love with his daughter, Molly Seagrim

- Tom competes for the love of Sophia Western with Bilfil
- Dr Bilfil dies of a broken heart
- Captain Bilfil dies of apoplexy
- Tom is exiled, and meets barber Partridge
- Worried he commits incest with Mrs. Waters, but his real mother is Bridget Allworthy
- Mrs Fitzpatrick, Sophia's cousin
- Picaresque novel
 - Low class hero goes on an adventure, mocking society

Joseph Andrews

- "comic epic poem in prose"

The Author's Farce

- Harry Luckless tries to woo his landlady's daughter
- Puppet play, which then merges with reality
- Tom Thumb was added on

The Female Husband

- Transvestite that dupes a woman into marriage

Rape upon Rape

- Play that deals with political corruption

Shamela

- Attack on Richardson's Pamela
- Never admitted to writing

The Welsh Opera

The Grub Street Opera

- Pseudonym Scriblerus Secundus
- Attack on the inept writers of London

Sarah Fielding- American

The Governess, or the Little Female Academy

The History of the Countess of Dellwyn

F Scott Fitzgerald- American 1896-1940

This Side of Paradise

- Amory Blaine
 - Attends Princeton
 - Befriends Monsignor Darcy
 - Dates Isabelle Borge
 - Discusses poetry and philosophy with Eleanor Savage
 - Shipped off during WWI in interlude
 - Bayonet instructor
 - Falls in love with Rosalind Connage
 - Becomes an alcoholic, quits his job, and becomes poor
 - "I know myself, but that is all"
- Titled from Rupert Brooke's Tiare Tahiti
- It's publication was Zelda's condition for marriage

The Beautiful and the Damned

- Anthony Patch
 - Heir of large fortune, so drinks instead of works
 - Loves beautiful Gloria Gilbert

- Friends with Dick Caramel
 - Published The Demon Lover
- Has an affair with Dot Raycroft while serving in WWI
- Mr Bloeckman
 - Loves Gloria, making Anthony suspicious of an affair

The Great Gatsby

- Nick Carraway
- Daisy Buchanan, his relative
- Tom Buchanan, her husband
 - Slaps Myrtle at party, breaking her nose
- Jordan Baker
 - Insolent flapper and golf champion
 - Tells Nick that Tom is having an affair with Myrtle Wilson
- Jay Gatsby
 - Reclusive millionaire that got money from bootlegging
 - Calls others “old sport”
 - Invites Nick to party and tells him that they both fought in WW1 together
 - Shows him medal from Montenegro
 - Has parties to win back Daisy
 - Attended by Owl Eyes
 - Feuds with Tom, and drives away with Daisy
 - Takes blame for Daisy killing Myrtle with his yellow Rolls Royce
- George Myrtle
 - Kills Gatsby in swimming pool, the commits suicide
- Henry Gatz
 - Gatsby’s father who attends his funeral
- Ends with Nick looking at the green light of Daisy’s dock
- "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."
- East and West Egg of New York City
- TJ Eckelberg
 - Has eyes on a torn up billboard in the Valley of Ashes

Tender is the Night

- Dick Diver
 - Psychiatrist who treats Nicole, a girl with severe neurosis
 - Ends up falling in love with her, and marrying her
 - Offered a partnership in Switzerland by Franz
 - Has an affair with Rosemary Hoyt
 - Gets into an altercation with the police and becomes an alcoholic
- Written while Zelda was in a clinic for schizophrenia

The Last Tycoon

- Unfinished

Babylon Revisited and Other Stories

- Babylon Revisited
 - Charlie Wales
 - Partied and drank during the jazz age
 - Talks to bartender Alix at the Ritz Bar
 - Locks wife Helen out in the snow
 - Friends Lorraine and Duncan come to the door asking to party, and he turns

them away, showing he is responsible again

- Honoria
 - Charlie's daughter, who was sent to live with aunt Marion Peters after Charlie was deemed unfit

Tales of the Jazz Age

- Diamond as Big as the Ritz
 - John T Unger
 - Percy Washington dorns with him
 - Rarely talks, but invited Unger to his house, claiming he is very wealthy
 - "Has a diamond bigger than the Ritz-Carlton Hotel"
 - Descendants of George Washington and Lord Baltimore
 - Travel to Montana, where the Washington's have a diamond the size of a mountain
 - To keep it a secret, they have their slaves believe the south won the war, and they shoot down people who come in range, keeping them as prisoners
 - Italian language teacher escapes and alerts people to the diamond
 - Percy's father offers God the diamond as a bribe
 - "Everybody's youth is a dream, a form of chemical madness"
 - John falls in love with Kisime, and they escape with Jasmine
- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

All the Sad Young Men

- "Winter Dreams"
 - Dexter Green
 - Works as a golf caddy, but quits after refusing to serve eleven year old Judy Jones
 - Later they grow up and start dating, but stop when Dexter finds out he is one of many
 - Engages Irene Scheerer, but calls it off to marry Judy, who leaves him a month later
 - He becomes a successful business man in New York, and laments that he will never be able to marry her
 - Part of the "Gatsby Cluster"
 - Based on Fitzgerald's unsuccessful romantic pursuit of socialite Ginerva King
- "Absolution"
 - Rudolph Miller
 - Confesses sins to Father Schwartz
 - Dreams of alter ego Blatchford Sarnemington

The Crack Up

- Essays compiled by Edmund Wilson
- "Of course all life is a process of breaking down"
- "The test of a first rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function"

Penelope Fitzgerald

The Blue Flower

- Friedrich Bon Hardenberg (Novalis) falls in love with Sophie von Kuhn

Zelda Fitzgerald

Save Me the Waltz

- Written in six weeks while being treated at a clinic
- Made Scott furious, taking lots of plot points from his novel Tender is the Night

- Uses the artist David Knight to satirize her husband
- Husband of Scott

Fannie Flagg- American 1944

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe

- Evelyn Couch and the elderly Ninny Threadgoode share stories
- Set in Alabama

Gustave Flaubert- French

Madame Bovary

- Charles marries Emma Rouault after his wife Heloise Duboc dies
- Emma
 - Has affairs with Leon Dupuis and then Rodolphe Boulanger
 - Goes into debt to merchant Lheureux
 - Swallows arsenic and dies
 - Tricks Justin into giving her some to "kill some rats keeping her awake"
 - Daughter Emma goes to live with aunt who sends her to cotton mill
 - Madame Bovary
- Homais
 - The rival pharmacist that prevails
 - Awarded Legion of Honor
 - Performs disastrous surgery on Hippolite
- Yonville
- "Madame Bovary cest moi"

Salambo

- Hamilcar Barca
 - Foremost Carthaginian general, father of Salambo
- Matho
 - Leader of mercenaries who lusts Salambo
 - Steals Zaimph
- Salambo
 - Must steal back Zaimph that is draped on Tanit
 - Helped by slave Spendius
- "le mot juste"

Three Tales

- A Simple Heart
 - Felicite
 - Husband Théodore left for a rich woman to avoid the draft
 - Loyal servant for the Aubains
 - Loves everybody even when not reciprocated
 - Nobody notices her death
 - Parrot flies above her during death, symbolizing the Holy Ghost
 - Julian Barnes tries to figure out his motivation for writing this in Flaubert's Parrot
- The Legend of Saint Julian the Hospitalier
 - Kills a rat who disrupts his prayer; later kills a valley of stags
 - Stag curses Julian to kill his parents
 - Almost drops sword on them from ladder, and hits them with javelin, mistaking mothers white shawl for birds wing

- Leaves to try and escape his fate
- Walks in on a man and woman in his bed, killing them thinking his wife is cheating, but it turns out to be his parents
- Shunned by his community and becomes a beggar
- Helps a leper cross the stream, who turns out to be Jesus
- Herodías
 - Retelling of the beheading of St John the Baptist

Sentimental Education

- Frederic Moreau
 - Falls in love with Jacques Arnoux
 - Then Rosanette
 - Then Louis
 - Then Madame Dambreuse
 - Pellerin gives him painting lessons
- Set during French Revolution of 1848

Axiom: Hatred of Bourgeois is the beginning of all virtue

Studied by Francis Steegmuller

Ian Fleming- English 1908-1964

James Bond novels

Casino Royals

Live and Let Die

Moonraker

Diamonds are Forever

From Russia, With Love

Dr. No

Goldfinger

For Your Eyes Only

Thunderball

The Spy Who Lover Me

On Her Majesty's Secret Service

You Only Live Twice

The Man with the Golden Gun

Octopussy and the Living Daylights

Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang

Jonathan Foer-

Everything is Illuminated

- Jonathan Safran Foer tries to find Augustine, the woman who saves his grandfather during nazi Germany
- Alex Perchov is his translator

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

- Oskar Schell's father dies on 9-11

Eating Animals

- Discusses eating animals in the modern world

John Fowles- English 1926-2005

The Collector

The Magus

The French Lieutenant's Woman

- Charles Smithson and Sarah Woodruff
- Postmodern historical fiction

Jonathan Franzen- American 1959

The Corrections

- Alfred
 - Father suffering from Parkinson's and dementia
 - Patent is used by Axon Corporation to invent drug Corrextall
- Enid
 - Wife who hounds him and annoys children
 - Tries to get everybody together again at St Jude's
- Gary
 - Successful but alcoholic
- Denise
 - Has affair with boss and his wife
 - Had affair with railroad signaler
- Chip
 - Academic who gets a job deceiving American investors from Lithuania
- Published 10 days before 9-11, but captured the anxiety of America very well
- Scared of "actually reaching a male audience" once chosen as part of Oprah's book club

Freedom

- Walter and Patty Berglund
- College friend Richard Katz has an affair with Patty
 - Musician who releases album Nameless Lake
- Blue bird on the cover

The Kraus Project

- Essays on Karl Kraus

"Why Bother?" or "Perchance to Dream"

- Laments the state of the modern novel

Harold Frederic- American 1856-1898

The Damnation of Theron Ware

- Theron Ware
 - Methodist minister who questions his faith
- Father Forbes
 - Catholic priest in Octavius
- Celia Madden
 - Loves Greek myth, plays Chopin
 - Rejects Theron in Utica
- Dr. Ledsmar
 - Nonreligious scientist of Assyriology
- Brother and Sister Soulsby

EM Forster- English 1879-1970

Where Angels Fear to Tread

- Lilia Herriton

- Falls in love with Gino
- Child dies in an overturned carriage
- Friend Caroline Abbott
- Title comes from Pope's Essay on Criticism

The Longest Journey

- Ricky Elliot

Maurice

- After Clive Durham married a woman, Maurice ends up with Alec Scudder
- Gets hypnosis from Lasker Jones, who diagnoses him with "congenital homosexuality"

A Room with a View

- Lucy Honeychurch touring Florence with Charlotte Bartlett
 - Proposed to twice by Cecil Vyse
- Staying at Pension Bertolini
- Mr Emerson and son George offer to swap them rooms
 - So they can view River Arno
 - Bartlett worries this would place them under an "unseemly obligation"
 - Mr Beebe assures them that Emersons were trying to be nice
- Eleanor Lavish
 - Old novelist, wants to write "A History of Coincidences"
 - Pseudonym Joseph Emery Prank
 - Steals Lucy's Baedeker
 - Gets them lost and runs off with a man who is her "local color box" near Santa Croce
- George witnessed murder with Lucy
 - Lucy asks him to retrieve the photos she dropped in the River Arno, but he throws them back in because they are blood stained
 - Mr Eager claims that it was Mr Emerson who "murdered his wife in the sight of God"
- Phaethon, a carriage driver picks up his "sister" Persephone, but after they are seen kissing she is kicked out
- George kisses Lucy when they meet in a field of violets

Howard's End

- Wilcoxes, Schlegels, Basts
- Epigraph "Only connect"

A Passage to India

- Adela Quested accuses Dr. Aziz of rape after hearing an echo
- Mrs. Moore experiences claustrophobia in Marabar Caves
- Cyril Fielding
- Ronny Heaslop breaks off engagement to Adela after he hears her testimony

The Machine Stops

- Vashti and son Kuno
- People live underground
- The omnipotent machine eventually crashes

The Other Side of the Hedge

- Man keeps track of progress with a pedometer

Aspects of the Novel

- Flat vs round characters
- The king died and then the queen died is a story, but the king died and the queen died of grief is a plot

Carlos Fuentes- Mexican 1928-2012

The Death of Artemio Cruz

- Mexican tycoon
- First, second, and third person sections
- Wife Catilina
- Wants to leave her and marry Regina
- Daughter Teresa
- Dedicated to sociologist C Wright Mills

The Old Gringo

- Harriet Winslow
- General Arroyo
 - Married to “La Luna”
- Inspired by and includes Ambrose Bierce
 - Shoots a silver peso thrown in the air to join army
 - Known as “Indian General”
 - Refusing to shoot captured soldier, killing a pig eating a corpse instead
 - Burns Arroyo’s documents, and is subsequently shot in the back

Christopher Unborn

- Narrated by fetus born on 500th anniversary of discovery of America

Aura

- Felipe Montero
 - Ordered by Consuelo to come take care of work of the deceased General Llorente
 - Mesmerized by niece Aura, especially her green eyes
 - Slowly they turn into Consuelo and General Llorente

Terra Nostra

- King Felipe II is main character
- Takes place around unfinished El Escorial
- 3 unnamed youths who have twelve toes and a Red Cross on their backs
- Book chronicles culture through the ages

"The Chac-mool"

- Chac-mool is covered in moss
- Rain god comes to life and drowns Filiberto

Central to Latin American Boom

William Gaddis- American 1922-1998

The Recognitions

- Wyatt Gwyon
- Inspired to be a painter by Bosch’s Seven Deadly Sins
- Reckless Brown convinces him to create paintings and forge signatures of the Dutch masters

John Galsworthy- English 1867-1933

The Forsyte Saga

- “The Man of Property”
 - Soames Forsyte rapes his wife Irene
 - Philip Bosinney is run over by bus after being driven crazy by news
- “Indian Summer of a Forsyte”
 - Old Joylon leaves Irene money

- “In Chancery”
- “Awakening”
- “To Let”

Gabriel Garcia Marquez- Columbian Nobel 1982

One Hundred Years of Solitude

- Jose Arcadio Buendia
 - Founds town of Macondo
 - City of mirrors that reflect the world in it
 - Has 17 identically-named children
 - Tied to tree and speaks only in Latin
 - Mistakes ice for diamond
- Wife Ursula Iguaran
- Melquiades, leader of the gypsies
- Aureliano
 - Fights war against the Conservatives
 - Signs peace treaty
 - Makes goldfish out of gold
- Amaranta dies in childbirth
 - Baby is born with pig tail and devoured by ants
 - Affair with Belgian Gaston
- Macondo is destroyed by hurricane
- Mauricio
 - Swarmed by yellow butterflies
 - Shot and paralyzed while trying to have affair with Meme
- Begins with a character facing the firing squad and remembering when his father took him to see it for the first time

Love in the Time of Cholera

- Florentina Ariza and Fermina Daza fall in love as children
 - Writes "this pussy is mine" on her belly with red paint
 - Ends with them taking a steamboat ride with a yellow flag to represent cholera
- Lorenzo Daza tells them to call off relationship
 - Father of Fermina
- Dr. Juvenal Urbino begins to wed Fermina
 - Tries to eradicate cholera
 - Stands for "order and progress"
 - Falls off ladder and dies after trying to get pet parrot out of mango tree
 - Cheats on her with Barbara Lynch
 - Caught when she smells his dirty clothes
- Opens with suicide of Jerermiah de Saint-Amour
 - Smell of bitter almonds

No One Writes to the Colonel

The Autumn of the Patriarch

- Fictional accounts of South American dictators and their almost godlike powers

Chronicle of a Death Foretold

- Santiago Nasar
 - Placida Linero, his mother
 - Bars house shut, ironically causing his death

- Victoria Guzman, the cook
- Divina Flor, the cook's daughter
- Ibrahim, his father
- Cristo Bedoya, best friend
 - Tries to warn him of murder
- Flora Miguel, his fiancée
- Hold entrails as he enters backdoor, drops dead
- Bayardo San Roman and Angelo Vicario marry
 - Angela admits that she is not a Virgin, because of Santiago
- Twin brothers Pedro and Pablo Vicario murder him
 - Tell people of their plan at Clotilde Armenta's milk shop
 - Nobody warns Santiago
 - Possibly because arrival of bishop
- Miguel Palencua sued García Márquez for basing this on his life

Love and Other Demons

- Sierva María
 - Hair is promised to the saints after she is born with umbilical cord around her neck
 - After contracting rabies, she is sent to Santa Clara to receive an exorcism
 - Spends time with Father Cayetano, who sneaks through the sewer to read her poetry
 - After he is sent away to another hospital, Sierva is exorcised, having her hair cut and dying "of love"
 - Hair grows after death on her skull

Leaf Storm and Other Stories

- "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings"
 - Pelayo and Elisenda house an old man with wings that they believe to be an angel in a chicken coop
 - They charge admission and people come to see
 - Father Gonzaga tries to speak to it and Latin and concludes it is not an angel
 - People lose interest in it when a lady who has become a spider come to town
 - The man eventually flies away
 - Begins with them throwing crabs into the sea to protect child
- "The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World"
 - Man washes up on the shore
 - Kids bury him in sand, but women uncover him, discovering his beautiful face
 - Name his Esteban
 - Think about the clothes he would wear, and how he would have to stoop to enter doorways
 - Decorate him with "altar decorations" such as holy water, a compass, and nails
 - Give him parents and other relatives
 - Give him a burial at sea, but doesn't include anchor so he can come back
 - Plant flowers and paint houses bright colors, hoping a ship will come, smell them, and say that's where Esteban lived

Strange Pilgrims

- "Bon Voyage, Mr President"
 - Mr. President is exiled to Martinique
 - Experiences rib pain and is forced to sell his wife's jewelry to afford surgery
 - Homero Rey and wife Lazara look after him

- Eventually heads back as head of a reform group
- “The Saint”
 - Margarito Duarte
 - Construction of a dam unearths his buried daughter, whose intact body makes the villages think she is a saint
 - Village gathers funds to send them to Rome so she can be canonized
 - After 22 years of trying to get her canonized, the narrator realized that it is Margarito who is the true saint
- “Sleeping Beauty and the Airplane”
 - Garcia Marquez falling in love with a girl at a Parisian airport
- “I Sell My Dreams”
 - Features Pablo Neruda
- “I Only Came to Use the Phone”
 - Woman accidentally admitted into mental institute
- “The Ghosts of August”
 - Ludovico killed his bride in bed
 - Family stay at the castle, and awake to blood on the sheets and the smell of strawberries in the air
- “Maria dos Prázeres”
 - Woman prepares for her death, training her dog to weep at burial plot
- “Seventeen Poisoned Englishman”
- “Tramontana”
 - Family seeks shelter from the Catalan wind while on vacation
- “Miss Forbes’s Summer of Happiness”
 - Miss Forbes is a terrible nanny who locks the kids up and makes them eat gross food
 - Kids try to poison her wine, and after believing she is dead, come back to find police at the house
 - They are surprised when they find out she was stabbed to death
- “Light is like Water”
 - Boys break a lightbulb, and drown in the light like water
- “The Trail of Your Blood in the Snow”
 - Nena Daconte cuts ring finger on rose thorn
 - Bleeds profusely and ends up in hospital
 - Husband Billy Sanchez tries to visit, but must wait a week
 - Dies 60 hours after admission, and body is sent home for burial before Billy knows
- “Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor”
 - Luis Alejandro Velasco
 - Caldas is overloaded, so it sinks
 - After drifting for days on a raft, Velasco washes up on the shore of Columbia
 - First appeared as installments in El Espectador
 - Written after became persona non grata
- “Solitude of Latin America”
 - Nobel Prize Speech

John Gardner- American 1933-1982

Grendel

- Retelling of Beowulf from the perspective of Grendel
- Incorporates Sartre’s philosophy

On Moral Fiction

- Laments the lack of morality in modern fiction

The Sunlight Dialogues

Elizabeth Gaskell- English 1810-1865

Mary Barton

- :A Tale of Manchester Life
- Marries Harry Carson, although she really loves Jem Wilson

The Life of Charlotte Bronte

- Much of the material comes from letters from Ellen Nussey
- Implied that William Carus Wilson was responsible for the death of the two Bronte sisters
- Suppressed love of Constantin Heger and her publisher George Smith

Cranford

North and South

- Margaret Hale clashes with John Thornton
- Milton during Industrial Revolution

Wives and Daughters

Ruth

- Henry Ruth

Charlotte Perkins Gilman- American 1860-1935

The Yellow Wallpaper

- Woman's husband John give her a rest cure, diagnosed with a "slight hysterical tendency" and "nervous depression"
 - Inspired by Gilman's diagnosis by Silas Weir Mitchell
- Room has scratched up floors and bed nailed down
 - Used to be nursery
- Woman wants to see her cousins Julia and Henry
- Covered with sickly yellow wallpaper
 - Leaves yellow stains
 - Smells horrible
- Becomes transfixed on the wallpaper, and believes a woman is crawling behind it
- Tears off the wallpaper, and starts crawling around like the lady
- Hides a key under a plantain leaf so housekeeper Jennie can't reach her
- Husband John enters, and she continues to crawl around even after he faints

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe- German 1749-1832

Faust

- Heinrich Faust and his wife Gretchen
- Poodle changes into Mephistopheles
- Gretchen drowns her illegitimate child
 - "She is saved"
 - Thinks of Faust while at spinning wheel
- Urfaust- "she is condemned"
- Chorus Mysticus
 - "the eternal feminine draws us to higher spheres"

The Sorrows of Young Werther

- Autobiographical epistolary novel
- Werther loves Charlotte, who is engaged to Albert

- Werther asks for Albert's two pistols, shooting himself in the head and dying 12 hours later
 - Buried under linden tree
 - Going "on a journey"
- Sturm and Drang
- Fraulein von B

Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship

- Wilhelm commits himself to Tower Society
- Jarno introduces him to the plays of Shakespeare

Elective Affinities

- Edmund and Charlotte are a married couple
- Invite Captain and Ottilie to their house

"Prometheus"

Theory of Colours (Zur Farbenlehre)

- Successor to the essays "Contribution to Optics"

Metamorphosis of Plants

Italian Journey (Italienische Reise)

- Reports on his travel to Italy

West-östlicher Divan

- Divan- single author poetry collection from Islamic culture

Herman and Dorothea

- Epic poem or idyll
- Hexameters

Roman Elegies

Venetian Epigrams

The Natural Daughter

- Eugenia

Egmont

- Egmont is killed by Duke of Alba
- Klarchen then commits suicide
- Egmont Overture by Beethoven

The Erlking

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"

"Rose on the Heath" or "Little Rose of the Field"

- "I will prick you and I won't stand it"

"The King in Thule"

Iphigenia in Tauris

- Reworking of Euripides play

Weimar Classicism

Nikolai Gogol- Russian

"The Nose"

- Ivan Yakolevich
 - Barber who finds a nose in his wife's bread
 - Throw it into the Neva River
- Major Kovalyov
- Awakens to discover his nose is missing
 - Nose is dressed in uniform, acting as a human
 - Writes a letter to Madame Podtochina, accusing her of taking it

“Viy”

- Khaliava Khoma Brut, and Tibery Gorobets try to find a place to stay
- A witch rides Khoma through the countryside, but then he gets on her back and beats her with wooden stick
- She dies, but requests him to say prayers over her body for three nights
- Each night, she sends more demons that try to attack him
- The final night, Viy, a terrible monster who sees everything looks him in the eyes and he dies from horror
 - Viy's eyelids touch the floor

“The Overcoat”

- Akaky Akakievich is a copyist that saves up for a new overcoat
 - Last name Bashmachkin comes from Russian “shoe”
- Buys one from Petrovich with Christmas bonus
- Cat fur instead of marten fur
- Gets it stolen from him
- General won't help him
 - Person of Importance
- Akaky dies and haunts everybody, stealing their overcoats

“Nevsky Prospekt”

- Piskaryov follows woman to brothel, wants to marry her but is mocked
 - Uses opium to get over her and slits throat
- Pirogov
 - Tries to seduce woman, caught and beaten by her husband
 - Wants revenge, but is appeased by puff pastries
- The two characters are foils
- "Nevsky Prospekt deceives at all hours of the day, but the worst time of all is at night... when the devil himself is abroad, kindling the street-lamps with one purpose only: to show everything in a false light."

The Government Inspector (The Inspector General)

- Satirical play about corruption of Russia
- Khlestakov
 - Mistaken as The Inspector General (the incognito one)
 - Takes out loans and receives great treatment from other officers
 - Sends the Mayor to siberia
 - Convinced by valet Osip that he shouldn't masquerade as the Inspector any longer
- Fourth wall break: "Who are you laughing at? Laugh at yourself"

Dead Souls

- Pavel Chichikov
 - Tries to buy dead souls (serfs) from others in a get rich quick scheme
 - People hypothesize that he is Napoleon or the vigilante “Captain Kopeikin”
 - Actual former corrupt politician, planning on running away with governor's daughter
 - Tries to buy from Nozdryov, Sobakevitch, Manilov

Evenings on a Farm Near Dikanka

- “Sorochyntsi Fair”
- "St John's Eve"
 - Petro has to find a fern that blooms on Kupala Night
 - Beheads a child to get gold from a witch
 - Goes insane, and tries to kill witch with an axe, but is carried away by the devil, with

the gold turning into pottery

- "May Night, or the Drowned Maiden"
- "The Lost Letter"
- "Christmas Eve"
- "A Terrible Vengeance"
- "Ivan Fyodorovich Shponka and His Aunt"
- "A Bewitched Place"

Taras Bulba

Marriage

- Groom jumps out of window

"Diary of a Madman"

"The tale of How Ivan Ivanovich Quarreled with Ivan Nikiforovich"

"The Parfait"

"The Carriage"

Received letter from Vissarion Belinsky, a literary critic

- "The public is always ready to forgive a writer for a bad book, but never for a pernicious one"

William Golding- British 1911-1993

Lord of the Flies

Rites of Passage

William Goldman- American 1931-2018

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

All the President's Men

Marathon Man

The Princess Bride

Oliver Goldsmith- Irish 1728-1774

The Vicar of Wakefield

- Dr. Charles Primrose's marriage to Arabella is called off because his investor bankrupts him
- Move into wicked Squire Thornhill's land
- Mr Burchell turns out to be Sir William Thornhill, saves them
- Sophia rescued from drowning, falls in love with Mr. Burchell
- Olivia falls in love with Thornhill
- Olivia "dead", Sophia abducted, George jailed after duel with Squire

She Stoops to Conquer

- Kate Hardcastle pretends to be a maid to woo Charles Marlow
- Tony Lumpkin steals jewel so that Constance Neville and George Hastings can be engaged
- Three Pigeons Inn

The Mistakes of a Night

The History of Little Goody Two-Shoes

The Deserted Village

The Good-Natur'd Man

Nadine Gordimer- South African 1923-2014

July's People

- Smales family moves to servant July's village during South African war

- Maureen tries to work fields with July
- Gina goes to a play with Nykio
- Bam goes with Victor and Royce to fish
- Helicopter with mysterious markings flies over village

Burger's Daughter

- Rosa
- Lionel Burger is a member of the communist party (SCAP)

The Conservationist

- Mehring
- Son Terry is gay
- Jacobus finds a dead black man on the farm

Beethoven Was One Sixteenth Black

Helped Mandela edit his "I Am Prepared to Die" speech

Maxim Gorky- Russian 1868-1936

The Lower Depths (:Scenes from Russian Life)

- Former actor hangs himself after he is promised a cure for his alcoholism by Luka
- Loved by Stalin

Twenty-six Men and a Girl

The Song of the Stormy Petrel

My Childhood

- Autobiography
- Beaten unconscious by his grandfather, the owner of a dye shop

Mother

Summerfolk

Children of the Sun

Reminiscences of Leo Nikolaevich

Social realist

Piles of fake fan mail convinced him to return from exile on Capri

Gunter Grass- German 1927-2015?? 1999 Nobel

The Tin Drum

- Oskar Matzerath narrates while confined to mental hospital
- He can shatter glass by shrieking and stops growing at age three
- "The Dusters", a children gang
- European magic realism
- First in the Danzig Trilogy

Cat and Mouse

Dog Years

My Century

- Overview of 20th Century's most brutal events

Crabwalk

- Ship full of German refugees being sunk by Russian submarine
- Explores German victimization in WWII

The Flounder

- Criticized as anti-feminist
- Focuses on struggle between sexes
- Based on Brothers' Grimm tale "The Fisherman and His Wife"

Peeling the Onion

- Autobiographical
- Time in Hitler Youth

"What Must Be Said"

- Discusses hypocrisy of German military for giving Israel a submarine that they could use to wipe out Iran
- Persona non grata in Israel

The Plebeians Rehearse the Uprising

The Rat

- Rats will inherit the earth

From the Diary of a Snail

- Agonizing history of Danzig Jews
- Political campaigning with Willie Brandt
- Snail symbolizes social progress

Drafted in the Waffen-SS and taken prisoner of war by US

Robert Graves- English 1895-1985

I, Claudius

- As if written by Claudius

King Jesus

Count Belisarius

Good-Bye to All That

- Autobiography
- About his role in WWI

The White Goddess

The Greek Myths

- Pelasgian creation myth
 - Eurynome and great Orphic egg

Translations

- The Twelve Caesars
- The Golden Ass

Celticist and student of Irish Mythology

Graham Greene- English 1904-1991

The Power and the Glory

- Whiskey Priest, chased by "the lieutenant"
 - Lured in trap and killed
 - Struggles to win affection of his impish daughter Brigida
- Coral Fellows
 - Teaches him morse code
 - Brings chicken and beer to him whom she hides in a barn
 - Child
- Mestizo betrays him for the Lieutenant
- Padre Jose refuses to hear confession because of wife's pressure
- Child is buried in the Garden of God labeled "Silencio"
- Juan
- Mr Tench
 - English dentist

Brighton Rock

- Influenced by his conversion to Christianity

The Heart of the Matter

The End of the Affair

- Maurice Bendrix's mistress Sarah calls off their relationship during the Blitz

The Confidential Agent

The Quiet American

- Thomas Fowler must choose between Alden Pyle, a CIA agent, and Phuong, a young Vietnamese woman
- Bombs are hidden in bicycle pumps

Our Man in Havana

- James Wormold
 - Fabricates reports while working for British intelligence services
 - Vacuum cleaner salesman

The Human Factor

A Burnt-Out Case

- Querry, architect arriving at a Congolese leper colony

Stamboul Train

- Dr. Czinner
 - Takes a trip to Belgrade aboard the Orient Express

"The Destructors"

- Wormsley Common Gang
- Trevor (T.)
- Mr. Thomas (Old Misery)
- Locks him in the outhouse

"The End of the Party"

- Peter Morton accidentally kills twin brother Francis when trying to reassure him during a game of hide and seek

"The Case for the Defence"

- Twins get run over by bus

The Third Man

Bound to Violence

Alexander Griboyedov- Russian

Woe from Wit

A Georgian Night

The Young Spouses

Killed by angry mob in Tehran

Edward Everett Hale- American 1822-1909

"The Man Without A Country"

- Philip Nolan is charged with treason
- States he never wants to hear about the US again
- Exiled on a ship, where he is not allowed any news of the US
- Eventually realizes his love for his country, turning his room into a shrine for the US
- Written in support for the Union during Civil War

Peter Handke- Austrian 1942

The Goalie's Anxiety at the Penalty Kick

Offending the Audience

- "Anti-play" where nothing happens at all

Dashiell Hammett- American

The Maltese Falcon

- Sam Spade
 - Hired by "Miss Wonderly"
 - Partner Miles Archer is shot
 - Accused of murdering Floyd Thursby
 - Secretary Effie Perine
- "Miss Wonderly" turns out to be Brigid O'Shaughnessy
- Joe Cairo
 - Greek homosexual
- Casper Gutman
 - Accompanied by Wilmer Cook
 - Originally in Black Mask magazine
- Dixie Monahan, a Chicago gamler accused of a shooting Thursby, who used to be her bodyguard

The Thin Man

- Nick and Nora Charles

Red Harvest

- The Continental Op

The Dain Curse

The Gutting of Couffignal

"\$106,000 Blood Money"

Thomas Hardy- English 1840-1928

Far from the Madding Crowd

- Gabriel Oak
 - Young shepherd
 - Tries to marry Bathsheba
 - Puts out a fire, and then is hired by Bathsheba
- Bathsheba Everdene
 - Sends William a red wax valentine that says "Marry me"
 - Has to beg Gabriel to cure her bloated sheep
- William Boldwood
 - Asks to marry Bathsheba
- Sergeant Francis "Frank" Troy
 - Woos Bathsheba with swordsmanship
 - Marries her
 - Actually loves her servant, Fanny Robin
 - "This woman is more to me, dead as she is, than ever you were, or are, or can be"
 - Carried away by current, but is rescued by boat
- Title from Thomas Gray's Elegy Written in a Country Courtyard

Jude the Obscure

- Jude Fawley
- Arabella Donn
 - Seduces Jude
 - Tricks him into marriage by pretending to be pregnant
 - Moves to Australia and marries again

- Sue Bridehead
- Mr. Phillotson
 - Jude's old schoolteacher
 - Marries Sue
 - They divorce and he lets her leave after her unwillingness
- "Little Father Time"
 - Son that Jude and Arabella had
 - Kills the other two children and hangs himself
 - Writes note that says "Done because we are too menny"

The Mayor of Casterbridge

- Michael Henchard auctions off his wife and daughter for five guineas while drunk

A Pair of Blue Eyes

- Henry Knight hangs off of cliff
 - Origin of term "cliffhanger"

The Return of the Native

- Clym Yeobright
- Egdon Heath

Under the Greenwood Tree

Tess of the d'Urbervilles

The Well-Beloved

Wessex Poems

- "Neutral Tones"

"The Blinded Bird"

- Against vinkenzetting

"The Darkling Thrush"

- I leant upon a coppice gate
- And every spirit upon earth / seemed fervourless as I
- Some blessed Hope, where of he knew / And I was unaware

"The Convergence of the Twain"

- Sinking of the Titanic
- In a solitude of a sea / deep of human vanity
- The sea-worm crawls-grotesque, slimed, dumb, indifferent
- Gaze at the gilded gear / And query: "What does this vaingloriousness down here?"
- And consummation comes, and jars two hemispheres

Anti-vivisectionist

Bret Harte- American 1836-1902

The Luck of Roaring Camp

- First published in Overland monthly
- Thomas Luck is born, and gold miners began to feel and act better
- Both Luck and Kentucky perish in flash flood
- Stumpy and Oakhurst
- Mother Cherokee Sal

The Outcasts of Poker Flat

- John Oakhurst the gambler, The Duchess, Mother Shipton, and Uncle Billy are exiled

Two Men of Sandy Bar

Nadia Hashimi- Afghan

The Pearl that Broke Its Shell

When the Moon is Low
A House Without Window

Nathaniel Hawthorne- American 1804-1864

The House of Seven Gables

- Hepzibah Pyncheon
 - Opens a shop to support her brother Clifford
 - Refuses help from wealthy cousin Judge Jaffrey Pyncheon
- Clifford
 - Just got done with 30 year sentence for murder
 - Has urge to jump out of arched window
- Phoebe
 - Distant relative that comes to charm customers and cheer up Clifford
 - Falls in love with Holgrave
- Holgrave
 - Attic lodger
 - Writing family history of Pyncheon family
 - Turns out to be Maule's descendant
 - Daugerotypist
- Colonel Pynchoen
 - Built the house on grounds owned by Matthew Maule
 - Practiced witchcraft, and cursed the Pyncheon family
 - Died in armchair
- Judge Jaffrey Pyncheon
 - Visits the family and demands to know where the deed to the land is
 - Land is Maine
 - Hidden behind portrait by architect named Thomas
 - Dies in same armchair before he finds out
- Uncle Venner
 - Friendly neighbor
- Ned Higgins
 - Depletes supply of gingerbread cookies from Hepzibah's store

The Scarlett Letter

- Extended Introduction (The Custom House)
 - Narrator finds a book by Jonathan Pue
 - Finds ragged piece of needlework, the A
 - In Salem Custom House
 - Followed about chapter about a rosebush outside a prison door
- Hester Prynne sent to the scaffold
- Long-lost husband "Roger Chillingworth"
 - Tries to find "actual husband" of the baby
- Reverend John Wilson and Arthur Dimmesdale question her about her husband
 - Dimmesdale is actually her real lover
 - Dies in her arms
 - Buried next to Hester
 - Tombstone reads "On a field, sable, the letter A, gules"
- Dimmesdale is actually Pearl's father
- Pearl

- Sees herself reflected in a suit of armor while visiting Governor Bellingham
- Watches meteor while holding hands with mother and father atop a scaffold
- Washes father's kiss off in a brook
- Governor Bellingham let's her keep child

The Marble Faun

- Miriam, Hilda, Kenyon, and Donatello
- Donatello compared to Faun of Praxiteles
- Last romantic novel

"Young Goodman Brown"

- Leaves his wife Faith to venture into forest
- Meets Goody Cloyse
 - Woman who taught him his catechism
- Has vision/experience of the town at a fire lit altar in the woods
- Begins to lose faith and dies a cynic
- "And when he had lived long, and was borne to his grave... they carved no hopeful verse upon his tombstone, for his dying hour was gloom"

"The Minister's Black Veil"

- Father Hooper wears black veil over his face

"The Birthmark"

- Aylmer becomes disgusted with beautiful wife Georgiana's birthmark
 - Shape of a hand on her cheek
 - Dreams of cutting it off like the skin of an apple
 - Gives her a potion to get rid of birthmark which ends up killing her

Twice-Told Tales

William Hazlitt- English 1778-1830

Characters of Shakespear's Plays

Table-Talk

The Spirit of the Age

- Essays on 25 of the most academically important men of his time

Joseph Heller- American

Catch-22

- Pianosa during WWII
- Yossarian
 - Captain and B-25 bomber
 - Causes public panic
 - Poisons mess hall with soup
 - Accepts award for his achievements without clothing
 - Moves bombing line so his squadrons won't have to fly
 - Wants to be discharged for insanity
- Chaplain Tappman
 - Anabaptist
- Colonel Cathcart
 - Does whatever it takes to become general
 - Keeps increasing the amount of missions the men must complete
- Doctor Daneeka
 - Lied on draft papers

- Milo Minderbinder
 - Bombs own squadron
 - Runs M&M enterprises
- Lieutenant Nately
 - Wants to marry "Nately's whore"
- Orr
 - Constantly crash lands
 - Rows to Sweden to escape army
- Snowden
 - Keeps whispering "I'm cold" before dying
- Captain Aardvaark
 - Aarfy
 - Just not intelligent enough to be afraid of the war
- Major Major
 - IBM machine promotes him

Closing Time

- Sequel to Catch-22
- Sammy Singer
- Lew Rabinowitz
- Both from Coney Island

Something Happened

- Bob Slocum
- Ends with death of his mentally retarded son

Good as Gold

- Bruce Gold is offered a job as the first ever Jewish Secretary of State

God Knows

- King David's retelling of his own life

Picture This

- Talks about different time periods that are related to Aristotle Contemplating a Bust of Homer

Portrait of an Artist, as an Old Man

- Eugene Pota
 - Old author trying to release one last great piece of work
 - Attempts to write "The Sexual Biography of My Wife"

Hinton Helper- American 1829-1909

Impending Crisis of the South

- Claims that slavery impedes economic growth overall, especially for non-slaveholding southerners

Ernest Hemingway- American 1899-1961

The Sun Also Rises

- Jake Barnes
 - Impotent from WW1 wounds
 - Picks up prostitute named Georgette
 - Runs into Count Mippipopolous at a nightclub
 - Spends 5 days fishing with Bill Gorton
- Lady Brett Ashley

- Promiscuous divorcee
- Engaged to Mike Campbell
- Affair with Robert Cohn
- Seduces matador Pedro Romero
 - At Montoya Hotel
 - He is then beaten up by Robert Cohn
- Ends with her and Jake in a taxi cab
 - “Isn’t it pretty to think so” (about them being together)
- Background: Trip to Pamplona and fistfight with Harold Loeb
- Published in London under title Fiesta
- Title comes from Ecclesiastes
- Epigraph from Gertrude Stein talking about the “Lost Generation”

A Farewell to Arms

- Frederic Henry
 - Ambulance driver serving in the Italian Army during WW1
 - Wounded from mortar and sent to hospital in Milan
 - Diagnosed with jaundice
 - Miss van Campen catches him with Kümmel and accuses him of alcoholism
 - Dr Valentini operates on his knee
 - Kills a sergeant after they get lost and their cars get stuck in mud
 - Escape with Catherine to Switzerland in rowboat given by barkeep
 - Aymo
 - Shot by sniper
 - Piani and Bonello
- Catherine Barkley
 - English nurse
 - Friends with Helen Ferguson
 - Dies after giving birth to Frederic’s child
 - Frederic walks back to hotel in the rain
 - Ending rewritten 47 times
- Rinaldi
 - Good friend and surgeon
- Battle of Caporetto

For Whom the Bell Tolls

- Set during Spanish Civil War
 - Based on Hemingway’s experience as reporter for North American Newspaper Alliance
- Robert Jordan
 - Tasked with blowing up bridge
 - Tries to convince Golz otherwise via a letter
 - Breaks leg when a tank shoots his horse from under him
 - Refuses an offer from Agustin to shoot him
 - Instead tries to kill enemy officer
 - “A rose is a rose is an onion”
 - Enamored by journalist Karkov
- Anselmo
 - Elderly guide to Robert
 - Part of anti-fascist guerrilla group

- Dies when they detonate bridge
- Golz
 - Soviet officer who ordered bridge demolition
- Maria
 - Robert's young lover
 - Life shattered by parent's execution and rape
- Pablo
 - Leader of anti-fascist gorillas
 - Pilar his wife
 - Steals dynamite from El Sordo after his group is killed

The Old Man and the Sea

- Santiago
 - Old man who tries to catch a large marlin
 - Is successful, but sharks eat it all
 - Talks about Joe Dimaggio
- Manolin
 - Santiago's apprentice

Men Without Women

- "Hills Like White Elephants"
 - Convinces Jig to get an abortion
- "The Killers"
 - Max and George go to a bar to kill the Swedish boxer Old Andreson
 - They tie up Nick Adams, then release him to warn Old Andreson
 - He goes to Hirsch's boarding house, and finds Old Andreson lying on bed with clothes on
- "In Another Country"

"Big Two-Hearted River"

- Nick Adams goes trout fishing in Michigan
- Two part story with almost no dialogue
 - Talks three times
 - "Go on hopper, fly away somewhere"
 - Black grasshoppers
- Eats an onion sandwich
- Inspired by Cezanne paintings

"Indian Camp"

- First appearance of Nick Adams
- Accompanies his dad who helps Indian woman deliver baby
- Her husband commits suicide with a razor

"The Snows of Kilimanjaro"

- Harry
 - Dying of gangrene
 - Blames Helen for his failure as a writer
 - Hired prostitutes in Constantinople to "kill his loneliness"
- Rich wife Helen wakes up to the cry of a hyena and her dead husband

"The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber"

- Francis Macomber runs away from lion during safari hunt
- Robert Wilson sleeps with his wife Margot, who dislikes Francis's cowardice
 - Has a double cot so women can fulfill their dream of sleeping with a "great white"

hunter”

- Wilson helps Francis become courageous, shown when he faces a charging Buffalo
- Margot kills Francis while aiming for buffalo

A Moveable Feast

- Memoir of apprenticeship in 1920's Paris

Reporter for Kansas City Star

Iceberg Theory

- Minimalistic style
- Won \$10 after writing “for sale: baby shoes, never worn” one napkin as a 6 word story

1953 Pulitzer

1954 Nobel

Jose Hernandez- Argentine

Martin Fierro

- Epic poem about gaucho contribution to national development

Herman Hesse- German 1877-1962

Demian

- Emil Sinclair is amidst Scheinwelt (world of light)
- Franz Kromer is a bully

Steppenwolf

- Harry Haller
 - Receives ad called "Treatise on the Steppenwolf"
 - Writes a memoir called Harry Haller's Records (For Madmen Only)
 - Insults a statue of Goethe by a friend's wife
 - Learns to foxtrot with Maria
 - At Balance Hotel for his 50th birthday
 - Mozart is his favorite immortal
 - Dreams he grabs his ponytail
 - Stabs a woman with a knife he finds in his pocket
- Hermine
 - Introduces him to “bourgeois” and helps him appreciate his life
- Pablo, a mysterious saxophonist
 - Takes Harry to the Magical Theater
 - Horseshoe like place where Harry encounters chapters of his life

The Glass Bead Game

- Joseph Knecht
- Recruited by the Music Master to play the Glass Bead Game
 - Extremely sophisticated game that combines math, music, and cultural history
- Boarding school in Castalia
- Befriends Plinio Designori
- Travels to the Bamboo Grove to study Chinese under Elder Brother
- Travels to a Benedictine Monastery to befriend Father Jacobus
- Resigns as Magister Ludi (The Master of the Game), choosing to face real problems, unlike the closed-off order of intellectuals
- Frowns while following Designori's son Tito

Narcissus and Goldmund

- Goldmund escapes Catholic monastery, finding freedom in his choices and newfound

sexual activity

- Makes love with a Gypsy

- Saved by Narcissus as he is about to be executed during the Black Death

Siddhartha

Carl Hiaasen- American 1953

Hoot

Flush

Strip Tease

Sick Puppy

Skinny Dip

Crime novels are mostly set in Florida and are about issues important to him

Columnist for the Miami Herald

Patricia Highsmith- English 1921-1955

Strangers on a Train

The Talented Mr. Ripley

The Price of Salt

- Later republished as Carol
- Therese Belivet and Carol Aird
- Lesbian novel

James Hilton- English 1900-1954

Lost Horizon

- WW1 veteran Hugh Conway discovers Shangri-La, a Buddhist monastery and utopia on the mountains of Tibet

Goodbye, Mr. Chips

Anthony Hope- English 1863-1933

The Prisoner of Zenda

- Set in Ruritania

Rupert Id Hentzau

Khaled Hosseini- Afghan born American 1965

The Kite Runner

- Amir
- Father he calls Baba
 - Takes care of both Amir and Hassan, but threatens Amir
- Rahim Khan
 - Father figure that supports Amir's passion of writing
- Threatened by Assef with brass knuckles
 - Hassan threatens to shoot out his eye with a slingshot
- Wins kite fighting tournament
- Friend Hassan
 - Raped by Assef, which Amir witnesses but says nothing
 - "For you, a thousand times over" said to Amir
- Plants a watch and money under Hassan's pillow, framing him for theft
- They move to Fremont California
- Sell goods at a flea market in San Jose

- Baba dies of cancer
- Amir and Soraya marry
- Gets a call from a dying Rahim Khan telling him “there is a way to be good again”
- Hassan is killed by Taliban after he defends Amir’s house
 - His father Ali dies from land mine
- Amir turns out to be Hassan’s half brother
- Amir must rescue Hassan’s son Sohrab from being a dancing boy for Taliban
- Loses fight to Taliban leader, who is Assef
- Sohrab slingshots brass ball into Assef’s eye

A Thousand Splendid Suns

And the Mountains Echoed

William Dean Howells- American 1837-1920

The Rise of Silas Lapham

- Silas Lapham
 - Becomes wealthy from mineral paint business
 - Financially helps Milton K Rogers
- Tom Corey
 - Hardworking man who loves one of the Lapham girls
 - Family is shocked when he loves Penelope, the smarter but less glamorous daughter over Irene

A Hazard of New Fortunes

- Basil March
- Persuaded by friend Fulkerson to help start new magazine, called Every Other Week
 - Funded by Dryfoos
 - Gives son Conrad position of business manager so he does not become an Episcopalian Priest
 - Angus Beaton does art
 - Alma Leighton illustrates first issue
 - Berthold Lindau becomes translator
 - Veteran who served the North as an abolitionist
 - Published some of Colonel Woodburn’s pro-slavery articles, leading to clash
 - Lindau insults them in German, later realizing
- Conrad is fatally shot while helping Lindau during worker riot
- His love Margaret Vance becomes an Episcopalian Nun
- First novel to portray New York City

The Whole Family

- Book by 12 different authors
- Mark Twain declined participation

A Traveler from Altruria

Editor of the Atlantic Monthly

“Dean of American Letters”

Important figure in literary realism

Thomas Hughes- English 1822-1896

Tom Brown's School Days

- Rugby school
- Harry Flashman, lecherous Victorian soldier

Victor Hugo- French 1802-1885

The Hunchback of Notre-Dame

- Esmeralda
 - Beautiful gypsy
- Frollo
 - Orders Quasimodo to capture her
 - Quasimodo captured by Phoebus, who rescues Esmeralda
 - “This will kill that” meaning printing press will destroy architecture
- Quasimodo
 - Hunchback of Notre-Dame
- Phoebus
 - Captain of the King of Archers
- Gringoire
 - Puts on a play, where Quasimodo is crowned King of Fools
 - Trespasses into Court of Miracles
 - Given the option to live if he can silently steal purse from dummy
 - Fails, so Esmeralda saves him by agreeing to marry
- Esmeralda saves Quasimodo from the pillory by giving him water
- Quasimodo swings from rope to save Esmeralda from the gallows
 - Falsely accused of trying to murder Phoebus, was actually Frollo
- She receives sanctuary in cathedral
- Clopin, leader of the Gypsies, rallies them to come rescue Esmeralda
- Quasimodo unknowingly drives Gypsies off and helps the King’s men
 - Uses molten lead
- Frollo betrays Esmeralda, hands her over to be executed
 - Gringoire saves her goat Djali instead
 - Djali has golden horns and is able to spell Captain Phoebus
- Quasimodo pushes Frollo over the edge
- Lies with the body of Esmeralda to die
- “Our Lady of Paris” in French
- Made in part to promote Gothic architecture
 - Like in work “War to the Demolishers”

Les Miserables

The Contemplations

- Poetry collection

The Legend of the Ages

- Poetry collection

Toilers of the Sea

- Gilliat
- Lives on the island of Guernsey
- Rescues his father Mess Lethierry’s engine from sunken ship Durande
 - Sunk by Clubin
 - Battles an octopus to rescue it
- Was supposed to marry Durechette as a reward, but she already accepted a proposal by Ebenezer Caudry
- They sail away on the Cashmere, as Gilliat watches them and drowns from the Gild-Holm-‘Ur

Cromwell

Hermani

Ruy Blas

- Ruy Blas
- Disguised as nobility by Don Salluste to gain Queen's love
- Kills Don after he humiliated him, and drinks poison to commit suicide

The Last Day of the Condemned Man

- Written against guillotine
- Sketches the character of Jean Valjean

Keri Hulme- 1947 New Zealand

The Bone People

- Maori people
- Kerewin Holmes
- Mute Simon P Gillayley

Zora Neale Hurston- American 1891-1960

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Aldous Huxley- English 1894-1963

Brave New World

- Takes place in World State, London in AF (After Ford) 632
- Bernard Marx, psychologist
 - Short for his "caste", which goes from Alpha to Epsilon
- Lenina Crowne, hatchery worker
- Director of Hatching and Conditioning, Marx's boss who wants to exile him to Iceland
 - Wife Linda, who is stranded on reservation
- Both take holiday to a Savage Reservation in New Mexico
- Meet John the Savage, and bring him back
 - Excited to see this "brave new world"
 - He is only able to communicate through Shakespeare
 - Whips Lenina when she tries to seduce him
- Mustapha Mond, the Resident World Controller for Western Europe
 - Sentences Marx and his friend Helmholtz Watson to exile
 - Helmholtz chooses Falkland Islands
- Mond tries to explain his action to John, but he refuses to accept
- He retreats to lighthouse, where he lives ascetic lifestyle and practices self flagellation
- People come to watch and film him, shouting "we want the whip"
- Eventually hangs himself
- Population uses drug soma
- Indoctrinated by hypnopaedia, slogans played to them while they sleep
 - "civilization is sterilization"
- Kids must endure "death-conditioning"
- Freemartins, the 70% of female population that is sterilized
- Bokanovsky process used for reproduction (Human cloning)
 - Improved by Podsnap technique
- Possibly influenced by Zamyatin's We

Crome Yellow

- Denis Stone attends house party at Crome
- Hosted by Priscilla and Henry Wimbush
- Attracted to Anne Wimbush
- She loves Gombauld
- Mary Bracegirdle falls in love with Ivor Lombard
- Mr Barbecue-Smith, literary hack

The Doors of Perception

- Nonfiction work about his experience with mescaline

The Perennial Philosophy

- Study on mysticism

Island

- William Farnaby
- Deliberately crashes boat on shores of Kingdom of Pala

Point Counter Point

- Philip Quarles, Huxley
- Mark Rampion, DH Lawrence

The Devils of Loudun

- Historical narrative of mass hysteria in 17th century Loudun, France
- Ursuline nuns became possessed with demons when catholic priest Urban Grandier made pact with the devil

Guillermo Cabrera Infante- Cuban 1929-2005

Three Sad Tigers

- Plays with language similar to Joyce's Ulysses

Screenplay for movie Vanishing Point

Washington Irving- American

The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent

- Rip van Winkle
 - Man sleeps for 20 years
 - Sees ghost of Henry Hudson play 9 pins
 - Dog Wolf
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
 - Headless horseman
 - Hessian soldier
 - Shot by cannonball in "some nameless battle"
 - Abraham "Brom Bones" Van Brunt in disguise
 - Ichabod Crane
 - Wants to propose to Katerina van Tassel
 - Daughter of Baltus van Tassel
 - Passes by lighten-stricken tulip tree
 - Haunted by Major Andre
 - Gets spooked by Headless Horseman

Tales of a Traveler

- The Devil and Tom Walker
 - Tom Walker
 - Finds his wife's heart and liver wrapped to tree by her apron
 - Buries his horse upside down, so he can outrun the devil when world turns

- upside down
 - Agrees to become a usurer
 - Carries 2 bibles in his hand
 - Heads Scratch knocking at his door, and realizes he left bible on the desk
 - “Old Scratch”, the Devil
 - Disguised as lumberjack, chopping down trees engraved with colonialist’s names
 - Offers Tom Captain Kidd’s money in the swamp in exchange for his soul
 - Kidd Pirate
 - Irving finds pistol when fishing
- Tales of Alhambra

John Winslow Irving- American 1942

The Cider House Rules

- Homer Wells under guidance of Wilbur Larch

The World According to Garp

- T S Garp
 - Son of a feminist
 - Writer who likes babysitters and prostitutes
 - Last novel was a result of son Walt's death

A Prayer for Owen Meany

- Narrated by John Wheelwright
- Owen Meany
 - Small stature and high-pitched voice
 - Believes he is "God's instrument"
- Dan Needham gives the two boys a stuffed armadillo
- John hits his mother with a foul ball, killing her
- Owen claims he sees his full name and date of birth on Scrooge's grave stone
- Uses all caps to reflect his voice when he writes a newspaper column
- Rehearses "The Shot" with John
 - John lifts Owen above his head so that he can dunk it
- Use "The Shot" to get the grenade out of range of a group of Vietnamese children at an airport, but it fatally wounds Owen, who is happy he fulfilled his purpose

A Widow for One Year

A Son of the Circus

Kazuo Ishiguro- Japanese born British

The Remains of the Day

- Stevens
 - Butler that works for Darlington Hall
 - Has relationship with Miss Kenton (now Mrs. Benn)
 - “Dignity” set him apart from others
 - Wants to perfect the art of bantering
 - Focuses his on the rest of his life (remains of the day)
- Lord Darlington
 - Would host meetings between Nazi sympathizers and English aristocrats
 - Young Mr Cardinal and M Dupont would attend
- Mr Faraday

- Encourages Stevens to take a "motoring trip" vacation through countryside, visiting old friends

An Artist of the Floating World

- Masuji Ono
 - Aged painter of WWII right wing propaganda

When We Were Orphans

- Christopher Banks
 - Detective that must find his parents
 - Finds a Japanese soldier that he believes is his childhood friend Akira
- Dad ran away to Hong Kong with mother
- Mother insulted Chinese warlord Wang Ku and became a concubine
 - Recognizes Christopher when he uses nickname "Puffin"

Never Let Me Go

- Kathy H
 - Hailsham, English boarding school
 - Students must produce art and work in vegetable garden
 - Teachers called guardians
 - Miss Lucy tells them that they are clones used to harvest organs
 - Sees a "possible", somebody she might have been cloned from
 - Friends Tommy and Ruth form a relationship
 - Looks for a missing video tape with Tommy
 - Tries to get a deferral by proving she is in love with Tommy
 - Shows Madame artwork

The Unconsoled

- Ryder, a pianist that comes to a European town, but can't fulfill his plans or promises
- Brodsky the conductor
- Christoff, a disliked musician

The Buried Giant

- Axl and Beatrice search for missing son
- Set in Arthurian times
- Wife told him to start from scratch

Nocturnes

- Collection

2017 Nobel

WW Jacobs- English 1863-1943

"The Monkey's Paw"

- Mr and Mrs White
- Get Monkey Paw from Sergeant Major Morris
- Tells them it has been cursed by fakir, and warns them of changing their fate
- Mr White wishes for £200
- Son Herbert is horribly killed in accident at work, and company gives them £200 compensation
- Wish for him back to life, and after seeing his zombie, wish him away

Shirley Jackson- American

The Haunting of Hill House

"The Lottery"

- Families all have a slip of paper
- Mr. Summers performs it
- Tessie Hutchinson wins and is stoned to death
 - "It isn't fair"
- Caused huge outcry when published in New Yorker
- Old Man Warner
 - "in June, corn be heavy soon"
- June 27th

We Have Always Lived in the Castle

- Merricat Blackwood

One Ordinary Day with Peanuts

The Road Through the Wall

Life Among the Savages

The Sundial

Henry James- American

The Portrait of a Lady

- Isabel Archer
 - Invited by Lydia Touchett to visit her husband Daniel
 - Gardencourt, England
 - Declines proposal by Lord Warburton
 - Declines proposal by Caspar Goodwood
 - Journalist friend Henrietta Stackpole
 - Mr Bantling serves as her escort
 - Inherits large amount of money from elder Touchett
 - Marries Gilbert Osmond
 - Promoted by Madame Merle
 - In Florence
 - Grows fond of Pansy, Osmond's daughter
 - Wants her to marry Edward Rosier, an art collector
 - Osmond wants her to marry Warburton, and sends her to nunnery when she doesn't
 - Countess Gemini gossips
 - Goes to see her dying invalid cousin Ralph Touchett

The Ambassadors

- Lambert Strether
 - Goes to rescue fiancé's son Chad Newsome from wicked woman
 - Meets Maria Gostrey
 - Meets Marie de Vionnet and falls in love with her
 - Becomes enamored by Europe and questions his loyalty to his wife
 - Talks with Little Bilham
 - Tells him "live all you can"
 - Waymarsh, his companion

The Wings of the Dove

- Milly Theale
 - Goes to see Sir Luke Strett, a physician
 - American heiress stricken with deadly disease
 - Travelling companion Mrs Stringham

- Kate Croy
 - Married to Merton Densher
 - Lives with Maud Lowder, her mean aunt

The Golden Bowl

- Charlotte Stant and Adam Verver

The Turn of the Screw

- Horror
- New Criticism
 - Advocates close reading
- Douglas reads manuscript on Christmas Eve
- Miles
 - Expelled from boarding school
 - Sent to country house Bly
 - Because he said things to “those he liked”
 - Extinguished candle interrupts the writing of a letter to his uncle
 - Sees “a horror” and shouts “peter quint, you devil!”
 - Dies in Mrs. Grose's arms
- Flora
 - Cared for by Mrs. Grose
 - Runs away, but says the name of Miss Jessel to be freed
- Miss Jessel and Peter Quint
 - Have a sexual relation
 - Ghosts that haunt the place
 - Quint is red headed
 - Quint is “too free” with everybody
- Edmund Wilson's essay on the “Ambiguity” of the book

What Maisie Knew

- Beale and Ida Farange divorce
 - Beale marries Miss Overmore
 - Ida marries Sir Claude
- Maisie
 - Daughter that moves between the two guardians
 - Governess Mrs Wix

Daisy Miller

- Annie "Daisy" Miller meets Frederick Winterbourne
 - By Randolph Miller, her younger brother
 - In Vevey, Switzerland
- His aunt Mrs. Costello spurns their relationship
- They stay at Chateau de Chillon
- They later meet in Rome in house of Mrs. Walker
- Daisy falls in love with Giovanelli
 - Takes Daisy to the Colosseum, she later dies of Roman Fever
- "If this is improper, then I am all improper"

Washington Square

- Dr. Sloper prevents daughter Catherine from marrying Morris Townsend

The Bostonians

- Verena Tarrant falls in love with lawyer Basil Roman, to cousin Olive Chancellor's dismay

Roderick Hudson

- Talented sculptor, Rowland Mallet
- Christina Light

The Aspern Papers

The New York Review

Italian Hours and The American Scene

- Books of travel

"The Jolly Corner"

- Spencer Brydon ghost story

"The Spoils of Poynton"

- Adela Gereth
 - Worried she will lose all her nice furniture and items when her son Owen marries the philistine Mona Brigstock
- Fleda
 - Adela tries to get her to persuade Owen not to marry
 - Owen loves her, but goes through with his marriage to Mona
 - Let's her pick one piece of their furniture, but when she goes to the house it has been destroyed in a fire

New York Edition

- Collection of his work

Wrote many letters

Randall Jarrell- American 1914-1965

The Woman at the Washington Zoo

The Lost World

Pictures from an Institution

- School Benton modeled after Sarah Lawrence College
- Gertrude Johnson

"The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner"

- From my mother's sleep I fell into the State

Elfriede Jelinek- Austrian 1946

The Piano Teacher

- Erika Kohut engages in sadomasochistic relationship with her student Walter Klemmer

The Children of the Dead

- All characters are undead zombies
- Gurdun Bichler, Edgar Gstranz, and Karin Frenzel

Greed

Lust

Nobel 2004

Sarah Orne Jewett- Maine

The Country of the Pointed Firs

A Country Doctor

Ha Jin- Chinese-American 1956

Waiting

In the Pond

The Bridegroom

James Weldon Johnson- American 1871-1938

An Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man

- Biracial man in post reconstruction America
- After witnessing a lynching, he decides to “pass” as white to secure safety

Samuel Johnson- English 1709-1784

Wrote for The Gentleman's Magazine

Life of Mr. Richard Savage

A Dictionary of the English Language

The Plays of William Shakespeare

The History of Rasselas, Prince of Abissinia

- Rasselas
 - Lives in “The Happy Valley”, Ethiopia
- Nekayah, his sister
- Pekuah, Nekayah’s assistant
- Imlac
- Together they travel away, trying to find happiness, but return when they don’t

A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland

- Describes travels with James Boswell

Lives of the Most Eminent English Poets

“London”

“The Vanity of Human Wishes”

- Written as imitation of Juvenal’s Satire X

Irene

- Only play

Tourette's Syndrome

Subject of James Boswell's The Life of Samuel Johnson

Sionil Jose- Filipino 1924

Rosales Saga

- Po-on
- The Pretenders
- My Brother, My Executioner
- Mass
- Tree

Josephus- Romano-Jewish

Against Apion

The Jewish War

Jewish Antiquities

Josephus problem

- Who survives when every nth is killed

James Joyce- Irish 1882-1941

Dubliners

- "The Sisters"
 - Father Flynn dies
 - Had a mental breakdown after breaking a chalice
 - Eliza and Nannie

- Old Cotter
- "An Encounter"
 - Narrator and friend Mahoney
 - Approached by creepy old man
 - Talks to them about Walter Scott, sweethearts, and whipping
 - Implied that he touches himself
- "Araby"
 - Boy falls in love with friend Mangan's sister, but fails to buy her a worthy gift at the Araby bazaar
 - Realizes he has become "a creature driven and derided by vanity"
- "Eveline"
 - Young woman weighs her decision to flee Ireland with a sailor Frank
 - He promises to take her to Buenos Aires
 - Decides not to after hearing an organ grinder that reminds her of her mother
- "After the Race"
 - Jimmy Doyle
 - Drives a car through Inchicore
 - Boards Farley's yacht
 - Loses lots of money to Routh during cards
 - With Charles Segouin, Andre Riviere, and Villona
- "Two Gallants"
 - Corley and Lenehan exploit others to live
 - Make a servant girl steal a gold chain from her employer
- "The Boarding House"
 - Mrs. Mooney runs a boarding house
 - Polly, daughter that entertains guests
 - Sings "I'm a naughty girl"
 - Has affair with Mr. Doran
- "The Little Cloud"
 - Thomas "Little" Cloud
 - Too shy to read poetry to his wife Annie
 - Starts to regret marriage to wife
 - Visited by Ignatius Gallaher
 - Title comes from Blake or Elijah
- "Counterparts"
 - Farrington
 - "The man"
 - Sells gold watch for drinking money
 - Slighted by woman and loses arm wrestling match
 - Beats son Tom who starts a fire in the kitchen
 - Mr Alleyne, his boss than yells at him
- "Clay"
 - Maria
 - Goes to Joe's Halloween party
 - Forgets cake on the tram
 - Plays a game where she blindfoldedly picks saucers
 - Fails to pick the ring, signifying marriage
 - Sings the aria "I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls"

- Sings first verse twice
 - Skips second verse, also signaling marriage
- "A Painful Case"
 - Mr. Duffy
 - Lonely man that lives on outskirts of town
 - Develops relationship with Emily Sinico, but shuts it down when it becomes intimate
 - Learns 4 years later that she was killed by a train
- "Ivy Day in the Committee Room"
 - Mat O'Connor
 - Canvasser for Richard Tierney
 - Discusses child-rearing with Old Jack
 - John Henchy
 - Claims Joe Hynes is a spy for rival candidate Colgan
 - Crofton
 - Enters with Bantam Lyons
 - Politician Charles Parnell is celebrated after his death
 - Black Eagle Bar
- "A Mother"
 - Mrs Kearney
 - Tries to raise social status during Irish Revival
 - Gets her daughter Kathleen a spot at a concert playing piano
 - Mr Holohan and Mr Fitzpatrick can't promise her compensation
- "Grace"
 - Kerman injures himself after falling down bar steps
 - Power, M'Coy, Cunningham, and Kernan discuss religion and go to church
 - Ends with a speech by a priest
- "The Dead"
 - Gabriel Conroy
 - Has an epiphany when wife Gretta tells him a story about Michael Furey, her old love that died
 - Called a "West Briton" because of his support for England in the Daily Express
 - Ponders the role of all the countless dead while watching the snow fall
 - Bartell D'Arcy performs "The Lass of Aughrim"

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

- Stephen Dedalus
 - Originally Stephen Hero
 - Goes against Catholic/Irish upbringing
 - Sits through religious sermons by Father Arnall
 - Takes notice to the "Four Last Things" (death, judgement, Hell, and Heaven)
 - Beaten up by three boys after saying Byron was the "Greatest Poet"
 - Leaves home to forge "uncreated conscience" of his race
 - Calls himself "baby tuckoo"
- Semi-autobiographical

Ulysses

- Stephen Dedalus
- Roommate Buck Mulligan
 - Invites Haines over to stay with them

- Makes rude comment about Stephen's mom
- Teaches a lesson on Pyrrhus of Epirus
- Helps Cyril Sargent with algebra
 - Looks at his ugly face and imagines his mother's love for him
- Talks to headmaster Garrett Deasy
 - Talk about Jews in Ireland
 - "history is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake"
 - God is "a shout in the street"
- Goes to Sandymount Strand
 - Watches dog pee, and he picks his nose
- Leopold Bloom
- "ate with inner organs of beasts and fowls"
- Wife Molly will sleep with concert manager Blazes Boylan
- Reads Matcham's Masterstroke in outhouse
- Receives letter from Martha Clifford, addressed to his pseudonym Henry Flower
- Priest has letters INRI or IHS on back
- Buys lemon soap from chemist
- Meets Bantam Lyons
- Drive to Paddy Dingman's funeral
- Stephen tries to deliver to him Deasy's letter about foot and mouth disease
- Bloom hears news of Mina Purefoy's labor
- Has a gorgonzola cheese sandwich and burgundy at Davy Byrne's pub
- Wonders if statues at National Gallery have anuses
- Meets "The Citizen" at Barney Kiernan's pub
 - Tells him his savior was a Jew after anti-semitic remarks
 - Gets biscuit thrown at him
- Views Gerty MacDowell on the shore
 - Masturbates to her after she shows him her legs and underwear
 - Climax coincides with fireworks
 - Friends Cissy Caffrey and Edy Boardman
 - Is actually lame
- Travels to Bella Cohen's brothel
- Hallucinates that his mother's rotting cadaver has risen to comfort him
- Reflects on death of son Rudy
- Stephen gets into argument with Private Carr
- Molly Bloom hints at lesbian relationship with Hester Stanhope
- Ends with her recounting marriage proposal
 - "yes I will yes"

Finnegan's Wake

- Extremely difficult to read
- First sentence begins where last sentence ends

Ismail Kadare- Albanian 1936

The General Army of the Dead

- Italian general is tasked with retrieving bones of fallen soldiers for proper burials
- Thinks about the meaninglessness of war

Franz Kafka- Bohemian (Czech) Jewish 1883-1924

The Metamorphosis

- Gregor Samsa
- Traveling salesman
- Turned into insect ("monstrous vermin")
- Mother and sister Grete knock on his door
- Eventually opens door with his mouth
- Father drives him back with newspaper and cane
- Doesn't drink milk, eats rotten food, hides under the couch
- Planned to send Grete to conservatory for violin lessons
- Tries to save picture of woman in fur clothes
- Injured by apple thrown by his father
- Three boarders leave and don't pay rent
- Analyzes by friend Max Brod
- Ends with family trolley ride

The Trial

- Josef K
 - Arrested by two unidentifiable agents on his 30th birthday
 - Willem and Franz
 - For an unspecified crime
 - Frau Grubach, his landlady
 - Tells him it might be because of his immoral relationship with Burstner
 - Fraulein Burstner
 - Neighbor
 - Fraulein Montag moves in with her
 - Arrives late to the courtroom in the attic
 - Finds the two agents being whipped
 - Herr Huld
 - Lawyer introduced by Josef's uncle Karl
 - Tended to by Leni
 - Josef fools around with her
 - Webbed fingers
 - Titorelli
 - Court painter who understands the court process
 - Rudi Block
 - A successful businessman who has become bankrupt because of his trial
 - Presented with the "Before the Law" parable
 - Man bribes gatekeeper who never lets him in
 - "Only taking it to keep you from thinking you've failed to do anything"
 - Murdered by two agents with butcher knife
 - "Like a dog!"

The Castle

- K.
 - Land surveyor and school janitor
 - Forms relationship with barmaid Frieda, who leaves him for his assistant Jeremiah
 - Tries to contact castle official Klammer
 - Secretaries Erlanger and Monus
 - Olga and Amelia guide him to the Bridge Inn
- Mayor

- Suffers from gout
- Gives K paperwork
- Wife Mizzi

The Judgement

- Georg Bendemann
 - Writes letter to his friend in Russia
 - Engaged to Frieda Brandefield
 - Father tells him that he is not caring for friend, and believes he is trying to kill him
 - Sentences him to a "death by crowning"
 - Runs to a bridge and jumps off, apparently to his death

Amerika

- Originally "The Stoker"
- Karl Rosmann
 - European immigrant to America
- Robinson and Delemarche hold him captive in their apartment
- Leaves and applies for job at Nature Theater of Oklahoma

A Country Doctor

- Doctor must travel to sick patient's house
- Horse dies, and Rosa looks for a new one
- Groom comes and offers up his own horse, in exchange for Rosa
 - Rosa runs through house turning off lights
- Patient's house appears to doctor
- Notices flesh wound like a flower, and tells patient he is alright
- Patient asks to let him die

The Penal Colony

- Officer, Commandment, Soldier, Condemned, and Traveller
- Torture machine that carves the sentence on skin before killing you
 - "Be just" on the Officer

Contemplation

The Great Wall of China

- "The Great Wall of China"
- "Investigations of a Dog"

A Hunger Artist

- "The Hunger Artist"
 - Man starves himself for public entertainment
 - Annoyed that his impresario won't let him fast past 40 days
 - Eventually leaves and joins circus, where he fasts until death
 - Replaced by panther
- "Josephine the Singer"
 - Mouse that has the ability to sing
 - Don't actually know if they are mice or not

"A Report to an Academy"

- Ape learns to act like a human to escape capture
- Tells a group of his experience

"Jackals and Arabs"

- Man is approached by talking Jackals, who encourage him to kill the Arabs with a pair of rusty scissors
- The Arabs feed them a dead camel, whipping them as they eat

Yasunari Kawabata- Japanese 1899-1972 Nobel 1968

Snow Country

- Shimamura
 - Wealthy protagonist
 - Expert on ballet
 - Develops complex relationship with Komako
 - Falls backward after seeing Yoko's jump and marvels at night sky
- Komako
 - Geisha
 - Lives with Yukio's mom, a music teacher
 - Plays the shamisen
 - Sings "Dark Hair"
 - Collects cigarettes
 - Used to be engaged to Yoko
- Yoko
 - Cares for Yukio on the train
 - Suffers from tuberculosis
 - Falls from burning silkworm cocoon warehouse that is being used as a movie theater

The Master of Go

- Honinbo Shusai's lengthy, 6 month retirement game
- Played against Minoru Kitani (Otake in the book)
- Koyokan Restaurant
- Based on Kawabata's experience chronicling it for newspaper

The Sound of the Mountain

- Ogato family
- Shingo
 - Father
 - Comes to terms with mortality and laments not being there for family
- Yasuko, his wife
- Shuichi, his philandering son
 - Kikuko, his faithful wife
- Fusako, his married daughter

Thousand Cranes

- Kikuji
- Has an affair with Mrs Ota
 - Formerly Kikuji's father's mistress
 - Commits suicide
- Turns grief over to Ota's daughter Fumiko
- Yukiko Inamura
 - Kerchief covered with a thousand cranes

Palm of the Hand Stories

- "Dancing Girl of Izu"
 - Boy falls in love with drummer girl of traveling band

First Japanese author to win Nobel

Nikos Kazantzakis- Greek 1883-1957

The Last Temptation of Christ

- Banned cause showed Jesus as a sinner
- Struggles with fact that he will be crucified

Zorba the Greek

- Narrator
 - Intellectual, reads Divine Comedy
 - Has internal “no” which he associates with Buddha
 - Sees Zorba staring at him through window
 - The two travel to Crete, opening up an old lignite mine
 - Stay at Madame Hortense’s hotel
 - Both exchange long talks about life
 - Narrator leaves, but still sends letters
 - Zorba dies, and requests that the narrator take his santuri

Christ Recrucified

Captain Michalis

The Saviors of God: Spiritual Exercises

Thomas a Kempis- German-Dutch 1380-1471

Imitation of Christ

- Important devotional coming out of Devotio Moderna movement

Thomas Keneally- Australian 1935

Schindler's Ark

- Basis for Schindler's List

Jack Kerouac- American 1922-1969

On the Road

- Sal Paradise, narrator
 - Takes dexedrine while traveling across America
- William Burroughs (Old Bull Lee)
- Allen Ginsberg (Carlo Marx)
- Neal Cassady (Dean Moriarty)
 - Leaves for Marylou
 - Shows up with Ed Dunkel
 - Injurs his thumb trying to hit Marylou for sleeping around
 - "Holy Goof"
 - Fools around with Camille
 - Impregnates girlfriend Inez
- Remi Boncoeur and his girlfriend Lee Ann
- Meets Terry
 - Brother Ricky teaches him the true meaning of “manana” (tomorrow)
 - "cutest little Mexican girl"
- Bums a quarter off of a preacher to travel to aunt’s house
- Travels to Mexico City with Stan Shephard
 - Cannabis
 - Parties with Victor
 - Gets dysentary and is abandoned by Dean Moriarty
- Listens to George Shearing, blind jazz pianist
- Meets Chad King

- Written on a long scroll in three weeks

The Dharma Bums

- Ray Smith (Kerouac)
- Japhy Ryder (Gary Snyder)
- Climbs Matterhorn Peak with Henry Morley
- Partake in "Yab-Yum", Buddhist rituals

Doctor Sax

- Castle on Snake Hill in Lowell, Massachusetts
- Great World Snake
 - All kinds of people try to come and awaken it
 - Giant bird picks it up and carries it into the sky
- Dovists believe it is made up of thousands of doves
- Doctor Sax
 - Shrouded in black cape
 - Visagus Nightsoil
 - "Disease of the Night" that makes him turn mossy green
 - Carries out alchemical experiments to destroy snake
 - "I'll be damned, the universe disposes of its own evil"

Big Sur

- Takes three trips to Bixby Canyon next to Big Sur in California
 - Owned by Lorenzo Monsanto
- Jackie Deluoz
 - Drunkenly introduces Cody Pomeray's mistress Billie to his wife

The Subterraneans

- His (Leo Percepied) short romance with Alene Lee (Mardou Fox)

Desolation Angels

- Written in journal at fire lookout

The Town and the City

Mexico City Blues

Visions of Cody

The Sea is My Brother

Ken Kesey- American 1935-2001

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

- Set at psychiatric hospital in Oregon
- Narrated by Chief Bromden
 - Large but friendly Native American patient at hospital
 - Deaf and mute
 - Hallucinates fog, and is scared of fog machine
 - Sticks gum under bed to be rechewed later
- Randle Patrick McMurphy
- Fakes insanity so he can work in hospital and not at farm
- Antagonizes Nurse Ratched, evil authority of hospital
- Captains the basketball team, plans fishing trip, and petitions to watch World Series on TV
- Undergoes electroshock therapy, but does not deter him
- Unable to lift the control panel in the tub room
 - Says "But at least I tried"
- Smuggles prostitutes in

- Billy Bibbit has crush on the one named Candy, and loses virginity
 - After this, he does not stutter when standing up to Ratched
 - Slits his throat when she threatens to tell his mom
- Tries to strangle Ratched, ripping off her clothes and revealing her breasts
- Receives lobotomy, leaving him in vegetative state
- Smothered by The Chief in an act of mercy
- Dale Harding
 - Homosexual who is embarrassed by wife's large breasts and thoughts of infidelity
- Bromden, Martini, and Scanlon, are patients
- Charlie Cheswick drowns himself in pool
- Max taber is "fixed" by Ratched
- Nurse Pilbow

Sometimes a Great Nation

- Stamper family are gyppo loggers in Oregon

Jamaica Kincaid- Antigua-American 1949

A Small Place

- Essay about growing up in Antigua

Lucy

- Lucy Potter leaves Caribbean to become au pair in America

At the Bottom of the River

- "Girl"
 - "kind of woman who the baker won't let near the bread"
 - "the slut you are so bent on becoming"

William Patrick Kinsella- Canadian 1935-2016

Shoeless Joe

- Builds baseball field to give Shoeless Joe Jackson a chance at redemption
 - "If you build it, he will come"
- Also goes on road trip for JD Salinger
- Basis for movie Field of Dreams

Milan Kundera- Czech born French 1929

The Joke

- Satirical account of totalitarianism during Soviet Era

Life is Elsewhere

- Satire of poet Jaromil, who gets involved in political scandals

The Book of Laughter and Forgetting

The Unbearable Lightness of Being

- Prague Spring in Czechoslovakia
- Tomas, an adulterous surgeon and intellectual
 - Loses his job over letter comparing gov to Oedipus
 - Then becomes window washer
 - Has sex with Sabina while she wears a bowler hat
 - Son named Simon
 - Repeats Beethoven's quote "Es muss sein" ("it must be")
- Wife Tereza, a photographer
- Tomas's lover Sabina, a free-spirited artist

- Fantasy of making love in front of a crowd of people
 - Declares a war on kitsch
- Franz participates in a protest march towards Cambodia
 - Becomes paralyzed and dies
 - Belives the “March of history” has ended
 - Wife Marie-Claude excuses his cheating to a midlife crisis
- Karenin the dog dies of cancer
- Explores idea of eternal recurrence
- "He wanted the Kingdom of God on Earth" epitaph

Immortality

The Festival of Insignificance

- Follows Alain, Ramon, D'Ardelo, and Charles in Paris
- German Idealists are discussed by characters

Charles Kingsley- English 1819-1875

Priest of the Church of England

Welcomed Darwin's theory of evolution

Proponent of Christian socialism

The Water-Babies

A Fairy Tale for a Land Baby

Hypatia

Hereward the Wake

Westward Ho!

Karl Ove Knausgård- Norwegian 1968

My Struggle

- 6 book series

Arthur Koestler- Hungarian-British 1905-1983

Darkness at Noon

- Rubashov tried for treason against Soviet government
- Taps message to No. 402
- Gletkin replaces Ivanov as interrogator
- Abandons party deserter Richard under a Pieta
- Little Loewy, a German immigrant, hangs himself
- Betrays Secretary/mistress Arlova
- Hare-Lip, executed after confessing that Rubashov tried to poison “Number One”
- Stalin referees to as “Number One”
- Separated by numbered hearings
- Second in trilogy- The Gladiators, Arrival and Departure
- Translated into English by Daphne Hardy

The Gladiators

- Spartacus revolt

Arrival and Departure

- Peter escapes to Neutralia
- Based on Koestler’s own experiences

The Thirteenth Tribe

- Argued Ashkenazi Jews are descendants of the Turkish Khazars, not Israelites

Ghost in the Machine

- Rational and emotional part of brain do not cooperate
- Holons, things that are both wholes and parts
 - Used Janus as a metaphor

Sleepwalkers

- :A History of Man's Changing Vision of the Universe
- History of cosmology
- Says scientific discoveries happen kind of like sleepwalking

Arrow in the Blue

- Autobiography

The Invisible Writing

- Continues autobiography

Spanish Testament

- Experiences with Spanish Civil War
- Part 2 published as Dialogues with Death

Scum of the Earth

- Account of concentration camp, Canp Vernet, and fleeing to Portugal

The God that Failed

- Collection of essays along with five other authors
- Criticized communism, and Ukrainian famine

Encyclopedia of Sexual Knowledge

Twilight Bar

- His only play

Krylov- Russian

The Frog Who Begged for a Tsar

- Translated from Aesop

200 Russian fables

Par Lagerkvist- Swedish 1891-1974

The Dwarf

- Tasked to poison the prince's rivals

Barabbas

- Man who was saved over Jesus
- The contrast with him and Jesus, making a case for Barabbas having it worse

1951 Nobel

Jhumpa Lahiri- American 1967

Interpreter of Maladies

- "A Temporary Matter"
 - Shukumar and Shoba finally talk about their marital problems once the power goes out
 - Talk about their stillborn child
 - "They weep for the things they now know"
- "When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine"
 - Mr. Pirzada, a Pakistani who comes to live with Indian family
 - Grows close to their daughter Lilia
- "Interpreter of Maladies"
 - Mr and Mrs Das, Indian Americans who go to tour India
 - Selfish parents to their children Ronny, Bobby, and Tina

- Tour guide Mr Kapasi
- Works as translator in doctor's office as interpreter of maladies
- Tries to make an advance on Mrs Das
- She tells him Bobby was a result of adultery, and he expresses disappointment
- Leaves, dropping rice crumbs behind her, making monkeys follow her trail
- "A Real Durwan"
 - Boori Ma is a durwan, or stair sweeper
 - Tells contradictory stories in her sleep
 - The Dalals put a new sink in the complex, and others add improvements
 - The sink is stolen, and the people blame Boori Ma, who they don't believe because of stories
- "Sexy"
 - Miranda has an affair with Dev, and older Indian man
 - Tells her "you're sexy" at the Christian Science Mapparium
 - Calls off affair after babysitting his child
- "Mrs. Sen's"
 - Eliot stays with Mrs Sen after school
 - She cooks fish and tells him stories
 - Gets into a crash on the way to get seafood
- "This Blessed House"
 - Sanjeev and Twinkle move into house
 - Find lots of biblical paraphernalia
 - Twinkle wants to display it, but Sanjeev reminds her they are Hindu
 - Eventually gives in, symbolized by him bringing down large bust of Jesus from attic for party
- "The Treatment of Bibi Haldar"
 - Bibi has rare illness
 - Tell her marriage is a cure, but caretakers Haldar and his wife won't allow it
 - They move away, and she becomes magically pregnant
 - Takes over their shop, and raises the boy
- "The Third and Final Continent"
 - Man moves to North America

The Namesake

- Ashoke and Ashima
- Name their son Nikhil Gogol, after clutching The Overcoat during train crash
- He resents the name, and changes it to Nikhil Ganguli

Unaccustomed Earth

- "Unaccustomed Earth"
 - Father, his daughter Ruma, and his son Akash all adapt to American culture

The Lowland

Margaret Laurence- Canadian 1926-1987

The Stone Angel

- Hagar Currie Shipley resents being put in nursing home, which she sees as symbol of death

The Diviners

DH Lawrence- English 1885-1930

Sons and Lovers

- After Gertrude Coopard falls in and out of love with Walter Morel, she focuses on sons Paul and William
- William dies, and she turns her attention to Paul, who now has pneumonia
- Paul Morel loves Miriam Leivers, but leaves her for Clara Dawes
- Neither relationship works out, so he returns to his mother, who later dies

The Rainbow

- Brangwen family

Women in Love

- Sequel to The Rainbow
- Gudrun and Ursula sisters

John Thomas and Lady Jane

- Alternate version of Lady Chatterly

Lady Chatterly's Lover

- Clifford Chatterley is left paralyzed and impotent after injury during WW1
- Constance "Connie" Reid, his wife, cares for him at Wragby, their estate
- As Clifford becomes more absorbed in academic pursuits like writing, Connie becomes bored with their relationship
 - He sees the coal workers of Tevershall as objects
- Their home attracts other intellectuals like Tommy Dukes, Charles May, and Hammond
 - Clifford tells them he looks forward to a point where babies can be born from bottles
- Connie has an affair with Michaelis
 - Gets mad that they cannot achieve simultaneous orgasm
- Clifford urges her to have a child with another man so there will be an heir to the estate
- Mrs Bolton is hired to care for Clifford
 - She resents him because her husband died in his coal mines
- Has affair with gamekeeper Olive Mellors
- Opens with "Ours is essentially a tragic age, so we refuse to take it tragically"

"The Captain's Doll"

"The Fox"

"Odour of Chrysanthemums"

- Elizabeth is tired of her husband always coming home drunk
- He dies in the coal mines, and while being brought in on a stretcher, a worker knocks over a vase of chrysanthemums

"The Princess"

"The Rocking-Horse Winner"

- Paul, Hester, Bassett, Oscar Creswell

"St Mawr"

"The Virgin and the Gypsy"

- Yvette is saved from a flood by a gypsy who she falls in love with

"The Woman who Rode Away"

"Bavarian Gentians"

"The Ship of Death"

"Snake"

"The Drained Cup"

JMG Le Clézio- French 1940

The Interrogation

- Adam Pollo, an outcast that suffers from hallucinatory experiences, then placed in insane asylum

Sheridan Le Fanu- Irish

Uncle Silas

Carmilla

- Laura romantically pursued by vampire

The House by the Churchyard

Purcell Papers

Jonathan Lee- British 1981

Who is Mr Satoshi?

Joy

High Dive

- Attempt to kill Margaret Thatcher in Brighton Hotel

Ursula Le Guin- American 1929-2018

Earthsea

The Left Hand of Darkness

The Dispossessed

"The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas"

- Happiness and exuberance of a city depends on the suffering of a single child in a tool closet

Mikhail Lermontov- Russian 1814-1841

Hero of Our Time

- Byronic hero Pechorin
- Caucasus

Death of the Poet

- Pushkin's death
- The Bard is killed! The honor's striver / Fell, slandered by a gossip's dread

Demon

- A lonely wandering demon falls in love with Princess Tamara
- His kiss to her proves fatal and she ascends to heaven
- Is left "Alone in all the universe, Abandoned, without love or hope"

Gaston Leroux

The Mystery of the Yellow Room

- Most famous locked-room mysteries ever

The Phantom of the Opera

Dorris Lessing- British 2007 Nobel

The Grass is Singing

- Mary Turner marries Dick Turner, and after Slatter takes their farm, the servant Moses kills her
- Title comes from "The Wasteland"

Children of Violence

- Douglas Knowell is disastrously married to Martha Quest

The Golden Notebook

- Anna Wulf, main character of Free Women and friend Molly Jacobs
- Four notebooks, black red yellow blue, all to be connected by golden

The Good Terrorist

Canopus in Argos: Archives

Gotthold Ephraim Lessing- German 1729-1781

Nathan the Wise

- During Third Crusade
- Nathan tells the "Ring Parable" to Saladin about religious tolerance

Miss Sara Sampson

Minna of Barnhelm

- She and Major von Tellheim's alternating financial states make it hard to marry
- Sells his ring
- Comedy

Emilia Galotti

- She's killed by father Odoardo
- Hattore Gonzaga wants to make her his lover

Sinclair Lewis- American 1885-1951

Babbitt

- Generic city of Zenith
- George Babbitt
- Middle class citizen that is a symbol of conformity
- Has a "Solid Citizen" uniform, especially his prized Booster's club button
- Invited former classmate Charles McKelvey over for dinner, but they leave early and do not extend an invitation
- Friends with Chum Frink
 - Failed poet who writes bad advertisement jingles
- Takes a trip with friend Paul Riesling to Maine
 - "I'd just like to sit here -and whittle - and sit"
 - Paul is a violinist who works in tar-roofing industry
 - Has an affair with May Arnold
- Meets wilderness guide Joe Paradise, but realized he is just as materialistic as businessmen
- Paul kills wife Zilla
- Often dreams of an ideal "fairy girl"
- Cheats on wife Myra with Tanis Judique
 - Runs around with Tanis's group, "The Bunch"
- Tries to have an affair with beautiful manicurist Ida Putiak, but ends with disastrous dinner date
- Associates with socialist lawyer Seneca Doane
- Vergil Gunch offers him to be in "Good Citizen's League", but he declines
- Rekindles love with Myra when she gets appendicitis
- Children Tinka, Ted, and Verona
 - Babbitt is scared of Verona's left leaning ideals
 - She married Kenneth Escot
 - Ted elopes with Eunice Littlefield at end of novel, and Babbitt says that although he disagrees, he is glad he chose his own path
- Stanley Graff, his employee who he hypocritically fires for being unethical

- William Washington Eathorne
 - Helps Babbitt with project to increase Sunday School attendance
- The Dapplebraus, their neighbors
- Reverend John Jennison Drew
- Sidney Finkelstein
 - Gets annoyed for her always explaining jokes
- Campaigns for conservative Lucas Prout

Arrowsmith

- Martin Arrowsmith
- Bright scientist going to medical school
- Suspended after insulting mentor Max Gottlieb
- Later invited back to work at McGurk institute
- Marries and divorces Joyce Lanyon
- Discovers a phage
- Bubonic plague breaks on Caribbean island of St. Hubert, and after losing loved ones like wife Leora Tozer, abandons rigorous practices to save lives
- Awarded 1926 Nobel, but he declined
 - “every compulsion is put upon writers to become safe, polite, obedient, and sterile”

Main Street

- Carol Milford
- Marries Will Kennicott, a doctor
- Attempts to revitalize and change culture of Gopher Prairie Minnesota
 - Based on Lewis’s birthplace of Sauk Centre, Minnesota
- Joins Thanatopsis book club
- Forced to put on play The Girl From Kankakee
- Ends with “I do not admit that Main Street is as beautiful as it should be”

It Can’t Happen Here

- Berzelius “Buzz” Windrip rises to power through rhetoric and patriotism
 - Defeats FDR, then Walt Trowbridge
 - Turns authoritarian, creating concentration camps and silencing opponents
 - Creates Minute Men to quell protests and dissenters
 - Administration known as the “Corpo”
 - Exiled to France
 - Replaced by Secretary of State Lee Sarason
 - Dewey Haik replaces Sarason via coup
 - Emmanuel Coon defects and helps resistance against Haik
- Doremus Jessup
 - Journalist that opposes Windrip
 - Publishes articles in The Vermont Vigilance
 - Breaks out of concentration camp and joins the New Underground in Canada
- Shad Ledue
 - Sends Jessup to concentration camp
 - Unsuccessfully tries to seduce his little daughter Sissy
- Francis Tasbrough
 - Jessup’s old friend that sends Shad Ledue to a concentration camp
 - Killed by those that he sentenced
 - Says “it can’t happen here”

Elmer Gantry

- Marries Sharon Falconer
- When she dies in a fire, he becomes a minister
- Has an affair with Hettie Bowler
- Causes death of Frank Shallard
- Set in Zenith

Dodsworth

- Sam Dodsworth
- Sells Revelation Motor Company
- Travels to Europe with wife Fran Voelker
- They must choose between their marriage and the paths they want to pursue
- Sam meets Edith Cortright
- Fran meets Arnold Israel, Major Clyde Lockert, and Kurt von Obersdorf

Ann Vickers

- Ann Vickers life from suffragette to social worker to prison reformer
- Has affair with judge Barney Dolphin

Kingsblood Royal

- Neil Kingsblood finds out he is 1/64 black
- Despite no physical signs of being black, he suffers racism from peers
- Evicted from home for being black
 - Based on Ossian Sweet

Cass Timberlane

First American to win Nobel, in 1930

Ken Liu- American 1976

“The Paper Menagerie”

- Mother makes her son origami animals that come to life

Remembrance of Earth’s Past

- Three Body Problem
- The Dark Forest
- Death’s End

Penelope Lively- British 1933

Moon Tiger

- Booker Prize

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe

The Road to Lichfield

Jack London- American 1876-1916

The Call of the Wild

- Buck, St. Bernard-Scotch Collie mix
- Stolen from Judge Miller by gardener Manuel to pay off gambling debts
- Lived there with dogs Ysabel and Toots
- Shipped to Seattle to “man in the red sweater”
- Then sold to Francois and Perrault
- Sled dog with Spitz, Dave, Pike, Dub, Billie, Joe, Sol-leks (who has one eye), Teek and Koon
- Kills Spitz, the lead dog
- Sold to Mercedes, her husband Charles, and her brother Hal
- They lack survival skills and don’t listen to the advice of others

- Refuses to cross White River, causing Hal to beat him
- Rescued by John Thornton, whom he grows to love
- They all fall into ice, but Thornton nurses him back to health
- Mr. Matthewson bets \$1,600 against Buck's strength
- Buck carries a half-ton of flour, causing Mr. Matthewson to lose
- Thornton, along with his companions Hans and Pete, are killed by Native American Yeehats
- Buck kills several of them to avenge Thornton
- Leaves and joins a wolf pack, answering the call of the wild

White Fang

- A she-wolf and One Eye give birth to cubs, of which all but one die
- One Eye dies trying to steal food from Lynx
- Grey Wolf, an Aboriginal Canadian, recognizes the she-wolf as his deceased brother's wolfdog named Kiche
- Takes them in and names cub White Fang
- The actual dogs reject White Fang, and leader Lip-Lip singles him out
- Kiche is sold away by Three Eagles
- White Fang saves Mit-Sah, Grey Beaver's son
- Bought by dog fighter Beauty Smith
- About to lose to Bulldog, but saved by Weedon Scott, who tames him
- Kills Jim Hall, who is trying to kill Weedon's father, Judge Scott, who unfairly sentenced Jim Hall

"To Build a Fire"

- Man freezes to death in Yukon territory

"The Heathen"

- Charley and Otoo survive a hurricane aboard The Petite Jeanne

"Moon-Face"

- Man hates John Claverhouse for no reason
 - Hates everything, especially his moon-face
- Teaches dog Bellona to retrieve sticks for whoever threw them
- Gifts the dog to Claverhouse
- Claverhouse fishes trout using dynamite, and after throwing it into the lake, Bellona retrieves it
- Claverhouse tries to outrun the dog, but both blow up
- Accused of plagiarizing Frank Norris's

"The Law of Life"

- Dying hours of Inuit Chief Koskoosh
- The tribe must leave him behind to search for shelter, because he is too old
- He accepts his fate and reflects on life

"Love of Life"

- Jack is abandoned in the wilderness by Bill

"The Mexican"

- Juan Fernandez takes part in revolution
- Changes name to Felipe Rivera
- Starts boxing to finance revolution
- Fights Danny Ward, and wins against all odds, collecting \$5000 to pay for guns

"The Unparalleled Invasion"

- Germ warfare against China

"The Red One"

- Bassett, scientist collecting butterflies in jungle of Guadalcanal
- Becomes of obsessed with the “Red One”, a god
- Is sacrificed to it
- Influenced by Carl Jung

The Iron Heel

- Dystopian
- Oligarchy takes power, and shows London’s socialist views
- Ernest and Avis Everheard
- Based on fictional Everhard Manuscript
- Interspersed with footnotes of scholar Anthony Meredith

The Sea-Wolf

- Humphrey van Weyden
 - Self-reliant and calm
 - Comes aboard the ship of Wolf Larsen
 - Runs off with Miss Brewel
- Wolf Larsen
 - Burly, cruel, and powerful
 - Try to stage a mutiny on him, but he overpowers them all after being thrown overboard
 - Tries to kill Humphrey, even after being paralyzed and blinded
 - Sets fire to cabin
 - Dies and given a burial at sea

The People of the Abyss

- Nonfiction work chronicling the poor conditions of East London’s poor

The Cruise of the Snark

- His account of sailing around the Pacific

John Barleycorn

- Man’s struggle with alcohol
- Origin of seeing pink elephants

Called a “nature faker” by Roosevelt

Audre Lorde- American 1934-1992

The First Cities

Zami: A New Spelling of My Name

- Biomythography
- Carraicou name for women who work together as friends and lovers

The Cancer Journals

- Details her experience with breast cancer

Sister Outsider

- Collection of essays
- “The Master’s Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master’s House”

Black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet

Dropped the y from her name because she liked the symmetry of the two e’s

Malcolm Lowry- English

Under the Volcano

- Geoffrey Firmin
 - British consul that travels to Mexico on the Day of the Dead

- 12 chapters are symbolic

Ultramarine

- Dana Hilliot
- Andy, "chinless cook"
- On the Oedipus Tyrannus

October Ferry to Gabriola

Norman Maclean- American 1902-1990

A River Runs Through it and Other Stories

- "A River Runs Through It"
 - Details his fly fishing in Montana, and his relationship with brother Paul
 - "there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing"

Young Men and Fire

Naguib Mahfouz- Egyptian 1911-2006

Cairo Trilogy

Palace Walk

- Al-Sayyid Ahmed
 - Strict Muslim father that demands obedience from all members of his family
 - Engaged in drinking and extramarital affairs
- Yasin, his son
 - Engages in same pleasures as his father
 - Realizes his father does the same thing when he sees him playing the tambourine at the same place he gets prostitutes

Palace of Desire

- Continues plot of Palace Walk

Sugar Street

Children of Gebelawi (Children of Our Alley)

The Harafish

- Details generations of families in urban Egyptian rubble (harafish)
- Asher and Fulla flee plague-infested alleys for caves

Midaq Alley

- Kirsha is a café owner that sells hashish

"Half a Day"

- Boy goes to school and comes out as an old man

1988 Nobel

Norman Mailer- American 1923-2007

The Naked and the Dead

- Experience in Philippines during WWII
- Anapoei island
- Climb mount Anoka
- General Cummings
- Robert Hearn
- Roth and Goldstein, both Jewish

Armies of the Night

The Executioner's Song

- Execution of Gary Gilmore
 - Double murder in Utah

- Demanded his own death instead of appeals process
- Shares a name of his poem in the Fuck You magazine

"The White Negro"

- Horrors of atom bomb and Holocaust have wrought a "psychic havoc"
- Society is a "collective failure of nerve"
- Defines the Hipster as a "philosophical psychopath"
- Speculates about "the last war of them all"

Harlot's Ghost

- Details CIA
- Harry Hubbard
- Hugh Montague
- Kitteredge
- Ends with "to be continued"

Wrote letters to Jack Abbott who was in prison, and advocated for his parole

- Got out and wrote In the Belly of the Beast
- Murdered Richard Adan
- Mailer took lots of blame

Founded The Village Voice

New Journalism- creative nonfiction

Stabbed wife Adele Morales with a penknife

Thomas Mann- German Nobel 1929

Buddenbrooks

- Grain merchant family in Lubock, Germany
- Sons Thomas, Christian and daughter Tony
- Tony spurns the advances of Herman Hagenstrom

The Magic Mountain

- Hans Castorp, an engineer, undertakes a journey to visit his tubercular cousin Joachim Ziemsssem in a sanatorium in the Swiss Alps
- Catches tuberculosis and persuaded to stay by Dr. Hofrat Behrens
- Dr. Krokowski, Behrens' assistant that is also evil
- Hans does not bring his textbook Ocean Steamships, thinking he will not be able to study
- Meets a series of characters that represent prewar Europe while he stays for seven years for various health issues
- Frau Stohr
 - Unintelligent woman who tries to appear sophisticated
 - She has 28 different fish suaces she can prepare
- Herr Albin
 - Repeatedly threatens to commit suicide
- Lodovico Settembrini
 - Italian secular humanist and encylcopedist
 - Criticizes Hans' use of Mari Mancini cigars, claiming they fog the mind
 - Tells Hans about his task of compiling the encyclopedia The Sociology of Suffering
- Leo Naphta
 - Jew turned Jesuit
- Mynheer Peeperkorn
 - Dutchman
- Clavdia Chauchat

- His love interest
- Borrows a pencil from her during Walpurgis Night, reminding him of his school friend Pribislav Hippie
- His death in the war is foreshadowed when he eventually leaves

Death in Venice

- Gustav von Aschenbach, famous author in late fifties
- Sees an old man who tries to appear young with a wig and false teeth, but his appearance disgusts Aschenbach
- Gondolier tells him "I can row you well"
- Sees a beautiful young boy while out to dinner
- He sees him again on the beach, and discovers his name is Tadzio
- Is overjoyed to be able to stay in Venice after his luggage is misplaced
- Begins to stalk the boy, and is embarrassed when the boy smiles at him
- Sneaks into a garden and whispers "I love you!"
- There is a health epidemic, but Aschenbach does not mind
 - Smells disinfectant everywhere, but people pass it off as sirocco
- Finds out it is cholera, but does not want to tell the boy's mother because he does not want him to leave
- Has a dream about an orgy and worshipping "the strange god"
- Visits the barber daily to improve his looks and overcome his fear of aging
- Dyes his hair and paints his face, only to appear disgusting like the man he saw earlier
- Tries to follow Tadzio again, but loses him in the city
- Eats overly ripe strawberries and rests, exhausted
- Tadzio is beaten up by Jaisu, then walks over near Aschenbach, and glances at him
- Aschenbach takes this as an invitation to come over, but collapses on his chair, dying

Joseph and His Brothers

Doctor Faustus

- Adrian Leverkühn, a musician that, in a Faustian deal, contracts syphilis in order for artistic genius
 - His musical discoveries are similar to those of Arnold Schoenberg
- Contracts it from Esmerelda
- Serenus Zeitblom tells the story
- Wendell Kretzschmar

Mario and the Magician

- Critique of fascism
- Family attends the performance of Cipolla, a magician and hypnotist
- Cipolla represents fascism
- Is murdered by Mario, liberating the audience

1929 Nobel

Katherine Mansfield (Beauchamp)- New Zealander 1888-1923

The Garden Party

- The Garden Party
 - Sheridan family
 - Laura, Meg, and Jose
 - Sees a corpse, and realizes mortality
 - Asks "Isn't life-"
 - Kitty Maitland calls on phone

- Sadie the maid answers the door
- Mrs Sheridan orders extra lilies
- Mr. Scott dies after horse rears up
- They take leftovers to his grieving family
- Laura apologizes for hat
- Daughters of the Late Colonel

Bliss

- Bliss
 - Bertha Young and Harry have a house party
 - Bertha is attracted to Pearl
 - Bertha considers her emotions "drunk and disorderly"

Sandor Marai- Hungarian 1900-1989

Embers

Yann Martel- Spanish-born Canadian 1963

Life of Pi

- Pi Patel is stuck on a boat with a Bengal Tiger for 227 days

William Somerset Maugham- British 1874-1965

Of Human Bondage

- Philip Carey, a clubfoot
- Meets Fanny Price at college
- Falls in love with Mildred, a waitress
 - Financially assists her
 - She has a baby with his friend Harry Griffiths
 - He later tells her that she has syphilis from working as a prostitute
- Has an affair with Norah Nesbit
- Gets engaged to Sally Athelny

The Moon and Sixpence

- Charles Strickland

Cakes and Ale

- Narrated by William Ashenden
- Edward Driffield
 - First wife Rosie
 - Second wife Amy
 - Hires Alroy Kear as a biographer
- Title comes from line spoken by Toby Belch to Malvolia

The Razor's Edge

- Larry Darrell tries to find meaning in life after WW1

The Magician

- Based on real life Aleister Crowley
- Set in Paris

"Rain"

- Sadie Thompson kills Davidson among measles epidemic in Pago Pago
- Ends with her calling all the men "Pigs! Pigs!"

Guy de Maupassant- French 1850-1893

Dumping and Other Stories of the War

- Set during Franco-Prussian War
- "Ball of Fat"
 - Elizabeth Rousset
 - Convinced by fellow detainees and carriage mates to sleep with a guard, and then ridiculed by the same people
 - Only one to bring food that she shares with passengers
 - Group travel from Rouen to Le Harve, and are detained by Prussians
- "The Necklace"
 - Mathilde Loisel goes into debt to replace necklace she lost from Jeanne Forestier
- "The Horla"
- "The Piece of String"
 - Hauchecorne is unable to convince anyone that he did not steal a wallet

Daphne du Maurier- English 1907-1989

Rebecca

Frenchman's Creek

My Cousin Rachel

Jamaica Inn

The Birds

Don't Look Now/Not After Midnight

Vladimir Mayakovsky- Russian

A Cloud in Trousers

- "There's not a single grey hair in my soul"

A Slap in the Face of Public Taste

- Promised to throw his countrymen "overboard the Ship of Modernity"

Backbone Flute

- Lamenting love
- "Crucified on paper, with words for nails"

The Bedbug

- Ivan Prisyphkin
- Frozen fifty years and serves as nourishment for the bed bug while they live in the zoo

The Bathhouse

- Pobedonosikov
 - "What have you been trying to say here? That people like me are not of any use to communism?"
- Chudakov creates the Time machine, and is greeted by the Phosphorescent Woman from 2030

"Talking With the Taxman About Poetry"

Mystery-Bouffe

- Asked Lizzitsky to do work for it
- 7 pairs of clean and 7 pairs of unclean
- Storm Heaven and Hell looking for promised land after flood destroys the world

LEF

Praised by Stalin

Russian Futurism

Carson McCullers- American 1917-1967

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

- John Singer
 - Deaf mute, along with friend Spiros Antonopoulos
- Mick Kelly
- Jake Blount
- Biff Brannon
- Dr. Benedict Mary Copeland
- Title comes from William Sharp poem "The Lonely Hunter"

The Balad of the Sad Café

- Miss Amelia Evans
- Takes in the hunchback Cousin Lymon, who claims to be a relative
 - Initially shocks everybody, especially when she falls in love with him
 - Her kindness leads to the opening of her place as a café
- Marvin Macy, Amelia's 10 day husband, who turned evil
 - Plays Lymon against her, with Lymon helping Macy beat up and rob Amelia

The Member of the Wedding

- Frankie Adams
 - Feels like an "unjoined person", disconnected from the rest of the world
 - Hopes to go with her brother and wife on their honeymoon to the Alaskan wilderness
- Berenice Sadie Brown
 - African American maid
- John Henry West
 - Six-year old cousin

Reflections in a Golden Eye

- Captain Weldon Penderton
 - Wife Leonora
 - Loves Major Morris Langdon
 - Attracted to private Ellgee Williams
 - Ellgee Williams attracted to Leonora after seeing her naked

Clock Without Hands

"Wunderkind"

"The Jockey"

"Madame Zilensky and the King of Finland"

"The Sojourner"

"A Domestic Dilemma"

"A Tree, a Rock, a Cloud"

Herman Melville-

Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life

Moby Dick

- Ishmael's quest for Ahab, captain of Pequod

Billy Budd

Israel Potter

Redburn

The Confidence Man

Mardi, Pierre

Clarel: A Poem and Pilgrimage in the Holy Land

The Piazza Tales

- "Bartleby, The Scrivener"
 - I prefer not to
- "The Encantadas"
- "Benito Cereno"

HL Mencken- American 1880-1956

Satirical coverage he dubbed "Monkey Trial"

"The Sahara of the Bozart"

- Derided American South's literary stagnation

Sage of Baltimore

James A Michener- American 1907-1997

Tales of the South Pacific

- Pulitzer in Fiction in 1948
- South Pacific based on it

Hawaii

The Drifters

Centennial

The Source

The Fires of Spring

Chesapeake

Caribbean

Caravans

Alaska

Texas

Poland

Iberia

Henry Miller- American 1891-1980

Tropic of Cancer

- Semi-autobiographical account of his life as a writer in Paris
- Mona, based on his wife
- Works for Nanantatee, an Indian pearl merchant

Tropic of Capricorn

Black Spring

The Rosy Crucifixion Trilogy

Czeslaw Milosz- Polish

The Captive Mind

- Anti-Communist

Yukio Mishima- Japanese 1925- 1970

Confessions of a Mask

- Kochan
- Weak homosexual boy who is kept away from normal social life, leading to intense fantasies about death and same sex intercourse
- Develops love for a picture of a knight on horseback, and is disgusted when a nurse tells him it is Joan of Arc

- Unable to love Sonoko due to his homosexual urges

The Temple of the Golden Pavilion

- Mizoguchi
 - Stuttering acolyte, who burns Golden Pavilion
 - “If you see the Buddha, kill the Buddha”
- Meets club-footed Kashiwagi
- Befriends Tsurukawa
- Catches Father Dosen with geisha, puts photo into his newspaper
- Sees woman add her own breast milk to her tea

Sun and Steel

- Autobiographical essay

Founded the Tatenokai

- Attempted coup d'etat
- Committed seppuku

The Sea of Fertility

- Spring Snow
- Runaway Horses
- The Temple of Dawn
- The Decay of the Angel

David Mitchell- English

Ghostwritten

Number9dream

- Eiji Miyake's journey to find his father

Cloud Atlas

- 6 different stories weaved together

Black Swan Green

- Jason Taylor
- Has a stammer, and publishes poetry under pseudonym Eliot Bolivar

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet

The Bone Clocks

- Holly Sykes
- War between Anchorites and Horologists
- Title refers to the mortal humans

Slade House

Patrick Modiano- French 1945

Missing Person

- Guy Roland is an amnesiac detective

2014 Nobel

N Scott Momaday- Kiowa 1934

House Made of Dawn

- The Longhair:
- Abel
- Fights in WW2 and comes back to reservation
- Lame grandfather Francisco
- Chops wood for Father Olguin
- Seduced by Angela St John, a rich white woman there for mineral water

- Stabs and kills Juan Reyes, an albino who beat him in horsemanship
- Becomes disillusioned with “house of dawn”, his traditional culture
- The Priest of the Sun:
- Joins Reverend John Big Bluff Tosamah
- Shares apartment with Ben Benally
- Falls in love with Milly, blonde social worker
- The Night Chanter:
- Abel’s alcoholism makes him lose job and get beaten up
- The Dawn Runner:
- Abel returns to reservation in New Mexico to bury Francisco
- Participated in run of the dead after he passes, and finds his place in life

The Way to Rainy Mountain

- History of Kiowa ancestry from Montana to Oklahoma

"The Man Made of Words"

- Discusses meteor shower

"American Land"

Toni Morrison- American 1931-2019

Beloved

- Inspired by "A Visit to the Slave Mother who Killed Her Child" in the American Baptist and The Black Book
- Sethe kills her two year old daughter "Beloved" with a saw when her old master comes back to find her
 - Named that because it is the only thing they could afford to put on tombstone
 - Uses the word “rememory”
- Sethe is guided across Ohio River by Stamp Plaid
- Paul D has sex with Beloved, and then wants to impregnate Sethe before finding out what happens from Plaid Stamp
- Daughter Denver
- Two sons Howard and Buglar who ran away from home
- Mother-in-law Baby Suggs died
 - She associates colors with Beloved's cradle and her death
- Ghost that haunts their house on 124 Bluestone Road
 - "124 was spiteful. Full of a baby's venom"
- Rushes Mr. Bodwin with ice pick
- Schoolteacher
 - Sadistic slave owner who takes the place of Mr. Garner
 - Gives Sethe a “chokecherry tree” (scars) on her back
- Dedication reads "Sixty Million and more" in reference to slave trade
- 1988 Pulitzer and National Book Award

Song of Solomon

- Macon "Milkman" Dead III
 - Mother nurses him for six years
- Member Seven Days, a group that hunts and kills whites as retribution
- Friend Guitar
 - Later tries to kill milkman over hidden gold
- Aunt Pilate
- Theme of flying, based on folklore that slaves flew to freedom

- Robert Smith jumps off Mercy Hospital

The Bluest Eye

- Pecola Breedlove
 - Thinks she is inferior and ugly to the whites
 - Wants blue eyes to be like them
 - Drinks quarts of milk to reveal Shirley Temple's face at the bottom of a bottle
 - Raped and impregnated by her father Cholly while doing dishes
- Claudia and Frieda MacTeer plant marigold seeds
 - Believe it will help Pecola's baby survive
 - Doesn't bloom, and Pecola's child dies
- Chapters are taken from Dick and Jane

Sula

- Black neighborhood called Bottom
 - Opens with golf course being constructed where the Bottom used to be
- Sula
- Friends with Nel
- Kills Chicken Little after letting go while swinging him around, causing him to drown in a river
 - Doesn't tell anybody
- Shadrack
 - Invents National Suicide Day

Tar Baby

- Love affair between Jadine and Son

Home

- Frank Money
 - 24 year old Korean War Veteran
 - Remembers soldier who shot a Korean child after rubbing his crotch and saying "yum-yum"
 - Turns out to be him
 - Watches friends Mike and Stuff die in battle
- Cee (Ycidra), his sister
 - She moves to Atlanta with Prince, who leaves her in prized Ford
 - Gets a job with Dr. Beauregard Scott, who is interested in race
 - Performs experiments on her, leaving her infertile
 - Saved by Frank who takes her back to Lotus, Georgia
 - Healed by Miss Ethel Fordham
- Ends with them giving a man who died in a fight a proper burial, wrapped in Cee's quilt

Jazz

- Joe Trace
- "Violent" Trace
 - Nicknamed for stabbing Joe's former lover's corpse with a knife
- Dorcas

"Recitatif"

- Roberta and Twyla grow up similarly, but have different experiences because of race
- Only short story

Presidential Medal of Freedom

1993 Nobel

Herta Müller- Romanian-born German

The Hunger Angel

- Deportation of Romanian German minority to Soviet Gulags
- Name comes from the immense hunger felt by the prisoners, that also served as an angel that kept them alive

The Appointment

The Land of Green Plums

The Passport

Nadirs

2009 Nobel

Multatuli- Dutch 1820-1887

Max Havelaar

- Satire of colonialism of the Dutch East Indies
- Begins “I am an estate agent in coffee”

Pen name means “I have suffered much”

Alice Munro- Canadian 1931

Dance of the Happy Shades

- “Boys and Girls”
 - Girl is mistaken as a boy while she does farm-work with her father
 - Commentary on gender roles

Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage

- “Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage”
 - Ken marries Johanna after she receives fake letters from him
- “The Bear Came Over the Mountain”
 - Grant is married to Fiona
 - He would have affairs
 - Fiona develops Alzheimer’s, and forgets Grant
 - Falls in love with Aubrey at the nursing home
 - Marian, Aubrey’s wife, takes him out because she misses him
 - Grant starts to be with Marian so that Aubrey can be allowed to return and make Fiona happy
 - Fiona regains memory and asks if Grant had forsaken her to which he replies “Not a chance”

The Moons of Jupiter

- “The Moons of Jupiter”
 - Janet visits her dying father in Toronto
 - Goes to a planetarium to take her mind off of his surgery
 - Returns to ask him about the moons of Jupiter, knowing it might be the last conversation they have

2013 Nobel

Haruki Murakami- Japanese

Norwegian Wood

- Toru Watanabe
- Kizuki
 - Friend

- Commits suicide on 17th birthday
- Naoko
 - Kizuki's soulmate
 - Has sex with Watanabe, and is a Virgin
 - Send to insane asylum
- Midori
 - Falls in love with Watanabe after Naoko leaves

IQ84

Kafka on the Shore

The Wind up Bird Chronicle

Men Without Women

A Wild Sheep Chase

The 1963/1982 Girl from Ipanema

- Man recalls memories about the song, and ends with him meeting the fictional girl

Hard Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World

- Reads dreams from unicorn skull

Shi Nai'an- Chinese 1296-1372

Water Margin

- Outlaws of the Marsh, Tale of the Marshes, All Men Are Brothers
- 108 outlaws gather at Mount Liang
 - 38 heavenly spirits and 72 earthly demons make up the stars of destiny
- Led by Song Jiang
- Gao Qiu, the antagonist
- 1 of 4 classical Chinese texts

Nabokov- Russian-American

Lolita

- Humbert Humbert
 - Loves and rapes Dolores Haze (Lolita)
 - Uncle gives him allowance by writing perfume ads
 - Lives with McCoo family because of small girl
 - Marries Charlotte
 - Finds his diary and tries to send letters but is hit by swerving car
- Clare Quilty
 - Murdered by narrator
 - Playwright of Enchanted Hunters
- Fictional foreward by John Ray Jr.
 - Memoir The Confession of a White Widowed Male
- Dolores Haze
 - Dies while giving birth to a stillborn
 - Married to Richard Schiller
 - Mother Charlotte Haze
 - Checked out of hospital by "uncle"

Pale Fire

Speak, Memory

- Autobiography
- Encounter with old fat swan

- Death of swiss governess Mademoiselle O
- Discusses love of butterfly collecting

The Vane Sisters

- Cynthia and Sybil
- Reddish shadow from parking meter
- Watching icicles
- D's French class, finds Cynthia's suicide note

Signs and Symbols

Translated Eugene Onegin

- Started feud with Edmund Wilson
- "Notes on prosody" appendix

VS Naipaul- Trinidad (British) Nobel 2001

A House for Mr Biswas

In a Free State

A Bend in the River

- Salim
- Country ruled by the "Big Man"

The Enigma of Arrival

James Ngugi Thiong'o- Kenyan 1938

Weep Not, Child

- Njoroge tries to become as educated as possible
- Mr. Howlands, a white settler who became wealthy and owns a farm on Njoroge's ancestors' land

The River Between

A Grain of Wheat

- Takes place around Uhuru, Kenya's independence day
- Mugo is a hero for his stoicism, but in reality he betrayed Kihika, a Mau Mau fighter
- Kihika killed DO Robson, and was hanged after Mugo betrayed him
- Many people think Karanja was the traitor instead
- Gikonyo and Karanja footrace during Uhuru celebration, just like the two raced for the love of Mumbi
 - Gikonyo falls and breaks his arm
- Mugo reveals himself as the traitor, but nobody believes him

Petals of Blood

- Munira, Karega, Wanja, Abdulla
- Plane crash kills a donkey
- Munira burns down Sunshine Lodge brothel, killing three
- During Mau Mau Rebellion
- Town of Ilmorog

The Black Hermit

I Will Marry When I Want

Decolonising the Mind

Wizard of the Crow

Viet Nguyen- Vietnamese-American

The Sympathizer

Frank Norris- American 1870-1902

McTeague: A Story of San Francisco

- McTeague (“Mac”), a dentist
 - Marcus Schouler visits with girlfriend Trina Sieppe
 - Marcus stands aside when McTeague takes interest in her, and then they date
 - Trina wins \$5,000 in lottery ticket, and then they marry
 - Marcus becomes enraged, feeling like he lost money
 - They fight several times, with McTeague breaking Marcus’s arm
 - Trina is miserly, investing her money in her uncle, and selling wooden animals from Noah’s arc for income
 - His dental practice gets shut down, so they move to progressively poorer locations
 - Trina withdraws money, spreading her gold coins on her bed and rolling around in them
 - He kills Trina, taking her gold, then flees to Mexico
 - Marcus finds him in Death Valley, and after Marcus is almost killed in their struggle, handcuffs himself to McTeague, presumably stranding him there

The Epic of the Wheat Trilogy

- Composed of following 3 novels, meant to depict the growth, distribution, and consumption of wheat

The Octopus: A Story of California

- Based on Mussel Slough incident, violent disagreement between Southern Pacific Railway and settlers
- Magnus Derrick leads the farmer’s League
 - Helped by sons Lyman and Harlan
- S Behrman heads railroad company

The Pit: A Story of Chicago

- Laura Dearborn
 - Pursued by Curtis James, Landry Court, and Sheldon Corthell
 - Turns them all down, but relents and marries James
 - Has a short fling with Corthell
 - Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Cressler
- Curtis James
 - Becomes addicted to the Pit, jeering chants of “wheat wheat wheat” in his head

The Wolf: A Story of Europe

- Never written

Vandover and the Brute

“A Lost Story”

“The Passing of Cock -Eye Blacklock”

“San Francisco’s Old Chinatown”

Joyce Carol Oates- American 1938

Where Are you Going, Where Have You Been?

- Connie
- Older man comes with a convertible covered with cryptic numbers, telling her to get in

Black Water

- Kelly Kelleher
- “The Senator” drives off bridge into swamp
- She thinks he will come back and save her, and she has visions until she drowns

Tim O'Brien- American

The Things They Carried

- Partly true short stories based on experiences in Vietnam War
- "The Things They Carried"
 - Jimmy Cross is distracted by unrequited love Martha
 - Loses Ted Lavender, a member of his squadron, causing him to burn all memories of her
- "How to Tell a True War Story"
- "The Dentist"
 - Curt Lemon faints before seeing the dentist
 - Gets a perfectly fine tooth pulled to try and show bravery
- "The Lives of the Dead"
 - Experiences with dead bodies
 - Childhood sweetheart Linda dies from brain tumor when she was 9
 - Tells stories about the dead to keep them alive

Going After Cacciato

- Cacciato goes AWOL, and tries to walk from Vietnam to Paris
- Narrated by Paul Berlin

If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home

- Memoir

Flannery O'Connor- American 1925-1964

Wise Blood

The Violent Bear It Away

A Good Man Is Hard to Find (The Artificial Nigger)

- A Good Man Is Hard to Find
 - Bailey takes his family on a trip from Georgia to Florida
 - Grandmother, Bailey's mom
 - Talks to Red Sammy Butts, the owner of The Tower restaurant
 - John Wesley and June Star, his kids
 - Pitty Sing, grandmother's cat
 - The Misfit, the murdered that kills the family
 - Accompanied by Bobby Lee

Everything that Rises Must Converge

- Everything that Rises Must Converge
 - Julian escorts his mother on the bus because she is scared of the recent racial integration
 - She gives a penny to Carver, a young black boy, but his mother then beats her
 - Title comes from Pierre Chardin's "Omega Point"
- Greenleaf

O'Henry- American

The Four Million

The Gift of the Magi

- Jim Young and Della
- \$1.87

- Sells hair for pocket watch fob
- sells pocket watch for combs

The Skylight Room

The Cop and the Anthem

- Soapy tries to get arrested, but can't

After Twenty Years

- Jimmy Wells comes back to arrest friend Bob

The Duplicity of Hargraves

- The Major and the Talbots

A Retrieved Reformation

- Safecracker Jimmy Valentine
 - Marries Annabel and becomes a shoemaker
 - Tracked down by Ben Price

Conscience in Art

- Tucker and Peters steal Scudder's carving and sell it back to him

The Last Leaf

- Old artist saves Johnsy's life by painting a leaf

The Third Ingredient

- Hetty Pepper makes stone soup

The Ransom of Red Chief

- Bill and Sam kidnap Johnny, the son of Ebenezer Dorset

Makes the Whole World Kin

- Thief breaks in and bonds with an old man about rheumatism

Cabbages and Kings

Michael Ondaatje- Sri-Lankan born Canadian 1943

Anil's Ghost

- Anil Tissera
- Works with archeologist Sarath
- Work to identify a skeleton they nickname "Sailor"
- Palipana recommends a restructuring of the face
- Ananda carries it out
- Ends with Anil sculpting the eyes of a Buddhist statue

The English Patient

- Almásy
 - The "English" patient
 - Face is severely burned
- Hana
 - Nurse
- Kip
 - Indian dapper
 - Diffuses booby-trapped piano
- Caravaggio
 - Thief who had thumbs cut off

One Thousand and One Nights

- Scheherazade tells tales to her husband Shahryār to avoid being executed
- "The Three Apples"

- Harun al-Rashid obtains a chest from the Tigris River
- Opens it to find the chopped up body of a woman
- Ja'far ibn Yahya is tasked to find murderer, and is sentenced to death when he fails
- Her husband takes the blame, telling how he suspected she gave away the Golden apples he took months to find her
- Turns out Ja'far's slave is the one that took them
- "Sinbad the Sailor"
 - Frame story of Sinbad who is rich from adventures, telling his tales to a poorer man named Sinbad outside his home
 - First encounters sleeping whale where trees have started growing, and mistakes it for an island
 - Encounters giant cyclops, and struggles very similarly to Odysseus
 - Buried alive with his wife, and lives off of the rations that he obtains from other buried alive women that he beats to death
 - Escapes this cave when a wild animal shows him the way out
 - Roc (giant bird) hurls rocks at him and his men after they own his egg
 - Is enslaved by the Old Man of the Sea, who rides around on his neck
 - Sinbad makes him wine so he falls off, and then kills him
- "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"
 - Ali Baba finds the hideout of the forty thieves, and enters with the phrase "open sesame"
 - Kasim, his brother, makes Ali Baba tell him where
 - Finds out after his wife put wax on the scales Ali Baba weighed his coins on
 - Takes a mule to get maximum treasure, but forgets how to escape, and is quartered by the thieves
 - Is stitched back together by a blindfolded Baba Mustafa for a proper burial
 - Thieves find Kasim's body gone, and go to kill whoever know of their hideout
 - Mark the door of Ali Baba's house so that men can come back at night and kill him
 - Morgiana, his slave girl, marks every door in the neighborhood to confuse them
 - Similarly she takes a chunk out of every doorstep the following night
 - Thieves come back, hiding in 37 pots and one as an oil salesman seeking rest
 - Morgiana saves Ali Baba again by pouring hot oil on them
 - Stabs the final thief with sword while sword dancing
 - First translated by Antoine Galland
- "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp"
 - Aladdin overcomes evil sorcerer with the help of a genie from rubbing a ring and then a lamp
 - Marries Badroulbador
 - Added by Antoine Galland
- Translated by Richard Burton

George Orwell- American

Animal Farm

Nineteen Eighty-Four

The Road to Wigan Pier

- Investigates bleak living conditions among working class in North England before WWII

Homage to Catalonia

Shooting an Elephant

Camille Paglia- American

Sexual Personae

- :Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson
- Apollonian vs Dionysian
 - Order, structure, symmetry
 - Chaos, disorder, nature
- Sex and nature are "brutal pagan forces"
- "Western eye"
- Crystal Cabinet is represents penis in vagina
- Contrasts Woman of Willendorf with the Bust of Nefertiti
- Compares Dickinson to de Sade, who she favors over Rousseau

Sex, Art, and American Culture

Vamps and Tramps

The Birds

Break, Blow, Burn

Glittering Images

Free Women, Free Men

Provocations

Orhan Pamuk- Turkish 1952 Nobel 2006

Silent House

- Narrated by Recep, Buyukhamim, Hasan, Faruk, Metin

The White Castle

- While sailing from Venice to Naples, the Italian Faruk is captured
- Serves as the slave of Hoja, a man very similar in appearance
- Together build weapon to besiege Edirne

The Black Book

- Galip's wife Ruya goes missing
- Goes to see her brother Celal, who is also missing
- Starts to act out his life to figure out where they are
- Write's Celal's columns, which start to include passionate pleas for Ruya
- Obsessed fan writes to Galip, as well as one of Celal's old lovers, who turns out to be the fan's wife
- All meet at Aladin's Store, where Celal and Ruya are shot

The New Life

My Name is Red

- Begins with death of Elegant Efendi
- About Ottoman miniaturists
- Black, the protagonist
- In love with cousin Shekure
- Enishte, his uncle
 - Same murderer kills him by smashing ink pot on his head
 - Pleased by his funeral from the afterlife
- Butterfly, Stork, and Olive
 - Have a horse drawing contest to see who the murderer is, turns out to be Olive
- Master Osman, the head illuminator
- Bihzad blinds himself with needle
- Narrated by

- An illustration of a tree is sad because it is no longer in a book
- A gold coin that calls everybody greedy
- Satan, talking about free will

Snow

- Ka, journalist investigating the suicide of girls in Kars, Turkey
 - Writes a mystic poem called “snow”
- Meets Ipek, his old partner
 - Together witness death of the Director of the Institute of Education while at New Life Pasty Shop
 - Turgut Bey, her leftist father
- Questions her new partner, Muhtar, who is interested in political Islam
 - Says he became interested after meeting the sheikh Saadettin Efendi in a blizzard
- Kadife, Ipek’s sister who is the leader of the “head-scarf girls”
 - Friend Hande suggested suicide for Teslime, but never expected her to go through with it
- Blue, a radical Muslim
- Secular play against the head-scarves ends with soldiers firing upon the audience at the news of the directors death
 - Kills Necip
- Sunay Zaim, hands Kadife a loaded gun, who shoots him on stage without realizing it was loaded
 - During Thomas Kid’s Spanish Tragedy
- Narrator turns out to be Orhan himself, references his then unpublished novels
- Z Demerkol, a nationalist

The Museum of Innocence

- Kemal is married to Sibel, but ends up falling in love with Fusun (while buying a handbag for Sibel)
- Collects her things over the years to find comfort, and compiles them into The Museum of Innocence
 - First item in is her earring

A Strangeness in My Mind

- Mevlut Karatas
 - Witnesses the changes that have happened to Istanbul
 - Tries to strike it rich as yogurt and boza street vendor
 - “a bit of a weirdo, but he’s got a heart of gold”

The Red Haired Woman

- Contrasts Oedipus Rex with tale of Rostam and Sohrab from Ferdowsi’s Book of Kings

Cevdet Bey and His Sons

Sued by ultra-nationalist Kemal Keringşiz for his depiction of the Armenian genocide

John Dos Passos

USA Trilogy

- The 42nd Parallel
- 1919
- The Big Money
- "The Camera Eye" section
 - Stream of consciousness
- "Newsreels" section

- News clippings and song lyrics

Manhattan Transfer

- Jimmy Herf
- Urban life in NYC

Walker Percy- American 1916-1990

The Moviegoer

- Jack "Binx" Bollinger
- Explores New Orleans during Mardi Gras, Chicago, and Gulf Coast
- Watches movies because he connects the most with them
- Dates Secretary Sharon Kincaid

Love in the Ruins

- Thomas More
- Witnesses the disintegration of society, with left vs right and black vs white growing
- Invents the Ontological Lapsometer to fix people's mental states

The Second Coming

- Will Barrett
- Father and grandfather commit suicide
- Travels to cave, and takes barbiturates until God reveals himself or he dies
- Falls out of cave, into the arms of Allison, who just escaped a mental asylum
- Both are "reborn" (Allison from electroshock therapy) and complete each other

Helped get Toole's Confederacy of Dunces published

Richard Powers- American 1957

The Overstory

The Echo Maker

The Gold Bug Variations

2019 Pulitzer

Pliny the Elder

Naturalis Historia

- Encyclopedia

"Fortune favors the brave"

Died while trying to save people at Stabiae

The Plum in the Golden Vase

- Written by "The Scoffing Scholar of Lanling"
- "Spinoff" of Water Margin, featuring We Song
- Lots of sexual escapades

Marcel Proust- French

In Search of Lost Time (Remembrance of Things Past)

- Swann's Way
 - Narrator lives in Combray
 - Tasting Madeleine cake triggers an involuntary memory
 - Compares the Méséglise way to the Guermantes way
 - Vinteuil, daughter of a composer that he sees having a lesbian encounter
 - Odette Crecy loves Charles Swann
 - Love symbolized by musical "little phrase"

- Verdurin
- Elstir, a landscape artist
- Charles Morel, a talented violinist
- In the Shadow of Young Girls in Flower
- The Guermantes Way
- Sodom and Gomorrah
- The Prisoner
- The Fugitive
- Time Regained

Manuel Puig- Argentine

Betrayed by Rita Hayworth

Heartbreak Tango

- Nérida dreams of a fantastical life with Juan Carlos Etchepare
 - Dreams of a celestial wedding while riding a bus, but interrupted by son who has to pee
- However she is married to an impoverished auctioneer

Kiss of the Spider Woman

- Molina and Valentín form bond while in jail
- Molina, transgender woman
- Tells him stories of movies she has seen
- Actually a spy

Eternal Curse on the Reader of these Pages

The Movie I Liked Best

- The Great Waltz

Robert Pirsig- American 1928-2017

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

- :An Inquiry into Values

Lila

- :An Inquiry into Morals

Alexander Pushkin- Russian 1799-1837

Boris Godunov

- Closet play about titular tsar
- Death ended the Time of Troubles
- "what a son of a bitch"

Eugene Onegin

- Befriends Vladimir Lensky
- Lensky is engaged to Olga
- Tatyana
 - Olga's sister
 - Sends Onegin love letter, but is rebuffed in condescending "Onegin Sermon"
- Later on, Onegin wants Tatyana
 - Flirts with Olga to make her jealous
- Angers Lensky, who challenges him to a duel
 - Zaretsky, Lensky's second, never dispels the duel
 - Guillot, Onegin's second, his servant, not a nobleman

- Unwillingly kills Lensky
- Years later, Tatyana is engaged to a general, and rebuffs Onegin
- "Onegin stanza"
 - Mix of masculine and feminine rhymes

The Queen of Spades

- Hermann
- Wants to learn the secret of the cards from elder woman
 - Learns from count of St. Germain
- Writes her love letters to her ward Lizavjeta to get his way into her house
- Pulls a pistol on her when she does not reveal secret, scaring her to death
- Her ghost tells him to bet on three, seven, and ace
- He accidentally bets on queen of spades last time, and the queen winks at him
- All drives him to madness

The Captain's Daughter

- Pyotr
- Serves at Fort Belogorsky under Mironov
- Befriends Shvabrin
- The fort is attacked by Pugachev
- Many defect, including Shvabrin, who tells Pugachev to kill Pyotr
- Pugachev recognizes Pyotr as the man he earlier saved from a blizzard, and spares him
- Shvabrin later tries to get Pyotr killed, but is spared by Catherine the Great
- Ends with Pyotr able to marry Masha

Ruslan and Ludmila

- Epic poem full of fairytales
- Prologue mentions a green oak tree by the sea
- Under it, a cat walks to the left and sings, and to the right and tells stories

"Ode to Liberty"

- Exiled by Alexander I after Pushkin recited it

"The Bronze Horseman"

- Inspired by the Peter the Great statue

The Moor of Peter the Great

Poltava

The Belkin Tales

- "The Shot"
 - Silvio duels a man who sits there eating cherries, so Silvio spares him
 - Silvio wants to get revenge, and when they meet each other later, they duel again
 - The opponent draws the right to shoot first but misses, shooting a painting behind Silvio
 - The man's bride comes in, and Silvio shows mercy, pointing behind him and shooting the bullet hole in the painting instead
- "The Undertaker"
 - Adrian Prokhorov attends a dinner party where another wishes for the health of his customers
 - Angrily leaves, but when he returns to his house, he finds the reanimated corpses he buried, who yell at him for overcharging
 - Ends with his maid waking him up
- "The Blizzard"
 - Man gets lost in a blizzard on the way to his wedding
- "The Station Master"

- Enjoys the company of a station master's daughter, Dunya
- He later learns that she was kidnapped by Minsky
- Later returns to the station master's grave, and a boy describes a lady that came to Tom and also visited this grave
- The narrator can only assume this is Dunya, so can rest content
- "The Squire's Daughter"

The Tale of the Fisherman and the Fish

Killed in duel with brother in law who wanted his wife

Thomas Pynchon- American 1937

V.

- Navy sailor Benny Profane
- Whole Sick Crew
- Pig Bodine
- Herbert Stencil tries to locate V

The Crying Lot of 49

- Thurn and Taxis, a mail service that defeated Trystero
- Oedipa Mass
- Mailboxes disguised as W.A.S.T.E. bins
- Pierce Inverarity "once lost two million dollars in his spare time"
- John Nefastis and his Maxwell's Demon

Gravity's Rainbow

- Beyond the Zero
- A Furlough at the Hermann Goring Casino
- In the Zone
- The Counterforce
- Tyrone Slothrop
- Sexual escapes are linked to V-2 rocket launches
 - Discovered by Roger Mexico
 - Poisson distribution
- Looks for black device (Schwarzgaret) on rocket labeled 00000
- Opens with "A screaming comes across the sky"
- Pirate Prentice, character at beginning
- Katje is attacked by an octopus

Bleeding Edge

- Maxine Tarnow catches attention of hashslingrz, a computer security firm
- Set in days leading up to 9-11

Slow Learner

- "The Small Rain"
 - Nathan Levine must clean up dead bodies from Creole island after hurricane
- "Low-Lands"
- "Entropy"
- "Under the Rose"
- "The Secret Integration"

Jose Maria Queiroz- Portuguese

Os Maias

Raymond Queneau- French 1903-1976

Zazie on the Metro

- Zazie escapes Uncle Gabriel and explores Paris during metro strike

Horacio Quiroga- Uruguayan 1878-1937

“The Feather Pillow”

“The Decapitated Chicken”

Rabelais- French

Gargantua and Pantagruel

- Gross humor
- Gargantua, giant son of Grandgousier, and father of Pantagruel
- Wipes out parts of Paris by peeing
- Gifts Friar John the Abbey of Theleme
 - Tells him “do what thou wilt”
- Find Oracle of the Holy Bottle
 - Says one word: “Trinc”
- Published under pen name Alcofribas Nasier

Ayn Rand- Russian-American 1905-1982

Atlas Shrugged

The Fountainhead

Anthem

- Equality 7-2527 invents electricity and escapes into the forest outside the city
- Liberty 5-3000, a peasant girl he nicknames “The Golden One” joins her
- Only uses collective pronouns until seeing the word “I” printed in a book

Night of January 16th

- Karen Andre is accused of murdering her lover and business executive Bjorn Faulkner
- Audience is chosen to play the jury

Erich Maria Remarque- German 1898-1970

All Quiet on the Western Front

- Paul Baumer enlists in German army in WWI
 - Along with the rest of his class, including Leer, Muller, and Kropp
 - Persuaded by his teacher Kantorek
- Mentored by Stainlaus Katczinky (Kat), an older soldier
- Old schoolmaster tells him that they only know their "own little sector"
- "Ah! Mother, Mother! How can it be that I must part from you?"
- Friend Albert needs to rest in Catholic hospital, has his leg amputated
- Paul dies, "as though almost glad the end had come"

The Road Back

Samuel Richardson- English 1689-1761

Pamela: Or, Virtue Rewarded

- Epistolary novel
- Pamela Andrews refuses advances by Mr. B, then rewarded by his marriage proposal
- Tells Mrs Jerkins of his attempts at seduction
- Mistreated by Mrs Jewkes
- Communicates to Mr. Williams by placing letters under a sunflower in a garden

Clarissa: Or the History of a Young Lady

The History of Sir Charles Grandison

Jose Rizal- Filipino 1861-1896

Noli Me Tángere (Touch Me Not)

El Filibusterismo (The Reign of Greed)

Marilynne Robinson- English 1943

Gilead

- Rev John Ames dislikes Jack Boughton
- Jack marries black woman named Della

Home

Lila

Housekeeping

Jiang Rong- Chinese 1946

Wolf Totem

- Chen Zhen is sent to farm in Inner Mongolia during the Cultural Revolution
- Critical of China
- Title from Rong witnessing a pack of wolves chase sheep off a cliff

Philip Roth- American 1933-2018

Goodbye, Columbus

- Collection on the reflections of the struggles of second generation, assimilated American Jews
- Title references Ohio State song, the alma mater of one of the characters
- "The Conversion of the Jews"
 - Ozzie Freedman genuinely question Rabbi Binder about his religion, specifically about the feasibility of the immaculate conception
 - Rabbi Binder slaps him and bloodies his nose
 - Ozzie then goes to the top of the synagogue, and threatens to jump unless the onlookers get on their knees and admit that they believe in Jesus Christ
 - He jumps in a yellow net he'd by firefighters

American Pastoral

- Narrated by Nathan Zuckerman
 - Roth's alter ego
- Seymour "Swede" Levov
 - Jewish American high school star athlete
 - Marries beauty queen Dawn Dwyer
 - Leaves him for William Orcut III
 - Daughter Merry plants a bomb in the Rimrock post office
 - Has an affair with Sheila Salzman, her speech therapist
- 45th high school reunion
- Newark, New Jersey, where many others are set

The Human Stain

Portnoy's Complaint

- Dr. Spielvogel
- "Now wee may perhaps to begin. Yes?"
- Sexual imagery

I Married a Communist

- Rise and fall of Ira Ringold (Iron Rinn)
- Wife Eve Frame
 - Based off his wife Claire Bloom, who wrote unflatteringly of him in her memoir *Leaving a Doll's House*
 - Corrupted by his enemy Bryson Grant

Veronica Roth-American

Divergent Trilogy

- Divergent
- Insurgent
- Allegiant

Susanna Rowson- British-America 1762-1824

Charlotte Temple

- Charlotte Temple is a young girl who is seduced by British soldier John Montraville
- They travel to America, where John abandons her pregnant, sick, and poor
- Example of popular seduction novel
- Most popular book until Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

Arundhati Roy- Indian 1961

The God of Small Things

- Ammu Ipe
- Tries to escape Pappachi and Mammachi in Ayemenem, India
- Gives birth to twins Rahel and Estha
- Chacko, Ammu's brother
- Baby Kochamma, Ammu's aunt
 - Forced to wave red flag after stopped by Communist protesters
- Rahel thinks she sees Velutha among the Communist protesters
 - Velutha works for Paradise Pickles and reserves, the family's pickle business
- Rahel is molested by the Orangedrink Lemondrink man, a street vendor
- Ends with Rahel and Estha having sex
- Talks about the Love Laws, which dictate "who should be loved, and how. And how much."

The Ministry of Utmost Happiness

Juan Rulfo- Mexican 1917-1986

Pedro Paramo

- Juan Preciado promises his mother on her deathbed he will visit his father
 - In town of Media Luna
- Travels to father Pedro Paramo in Comala
- Discovers a literal ghost town instead
- Dies, then rest of the story is told in flashback form by Pedro
- Pedro's early love of Susana San Juan
 - She dates Pedro, but still mourns her dead husband Florencio
 - Spends time sleeping and dreaming about him
 - Lowered into the mine Andromeda by father to look for coins, but only finds a skeleton
- When she dies, the church bells toll, and Pedro refuses to work out of vengeance, causing

the town of Comala to decay

- Eventually killed by bastard son Abundio
- Forward by Susan Sontag
- "The point of a writer's life is to produce a single great book"

The Burning Plain and Other Short Stories

- "Tell Them Not to Kill Me"

Salman Rushdie- British-Indian 1947

Midnight's Children

- Saleem Sinai
- Born the night India became a free country, so has super powers
 - August 15, 1947
- 1001 other born that hour, known as midnight's children
- Has telepathy and a large nose and that constantly drips
- Shiva "of the knees", his nemesis that also has powers
- Parvati the witch
- Sister Brass Monkey
- Begins with Aadam Aziz treating Naseem
 - Sees her face through a perforated sheet
 - She ends sentences with "whatsitsname"
- They hide Nadir Khan
- Ahmed and Amina
- Buy William Methwood's Estate
- Wee Willie Winky lives there
- Mary Periera switches Saleem at birth, and becomes his nanny after guilt
 - Does this for her socialist boyfriend, Joseph D'Costa
- Saleem injures finger, and they realize he's not their real son
- General Zulfikar stages coup against Pakistan
- Has nose surgery where he loses telepathy but gains sensitive smell
 - Becomes tracker for army
- Saleem loses memory from fighting
- Lives with snake charmer Picture Singh
- Saleem and the other midnight children are sterilized by Indira Gandhi's campaign

Satanic Verses

- Gibreel Farishta
 - Falls in love with Alleluia Cone
 - Rekha Merchant's ghost, his former lover, haunts him
 - Is taken in by Rosa Diamond
- Saladin Chamcha
 - Shortened form of his name, used as a voice actor
 - Married to Pamela Lovelace
 - She cheats on him with Jumpy Joshua
 - Has an affair in London with Zeeny Vakil
 - Turns into a goat-man after plane crash
- Both board the Bostan
 - Plane is hijacked and they are held hostage in the desert for 111 days
 - Explodes over the English Channel
- While falling, Gibreel has vision of Mahound (Mohammed)

- Mahound introduces the religion of Submission into the city of Jahilia
- Abu Simbel, the city's Grandee, becomes scared and persecutes them
- Hires Baal, a poet, to write verses attacking Mahound
- Hind, Abu's wife, kills Mahound's wife and uncle
- Ayesha
 - Prophet that eats butterflies
 - Convinces town to walk into the Arabian Sea
 - Followed by a man in a Mercedes
- "To be born again, first you have to die"
 - Themes of rebirth
- Fatwa issued against Rushdie for its publication
- Hitoshi Igarashi was stabbed for translating it

Grimus

- Flapping Eagle
 - Indian boy who receives immortality after drinking magical liquid
 - Wanders the earth for 777 years 7 months and 7 days

Joseph Anton: A Memoir

- Memoir written in third person about his time hiding from fatwa
- Pseudonym honors Joseph Conrad and Anton Chekhov
- Details divorce of Marianne Wiggins

Shalimar the Clown

- Tightrope Walker who gets the nickname
- In love with Boonyi
- Max Ophuls, a US diplomat, impregnates her
- Shalimar joins Jihadi organizations to exact revenge
- Becomes Max's chauffeur and then kills him
- Then goes and tries to kill India, the daughter Max had with Boonyi

Shame

- Omar Khayyam Shakil
- Is raised by three different "mothers"
- Fictional town of Q

The Moors Last Sigh

- Moraes Zogoiby

The Ground Beneath Her Feet

- Variation of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice
- Rock music is a main theme, with references to many famous musicians

Haroun and the Sea of Stories

Luka and the Fire of Life

East, West

- Short story collection
- "The Free Radio"

Ernesto Sabato- Argentine 1911-2011

The Tunnel

On Heroes and Tombs

Vita Sackville-West- English 1892-1962

The Land

The Edwardians

All Passions Spent
Designed Sissinghurst Garden
Lover of Virginia Woolf

Tayeb Salih- Sudanese 1929-2009

Season of Migration to the North

- Narrator returns from education in England to Sudan
- Meets Mustafa
- Drowns in the Nile

The Wedding of Zein

JD Salinger- American

The Catcher in the Rye

- Holden Caulfield is expelled from Pencey Prep Academy
 - Promises to create "clear-thinking young men" is "strictly for the birds"
- Discusses Out of Africa
 - "I'm quite illiterate, but I read a lot"
 - Explains what "knocks him out" about books
- Forfeits fencing match after leaving equipment on Subway
- Visits old history teacher Mr. Spencer
- Tolerates dorm neighbor Robert Ackley
- Ward Stradlater takes old friend Jane Gallagher on a date
- Writes a paper about the baseball glove with green ink stain of brother Allie
- Fights Stradlater and is knocked unconscious
- Sick of the "phonies"
- Sells typewriter, leaves Pencey, and lies to mother of Ernet Morrow on train
- Asks taxicab driver if Central Park ducks migrate
- Visits Ernie's nightclub and has Sunny come to his room
- Sunny comes back with Maurice, who beat up and rob him
- Goes on a date with Sally Hayes, which turns sour when she invites friend George
- Buys "Little Shirley Beans" record for little sister Phoebe
- Goes with Carl Luce for drinks
- Imagines being the "catcher in the rye"
- Visits old English teacher Mr. Antolini, but leaves after he pats his head
- Takes Phoebe to Central Park Zoo and the carousel
- Uses the term "Screw up"

Nine Stories

- "A Perfect Day for Bananafish"
 - Muriel Glass calls her mother about her husband Seymour's behavior
 - Seymour Glass is on beach
 - Approached by Sybil Carpenter, a child left by her mother to go drink
 - Reproaches him for allowing Sharon Lipschutz to sit beside him while he plays piano
 - Tells her it is a perfect day for bananafish
 - Tells her how they swim into holes, eat too many bananas that they can't get out, then die
 - Kisses the arch of her foot then leaves
 - Calls a woman on an elevator a "damn sneak" for looking at his feet
 - Returns to his hotel room and shoots himself

- “Uncle Wiggily in Connecticut”
 - Eloise Wengler
 - Dissatisfied with marriage to her humorless husband Lew
 - When she sprains her ankle, Lee says “Poor Uncle Wiggily”
 - Asks her friend Mary Jane if she was a nice girl in college
 - Daughter Ramona
 - Has imaginary friends Jimmy Jimmereeno and Mickey Mickeranno
- “Just Before the War with the Eskimos”
 - Ginnie Mannon
 - Argues with Selena Graff about her not paying cab fares
 - Talks with Selena’s brother Franklin while Selena retrieves money
 - Franklin gives her chicken sandwich, which she refused to throw away after recounting how it took her 3 days to throw away dead Easter chick
- “The Laughing Man”
 - The Chief
 - Leader of Comanche Club, and would tell stories of the Laughing Man
 - Starts to date Mary Hudson
 - After he talks to her at a baseball field, he comes back and kills off the character
 - Laughing Man, a Robin Hood-like hero
 - Marcel Dufarge, his nemesis
- “Down at the Dinghy”
 - Servants Mrs. Snell and Sandra
 - Lionel, the child
 - Boo Boo Glass Tenenbaum, the father
 - Sandra calls Boo Boo a “big sloppy kike”, a Jewish slur
- “For Esmé-With Love And Squalor”
 - Narrator talks with Esmé
 - Precocious girl who he hears singing in choir
 - Scene changes to him in the war
 - Refers to himself as Sergeant X
 - Fellow soldier is Corporal Z
 - Receives a letter from Esme along with her father’s old wristwatch, a touching action that saves the narrator from emotional trauma, restoring his “faculties”
- “Pretty Mouth And Green My Eyes”
- “De Damuier-Smith’s Blue Period”
 - John Smith goes to art academy
 - Lies and says he is descendant of Daumier
 - Takes place in Yoshoto’s apartment
 - Writes a letter to Sister Irma
 - Says that “everybody is a nun”
- “Teddy”
 - Teddy McArdle
 - 10 year old mystic and savant
 - Gives his father’s expensive camera to sister Booper
 - Predicts his own death in the pool

Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters

Seymour: An Introduction

Franny and Zooey

"The Ocean Full of Bowling Balls"

- Prequel to The Catcher in the Rye

"Hapworth 16, 1924"

- Last work, stars Glass family

Jose Saramago- Portuguese 1922-2010

The Gospel According to Jesus Christ

Baltasar and Blimunda

- Nicknamed Seven-Suns and Seven-Moons
- Set against building of the Convent of Mafra

Blindness

- "White sickness"
- Everybody is infected by the disease, except for the doctor's wife
 - Stabs King of Ward 3 with scissors
- Dog of Tears, protects them from other dogs
- The girl with the dark glasses
- Squinting boy

All the Names

- Senhor Jose
 - Registry clerk who desperately tries to find woman

Death with Interruptions

- Nobody dies in the country
- Soon poses problems, and mafia is created to bring people outside the border where they die instantly
- death, a female, now sends a violet letter to people a week before they are to die
- Falls in love with somebody, whom she can't kill

The Double

- History teacher Tertuliano looks identical to Antonio
- They intervene in each other's lives

The Year of the Death of Ricardo Reis

- Heteronym of Fernando Pessoa
- Reads Borges's The God of the Labyrinth

Seeing

- Sequel to Blindness
- Starts with 83% of population casting blank ballots

William Saroyan- Armenian-American 1908-1981

The Human Comedy

- Originally a film script, which turned into a movie
- Homer Macaulay during WW2

The Time of Your Life

- Nick's Pacific Street Saloon

My Name is Aram

My Heart's in the Highlands

"The Daring Man on the Flying Trapeze"

George Saunders- American 1958

Lincoln in the Bardo

- Lincoln and the death of his son Willie
- Bardo is the Buddhist belief of the time between life and rebirth

CivilWarLand in Bad Decline

Pastoralia

Tenth of December

Dorothy Sayers- English 1893-1957

The Nine Tailors

Gaudy Night

Many crime pieces feature sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey

Translated Divine Comedy

Bruno Schulz- Polish 1892-1942

Sanatorium Under the Sign of the Hourglass

- "Father's Last Escape"

The Street of the Crocodiles (Cinnamon Shops)

- Father
- Adela
 - Absent-minded servant

Hometown Drohobycz

Delmore Schwartz- American 1913-1966

"In Dreams Begin Responsibilities"

- Man in a theater watches a black and white film of his parents dating
- Shouts at them when it appears they are going to break up, but is taken out of the theater
- Wakes up from the dream on a snowy morning of his 21st birthday

WG Sebald- German 1944-2001

Vertigo

- First part is biography of Stendhal (Beyle)
- Second part is travelogue to Alpine region
- Third part describes difficult period in the life of Kafka (Dr. K)
- Fourth part is nostalgic recounting of the narrator's visit to hometown "W"

The Emigrants

The Rings of Saturn

Austerlitz

- 9 page sentence
- Black and white photos

On the Natural History of Destruction

- Essay on wartime bombing of German cities

Sir Walter Scott- Scottish 1771-1832

Ivanhoe

- Desdichado, a masked knight comes and wins the melee and jousting parts of a tournament
- Aided by Le Noir Faineant (The Black Sluggard)
- Reveals himself to be Wilfred of Ivanhoe, back from the crusades
- Honors Lady of Rowena as Queen of the Tournament
- This displeases Prince John, the host of the games, because he fears for King Richard's

return

- During the games, Locksley (Robin Hood) splits reed with an arrow

Rob Roy

- Frank Osbaldistone
 - Narrator who falls in love with Die Vernon
- Robert "Rob Roy" McGregor Campbell
 - Leader of the Highlanders
 - Same name as an outlaw

Old Mortality

The Lady of the Lake

Waverley

The Heart of Midlothian

The Bride of Lammermoor

Shan Sa- French 1972

The Girl Who Played Go

Empress

Saki (HH Munro)- British 1870-1916

Beasts and Superbeasts

- The Open Window
 - Framton Nuttel
 - Sister wrote letters of introduction to his new neighbors because of his bad nerves
 - Is frightened by "ghosts" of Mrs. Sappleton's husband, brothers, and dog, after hearing stories from her niece Vera
 - Explained to be scared because he spent a night "in a newly dug grave" on the banks of the Ganges to escape "a pack of pariah dogs"
- The Schartz-Metterklume Method
 - Lady Corletta is mistaken by Mrs. Quabarl to be her new hostess Miss Hope
 - Lady Corletta tells her will teach her children history via the Schartz Metterklume method
 - Has her children abduct neighbor girls, as a recreation of the rape of the Sabine women
 - When told to go home, she cries out that the children will forever think the real Sabine women were saved
- The Story Teller
- The Interlopers
 - Two feuding families get stuck under fallen tree branch and are eaten by wolves

The Toys of Peace

- National Peace Council comes out with toys of peace to replace soldiers
- Boys get JS Mill, YWCA, and Robert Raikes
- Become bored, and after doing their history homework about Louis XIV, stage a bloody war with their toys of peace

The Watched Pot

Felix Salten- Austrian 1869-1945

Bambi, a Life in the Woods

George Sand- French 1804-1876

Indiana

- Indiana is a young French noblewoman
- Married to Colonel Delmare
- Ralph, Indiana's cousin that lives with them
 - Overlooked by Indiana who views him as an egotiste
 - Impregnates Noun, Indiana's maid, who drowns herself when she finds out
- Raymon de Ramiere, handsome neighbor whom Indiana then falls in love with
- When Delmare moves, Indiana escapes the house to be with Raymon
- Later fails to be seduced by Raymon, and he writes her a letter in the hopes of spitefully getting her love
- Ralph comes to inform her that Colonel Delmare has died from a fever, and then rescues her
- They profess their love for each other, agreeing to be married in heaven
- Commit suicide together by throwing themselves off of waterfall on the Ile Bourbon

Consuelo

Arno Schmidt- German 1914-1979

Bottom's Dream

- Comments on Poe in a stream of consciousness

Maurice Sendak- American 1928-2012

Where the Wild Things Are

In the Night Kitchen

Outside Over There

Sei Shōnagon- Japanese 966-1017

The Pillow Book

- Collection of essays, poems, and observances during time as court lady in Heian Japan

Mary Shelley- English 1797-1851

Frankenstein

- :Modern Prometheus
- Letters from Robert Walton
- Henry Clerval is killed
- Justine Moritz is falsely accused of murder

Murasaki Shikibu- Japanese

The Tale of Genji

- Hikaru Genji ("Shining Genji")
- Son of Emperor Kiritsubo and concubine
- Wife Lady Aoi
- Falls in love with Lady Fujitsubo
 - Bears his son, Reizei
- Then falls in love with Murasaki, her 10 year niece
- First novel
- Translated by Akiko Yosano
- Made in "concertina" of "orihon" style
 - Folding of sheets of paper

Henryk Sienkiewicz- Polish 1846-1916

Quo Vadis

- “Where are you going Lord”
- Question Peter asks Jesus as he flees from Rome
- Lygia and Marcus Vinicius during reign of Nero
- Double crossed by Chilon Chilonides

Ignazio Silone- Italian 1900-1978

Bread and Wine

- Anti fascist and anti Stalinist

Issac Singer- Polish American (Yiddish) 1903-1991

The Magician of Lublin

Shosha

Zadie Smith- British 1975

White Teeth

- Archie Jones
 - Englishman who tries to gas himself in car after Italian wife leaves him
 - Marries Clara Bowden, a Jamaican
- Samad Iqbal
 - Bengali Muslim, and Archie’s friend
 - Has affair with Poppy-Burt Jones
 - Gives birth to twins Magid and Millat
- Magid becomes scientist
- Millat becomes Islamic fundamentalist
 - Protests against Rushdie and joins KEVIN

Swing Time

- Narrator meets Tracey in tap dance class in London
- Both have interracial parents
- Tracey claims her dad is a backup dancer for Michael Jackson
- Narrator helps Aimee build a school in Africa
- Tracey releases a video of them dancing provocatively as children

Tobias Smollett- Scottish 1721-1771

The Adventures of Roderick Random

- Roderick “Rory” Random
- Hugh Strap (Monsieur d'Estrapes), his friend
- Narcissa, his eventual wife
- Tom Bowling, his uncle that tries to help him
 - Sailor who uses nautical language in everyday talk

The Adventures of Peregrine Pickle

- Raised by Commodore Hawser Trunnion, an old seamen
- Cadwallader Crabtree
- Emilia Guantlet, his love who he meets at Winchester School
- “The Memoirs of a Lady of Quality”
 - Independent story written by Frances Vane

The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

- Epistolary novel
- Matthew Bramble is traveling to find cure for his gout
- Writes to Dr. Lewis
- Tahitia Bramble, his dim witted sister
- Winifred (Win) Jenkins, their maid

Travels Through France and Italy

- Inspired Sterne to satirize him as "Smelfungus"

William L Shirer- American 1904-1993

The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich

Part of "Murrow's Boys"

- First broadcast world news roundup

Leslie Marmon Silko- Laguna Pueblo 1948

Ceremony

- Veteran Tayo

Almanac of the Dead

Sacred Water

Rain

Gardens in the Dunes

Delicacy and Strength of Lace

Storyteller

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn- Russian Nobel 1970

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

- Shukhov's life in gulag
- Fetyukov saves him his food after he oversleeps
- Wife writes to him and encourages him to take up carpet-dyeing
- Sews his bread into his mattress so he doesn't get in trouble
- Tiurin, the leader of his gang
- Alyoshka, his Baptist roommate
- He and Kilgas cover their windows with tar paper
- Gopchik asks him for help making a spoon out of wire
- Hides his best trowel which he uses to lay bricks at the Power Station
- Stands in lines for Tsezar, for portion of his food in return
- Only book allowed to be published in Soviet magazine Novy Mir

Cancer Ward

August 1914

The Gulag Archipelago

The First Circle

Two Hundred Years Together

The Red Wheel

Susan Sontag- American

On Photography

- "Chronic voyeuristic relation" to the world around them

Against Interpretation

- Against Interpretation
 - Chided critics who searched for symbols in works of art

- Praised Jarrell's essay on Whitman

On Style

- "Notes on Camp"
 - Camp "is the triumph of the epicene style" which "sees everything in quotation marks"
- "The intellect's revenge upon art"
- "In place of a hermeneutics we need an erotics of art"

Styles of Radical Will

The Way We Live Now

- Max says "At first he was just losing weight, he felt only a little ill"
- AIDS crisis

Illness as Metaphor

- Contrasts tuberculosis and cancer

Regarding the Pain of Others

The Volcano Lover

- William and Emma Hamilton
- Her affair with Lord Nelson

In America

- Helena Modjeska (Maryna Zalezowska)
 - Polish actress who came to California to found utopian community
- Ellen Lee accused her of plagiarizing Willa Cather

White Civilization as a Cancer

- Said it slandered cancer patients
- Partisan Review essay

AIDS and Its Metaphors

"Aesthetics of Silence"

Directed candlelit performance of Waiting for Godot during Siege of Sarajevo

Vladimir Sorokin- Russian

Day of the Oprichnik

- Andrei Mokiega
- Drive Mercedes with dog head hood ornaments
- Ass fuck each other in caterpillar chain

Ice trilogy

- Bro
 - Tries to find Tungus meteorite that lands on his birthday
- Ice
 - Music of Eternam Harmony
- 23,000
 - 23,000 blond and blue eyed brothers bash their hearts with hammers

Blue Lard

- Flushed down giant papier-mache toilet
- Depicts erotic encounter between clone of Stalin and clone of Khrushchev
- Investigated him for "illegal distribution of pornographic materials"

The Queue

- 10 pages left blank for nap

The Norm

- People eat shit

Benjamin Spock- American 1874-1946

Baby and Child Care

- "You know more than you think you do"

New Left and Vietnam War activist

Gertrude Stein- American

The Autobiography of Alice B Toklas

- Her partner

Three Lives

The Making of Americans

Tender Buttons

- Cubist poetry collection

"Sacred Emily"

- A rose is a rose is a rose

Quod Erat Demostrandum

- Autobiography

Coined "Lost Generation"

Lived in France

Academic circle included Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Picasso, and Matisse

John Steinbeck- American

In Dubious Battle

- Communism
- Labor strikes

Of Mice and Men

- George Milton and Lennie Smalls are migrant workers in California
- They dream of owning their own land
- Lennie dreams of petting rabbits, although accidentally kills them when he touches them
- Lennie grabs woman's red skirt, and is accused of rape
 - Therefore has to flee Weed
- Curley, their boss
 - Wears a glove of Vaseline, to keep it soft for his wife
- Candy, an older ranch hand with one hand
- Slim, a gentle jerkline skinner
 - Dog has litter of puppies
 - One had to be put down by Carlson
- Lennie talks with Crooks, the black ranch hand
 - Crippled spine
- Lennie accidentally breaks Curley's wife's neck after she asks him to pet her hair
 - First talks to him about her acting aspirations in LA
- George kills Lennie
- Title from Burn's "To a Mouse"

The Grapes of Wrath

- Joads travel from Oklahoma to California
- Tom Joad
 - Released from McAlester prison
 - Killed a man with shovel and he was stabbed
 - Hitches a ride with a trucker

- Meets Timothy and Wilkie Wallace, who work for Mr Thomas the ranch boss
- Muley Graves, neighbor
 - Takes them to a cave so the police won't think they are trespassing on their own property
- Jim Casy
 - Preacher who travels with them to California
 - Explains to Tom that "there ain't no sin and there ain't no virtue"
 - Killed with a pick handle by a police officer, after which Tom kills the officer the same way
- Uncle John
 - Hands out candy and gifts food after guilt of not hiring doctor for his wife who died after telling him of a stomach ache
- Rose of Sharon
 - Pregnant daughter
 - Married to Connie Rivera
 - Tells him he is gonna study radios and not tractors
 - Breastfeeds starving man
- Grandpa Joad
 - Dies in Oklahoma City in the tent of Ivy and Sairy Wilson, who then agree to accompany the Joads
- Ma, Pa, Ruthie, Winfield
- Floyd Knowles tells them to join labor organization
- Mr Rawley is a kind camp organizer
- A woman swerves to avoid a turtle but a truck hits it off the highway, where the turtle struggles to flip back over, but does and continues on
- Car salesmen fill engines with sawdust and charge high prices for desperately feeling tenant farmers
- Al and Mae run a coffee shop
 - Initially deny man a lot of bread for a dime, but then give his children two pieces of candy for a penny
- "In the souls of the people the grapes of wrath are filling and growing heavy, growing heavy for the vintage"

The Red Pony

- "The Gift"
- Jody Tiflin revives red pony colt from father Carl
- Names it Gabilan, after nearby mountains
- Billy Buck, horse expert
- Gabilan gets strangles (cold) after being left out in the rain
- Has to cut open windpipe so it can breathe
- Beats off vulture after watching it eat the eye of Gabilan
- "The Great Mountains"
- Gitano, old man who wants to die on ranch
- Carl refuses, so Gitano leaves on Easter with a rapier
- "The Promise"
- Mare Nellie gives a gruesome birth
- "The Leader of the People"
- Grandfather visits and tells repetitive stories
- "Junius Maltby"
- Junius Maltby stops working, leaving his farm in ruins and children die of disease

- His one son survives, and although does not have shoes on his feet, is well educated

East of Eden

- Adam Trask
- Falls in love with wicked Cathy Ames
- Caleb (Cal) and Aron, his twin sons
 - Symbolize Cain and Abel
 - Cathy tried to abort them with knitting needle
- Cathy leaves him, shooting his shoulder on her way out
- Becomes a prostitute, changes name to Kate Albey, then poisons Faye to take over the brothel
- Lee, a Cantonese cook
 - Tells the boys about Hebrew word timshel, or “thou mayest”
 - Explains it represents the power to do good or evil
- Samuel Hamilton and Lee help Adam raise the boys
- Salinas Valley
 - Steinbeck’s native land

Tortilla Flat

- Piasano Danny
- Pilon, Pablo, and Jesus

Cup of Gold

- Henry Morgan sacks Panama City

Winter of Our Discontent

Cannery Row

- Mack’s party for Doc gets out of hand
- Lee Chong, a local grocer

"The Chrysanthemums"

- Elisa Allen grows the chrysanthemums
- Throws them away at the end

Travels with Charley

- :In Search of America
- 1960 road trip with Poodle Charley

The Log from the Sea of Cortez

- Expedition in the Gulf of California with friend and marine biologist Ed Ricketts

Stendhal- French 1783-1842

The Red and the Black

- Julien Sorel
 - Carpenter
 - Love affair with Madame de Renal, ends up shooting her
 - Elisa the chambermaid exposes them
 - Abbe Pirard becomes his protector
 - Becomes private secretary of Marquis de la Mole
 - Tutors Valenod
- Monsieur de Renal
 - Mayor of Verrieres
- Mathilde de la Mole
 - Becomes attracted to Julien
 - Tries to bribe jury members for his acquittal

- Kisses lips of his severed head and makes a tomb for him Italian style
- Monsieur de Croisenois killed in dual

Charterhouse of Parma

- Fabrice del Dongo
- Jailer's wife helps him escape from prison
- Joins Battle of Waterloo
 - Joins the guard of Marshal Ney
 - Shot by a retreating cavalymen
- Count Mosca
 - Convinces Fabrice's aunt Gina to marry Duke Sanseverina so they can be lovers while he is an abassador
- Fabrice kills Giletti who tried to murder him, so Gina pleads for his safety, and Count Mosca gives in
- Falls in love with Clelia Conti
 - Watches her tend to caged birds from prison
 - Vows to not see him, being overcome by guilt for assisting in plot to kill her father with laudanum
- Gina hires Ferrante to poison the Prince of Parma
- Clelia agrees to see Fabrice in the middle of the night only, to not break her vow
- After she and their child dies, Fabrice retires to the monastery Charterhouse of Parma, where he dies shortly after
- Ends with epithet "To the happy few"

The Life of Henry Brulard

Laurence Sterne- Irish 1713-1768

The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman

- Long elaborate explanations
 - Birth isn't even reached until Volume III
- Uncle Toby
- Doctor Slop
 - Tristram's nose was crushed by his forceps during birth
- Mother asked his father if he remembered to wind back the clocks during Tristram's birth
- Name is a mix between Tristan and Hermès Tresmegistus
- Susannah
 - Dropped a sash out the window which circumcised Tristram who was peeing out the window
- Yorick

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

- Parson Yorick is main character
- Meets a monk in Calais
 - Exchanges snuff boxes with him
- Points to his name in Hamlet, at which point Count de B**** mistakes him as a jester and secures him a passport
- Ambiguously ends with "end of vol II" instead of telling what he grabbed of the chamber maid's
- Names Tobias Smollett "Smelfungus"

Robert Louis Stevenson- Scottish 1850-1894

Treasure Island

- Jim Hawkins
 - Shoots Israel Hands after being struck with knife in shoulder
- Aboard the Hispaniola
- Dr David Livesey
- Long John Silver
- Captain Alexander Smollet
- Squire John Trelawney
- Billy Bones

Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

- Gabriel John Utterson
- Richard Enfield, his cousin tells him about Mr Hyde
- Edward Hyde tramples a girl after she bumps into him
- The crowd of witnesses force him to pay 100 pounds to her family
- Strangely, Dr Henry Jekyll signs the check, and later makes Hyde the sole beneficiary of his will
- Hyde then beats Sir Danver Carews with his feet and Jekyll's cane
- Dr Hastie Lanyon dies after witnessing Hyde transform into Jekyll
- Jekyll's butler Mr Poole and Utterson break into his house, and find Hyde wearing Jekyll's clothes
- He used a serum to transform into Hyde to purge his desires, but lost control of when he would do it
- Happened at random times, causing him to slam window on Utterson earlier

A Child's Garden of Verses

- "My Shadow"
- "The Lamplighter"

Kidnapped

- Based on the "Appin Murder" following the Jacobite Rising of 1745
- David Balfour
- Betrayed by his Uncle Ebenezer while on the Covenant, causing him to be tied up to be sold into slavery
- He and Alan Breck Stuart escape

An Inland Voyage

- Canoeing trip through France and Belgium

Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes

- Hiking and camping in France with Modestine, a stubborn donkey

The Silverado Squatters

- 2 month honeymoon with Fanny Vandegrift to Napa Valley

New Arabian Nights

- "Suicide Club"
 - "Story of the Young Man with the Cream Tarts"
 - Prince Florizel of Bohemia and Colonel Geraldine join suicide club
 - Invited by a man handing out cream tarts
 - Florizel is selected to be killed, but they escape
 - "Story of the Physician in the Saratoga Trunk"
 - Silas Q Scuddamore finds a dead body in his room
 - He and the body (in a Saratoga trunk) travel to Florizel
 - "The Adventure of the Hansom Cab"
 - Lieutenant Brackenbury recruited to help

- Florizel and Dr Noel kill the President of the club

“The Body Snatchers”

- Wolfe Macfarlane and Fettes dissect bodies, but Fettes is convinced Marfarlane is killing them

“The Bottle Imp”

- Keawe buys a bottle with an imp inside that will grant his his every wish
- However, the bottle must be sold for less than it was bought, it can’t be abandoned, and if one dies while in possession of it, they are sent to Hell
- Responsible for the success of Prester John, Napoleon, and James Cook
- Keawe and his wife Kokua buy and sell it to relieve the other of the burden, traveling to Tahiti to be able to see it for less
- Luckily find somebody who will not part with it

“The Beach of Falesa”

- Case lets Wiltshire marry Uma, so her taboo will stop the other natives from trading with him
- Wiltshire realizes Case’s use of technology is the reason the natives think he has demonic powers
- He plans to blow up Case’s temple with gunpowder, but kills him in a struggle

Harriet Beecher Stowe- American

Uncle Tom’s Cabin

- Also titled Life Among the Lowly
- Arthur Shelby
 - Decides to sell slaves Tom and Harry to Mr Haley
- Wife Shelby is upset, because Harry is the son of her maid Eliza
- Eliza runs away to save her son
 - Already miscarried two others
- While being transported on Mississippi River, Tom saves little girl Eva from drowning
- Bought by her father Augustine St Clare as appreciation
- Eliza meets with her husband George Harris, who previously ran off
- They are attacked by slave catcher Tom Loker
- George shoots him in the side, but they take him to Quakers before running off to Canada to save his life
- St Clare asks his cousin Ophelia to educate Topsy, a young black slave
 - Topsy doesn’t think anybody ever made her
- Eva dies after sharing a vision of heaven
- Before St Clare can free Tom, he dies
 - Stabbed at tavern while trying to break up a fight
- Tom is sold to evil Simon Legree
- Emmeline, Legree’s sex slave
- Cassy, another sex slave, who aborted her child so it would not suffer or be separated
- Tom’s faith in God helps other slaves and makes Legree angry
- When he refuses to whip other slaves, he is whipped to death by slaves Quimbo and Sambo, but Tom’s humbleness inspires them to become Christians
- George Shelby, Arthur’s son, arrives too late to buy Tom’s freedom
- Eliza turns out to be Cassy’s daughter
- George Harris reunited with sister Madame de Thoux
- They all move to Liberia
- Prue, a slave whose children starved after she couldn’t produce breast milk

- Turned to drinking and was killed for it
- Compared to Native Son in Baldwin's "Everybody's Protest Novel"
- Led to Anti-Tom literature by pro-slavery authors
- Adapted into a play by George Aiken

Dred

- :A Tale of the Great Dismal Swamp
- Nina Gordon
- Dred, an escaped slave living in the swamp

Arkady and Boris Strugatsky- Russian 1925-2012

Hard to Be a God

- Anton is sent to earth

Jonathan Swift- Anglo-Irish 1667-1745

A Tale of a Tub

- Satirizes branches of Christianity with the use of brothers Peter, Martin, and Jack
- Are given coats by their father and instructed not to change them, but they each do
- Many digressions
- Criticized by William Wotton

The Battle of the Books

- Added to A Tale of a Tub
- Deals with the Ancient vs Modern debate
- A literal battle between books in the Kong's Library
- Interpolated is a fable about a bee (ancients) stumbling into the web of a spider (moderns)
- Responded to by William Temple

Gulliver's Travels

- Lemuel Gulliver
- Travels to Lilliput
- Tiny people who focus on trivial matters (which side an egg is cracked on)
- Found guilty of treason and sentenced to be blinded after urinating in their capital to put out fire
- Escapes to Blefuscu after refusing to subdue them
- Travels to Brobdingnag, a land filled with giants
- Exhibited by the farmer
- His daughter Glumdalclitch cares for Gulliver
 - Builds him a "traveling box"
- Fights giant wasps
- Giant eagle seizes him in traveling box and drops him over ocean
- Scientists carry out useless experiments, satirizing the Royal Society
- Discussing history with ghosts of people like Descartes and Gassendi
- Excuses himself from performing the fumi-e ceremony in Japan (trampling one the crucifix)
- Houyhnhnms are a race of talking horses, and the Yahoos are a deformed humanoid race
- Rescued at sea by Pedro de Mendez

A Modest Proposal

- Irish sell their babies as food

Drapier's Letters

- Pamphlet against William Wood's patent on minting money

- Under pseudonym M B Drapier
- "To the Shop-keepers"
- "To Mr Harding"
- "To the Nobility and Gentry"

Predictions for the Ensuing Year

- Predicts that John Partridge would die on March 29, and when released on the 30, claimed he was dead
- Mocks Partridge whose almanacs would falsely predict the deaths of others
- Under pseudonym Isaac Bickerstaff

An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity

"The Lady's Dressing Room"

- Strephon sneaks into his crushes Celia's dressing room, but is disgusted by the things he finds there

"Cadenus and Vanessa"

- About his love Esther Vanhomrigh
- Invented the name Vanessa

A Journal to Stella

- 65 letters to Esther Johnson, with whom he might have secretly been married

Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral

Tanizaki- Japanese 1886-1965

Naomi

- Joji tries to forge waitress Naomi into the perfect girl (Mary Pickford)
- Becomes dominated by her

Some Prefer Nettles

- Kaname and Misako's marriage is drifting toward separation
- Convinces her to have an affair with Aso to activate his passion
- "Goes to Suma" when engaging in an affair

In Praise of Shadows

- Essay on aesthetics
- Toilet is "place of spiritual repose"

The Makioka Sisters

- Yukiko
- After wealth of her family declines, she remains unmarried at 30
- Newspaper article taints the family reputation, making it even harder
- Taeko, her sister
 - Good at making dolls
 - Marries Itakura, a photographer
 - He dies of gangrene due to an ear infection
 - Goes back to being with Okubata
- Sachiko, her sister
 - Finds Taeko a studio to make dolls in
- Itani, owner of a beauty parlor
 - Brings Segoshi as a possible match
 - Interview him for marriage (miai), but they reject the proposal because of his mother's hereditary dementia
- Nomura, an older man
 - Introduced to them by Mrs Jimba
 - Rejected after he shows the Buddhist altar where he prays for his deceased wife

- Swazaki rejects them after a bad miao
- Hashidera rejects because of her shyness
- Finally accept Mimaki's proposal but Yukiko isn't excited about it
 - Gets diarrhea on the train ride to see him
- Originally title is "lightly falling snow"
 - About the cherry blossom leaves falling, which the sisters tour throughout the novel

Quicksand

- Love between Sonoko, Kotaro, Mitsuko, and Watanuki
- First three commit suicide pact, but they withhold poison from Sonoko as a sign of betrayal

The Key

"The Tattooer"

- Man tattoos spider on a woman, making her vengeful

"Mr. Bluemound"

- Yurako, an actress, discovers the diary of her deceased husband and film director Nakada
- Tells of how a man tells Nakada that he knows all about Yurako and her body, then invited him over to show all of his Yurako dolls

Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar- Turkish 1901-1962

A Mind at Peace

The Time Regulation Institute

- Clocks in Turkey are changed to match those in Europe
- Hayri İrdal

Booth Tarkington- American 1869-1946

The Magnificent Ambersons

- Increased industrialization and wealth in Woodruff, Indianapolis
- Ambersons are the richest family
- Young George Amberson falls in love with Lucy Morgan

Alice Adams

- Alice wants to wed Arthur Wallace

William Makepeace Thackeray- British

Vanity Fair: A Novel without a Hero-

- Amelia "Emmy" Sedley marries George Osborne
 - Then William Dobbin who survived
- George Osborne
 - Dies at Waterloo
 - Father threatens to disown him
- Becky Sharp
 - Anti heroine
 - "I must be my own mama"
- Rawdon Crawley
- Jos Sedley
 - Seen as a coward for fleeing Battle of Waterloo
- Title from Pilgrim's Progress
- "novel without a hero"
- Critiques by friend Robert Bell

- Could have used “more light and air” to make it “more agreeable and healthy”

The Luck of Barry Lyndon

- Fictionalized Andrew Robinson Stoney

Dorothy Celene Thompson- American 1893-1961

Called “First Lady of American Journalism”

“Who Goes Nazi”

- A “macabre parlor game” where she creates people with alphabetical last names, and after assigning different upbringings and circumstances, guesses if they would be a Nazi

Second wife of Sinclair Lewis

Hunter S Thompson- American 1937-2005

Hell's Angels

- :The Strange and Terrible Saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
- Spent a year immersed in their culture
- Good friends with their leader, Sonny Barger

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

- :A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream
- Raoul Duke (Thompson) and his attorney Dr Gonzo
- Retrospection on the failure of the 1960s counterculture movement

Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72

The Curse of Lono

- Experience in Hawaii
- Claims he is Lono, a Hawaiian god

The Rum Diary

The Kentucky Derby is Decadent and Depraved

- Written for Scanlan's Monthly
- Accompanied by Ralph Steadman's sketches
- Gonzo journalism
- Two journalists "swirling mint juleps"
- Narrator tells a man that Black Panthers and white supremacists will go to war

Had his ashes fired out of a cannon by Johnny Depp

James Thurber- American 1894-1961

“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”

- Man daydreams of various things
- Pilot of US Navy flying boat
- Surgeon
- Assassin testifying in courtroom
- Royal Air Force pilot voluntarily for dangerous secret mission
- Facing a firing squad
 - Remains “inscrutable to the last”
- First appeared in New Yorker

“The Catbird Seat”

- Mr Martin tries to make Mrs Barrows look crazy after she attempts to reorganize his filing department

Fables first Our Time and Famous Poems Illustrated

- “The Unicorn in the Garden”
 - Man sees a unicorn in his garden, but his wife ridicules him, saying that it is just a

mythical beast

- Calls him a booby, and threatens to send him to the booby hatch (mental institution)
- When authorities arrive, they put her in a straitjacket, and the man denies seeing the unicorn

The 13 Clocks

My Life and Hard Times

- Autobiography

My World - And Welcome To It

- Short story collection

Pramoedya Toer- Indonesian 1925-2006

Buru Quartet (tetralogy)

This Earth of Mankind

Child of All Nations

Footsteps

House of Glass

Leo Tolstoy- Russian

War and Peace

- Vassily Kuragin
- General Kutuzov
- Prince Alexey Bolkonsky
- Pierre Bezukhov marries Natasha Rostov
- Battle of Borodino
 - Prince Andrey is mortally wounded
- Drubetskoys
- Describes Russia during Napoleonic era

Anna Karenina

- Alexei Vronsky, Stepan Oblonsky, Dolly, Kitty, Betsy, Kostya
- Feudal system and affairs
- Elope to Italy

The Kreutzer Sonata

- Pozdnyshev kills wife after finding her with violinist Trukhashevsky

Resurrection

- Dmitri Nekhlyudov visits former maid who went to Siberia for murder she didn't commit

The Power of Darkness

- Five act play
- Anisija murders husband to marry Nikita

"Master and Man"

- Brekhunov

The Death of Ivan Ilyich

- Ivan becomes mortally injured while hanging a curtain
- Fears death and asks if he led a good life
- Admires life of his servant Gerasim

John Kennedy Toole- American 1937-1969

A Confederacy of Dunces

- Posthumously published by Walker Percy
- Ignatius J Reilly

- 30 year old slob, who lives with mother and disdains modernity
- Fan of Boethius, and scholastic philosophy in general
- Resents Fortuna, who places him low on the wheel of fortune
- Journey out of New Orleans
- Hot dog salesman
 - Eats more than he sells
 - Sign that says “Twelve (12) inches of paradise”
 - Works for Mr Clyde
- Myrna Minkoff
 - Jewish beatnik from New York
 - Polar opposite of Ignatius, but the two get along
- Irene Reilly, his mother
 - Marries Claude Robichaux
 - Friends with Santa Battaglia
- Lana Lee
 - Pornographic model who runs “Night of Joy” strip club
- Darlene
 - Wants to work at the strip club
 - Has a pet cockatoo, who at one point undresses her
- Burma Jones
 - Janitor at “Night of Joy”
- Miss Trixie
 - Clerk at Levy Pants
 - Dementia and hoarder
- Title from Swift
- Pulitzer
- Written in Puerto Rico

Neon Bible

Ivan Turgenev- Russian

A Sportsman's Sketches

- "Khor and Kalinych"
 - Story about two peasants
- “Yermolay and the Miller’s Wife”
 - Zverkov tells about the injustices of serfdom
- "Raspberry Water"
 - Old peasant named Foggy
- "The District Doctor"
- “Lgov”
 - Yermolay and Lgov go hunting with Old Knot
- “Living Relic”
 - Lukeria develops a digestive disease that renders her unable to move and transforms her body into a skeletal state, but she accepts her fate calmly
- “Forest and Steppe”

Fathers and Sons

- Arkady Kirsanov
- Bazarov, a nihilist
 - Studies frogs

- Nikolai, Arkady's father
 - Upset about his son's nihilistic viewpoints
 - Hires Fenechka as a servant, and a son named Mitya with her
 - Marino, his estate
- Anna Sergeevna Odinstova
 - Neighbor that invites both Arkady and Bazarov over
 - Arkady falls in love with her, but she likes Bazarov, although not his worldview
 - Nikolskoye, her estate
 - The Princess, her overbearing aunt
- Pavel, Nikolai's brother
 - Gives his love Princess R a ring with a sphinx on it
 - Challenges Bazarov to a duel after he witnessed him kiss Fenechka
- Arkady falls in love with Katya, Anna's sister
- Bazarov contracts blood poisoning/typhus during an autopsy, but receives a kiss from Anna before he dies

A Month in the Country

- Natalya Petrovna
- Arkadi Islaev, her husband
- Mikhail Ratikin, her admirer
- Aleksei Bolyaev, her son's tutor for whom she starts to fall in love
- Vera, her ward, starts to become close to Aleksei
- Arkadi dismisses Ratikin and Aleksei when suspicions arise, and Natalya goes back to a life of boredom

The Diary of a Superfluous Man

- Journal of Chulkaturin, who has a few days left to live

Rudin

- An intellectual who can't put his skills to use under Nicholas 1
- Parallels his own life and that of many others during that time

"Hamlet and Don Quixote"

- Speech comparing the two

Smoke

- Fiancee from Osinin family runs off with Count Reisenbach after a ball
- Heliotrope

A House of Gentlefolk

- Man believes he can marry Lisa after his unfaithful wife Varvara dies

"Mumu"

- A deaf and mute peasant is forced to drown his dog Mumu

The Torrents of Spring

- Shares title with Hemingway work

Imprisoned for writing that "Gogol is dead!"

Lionel Trilling- American 1905-1975

The Liberal Imagination

- Discusses relationship between literature, culture, mind, and imagination

Sincerity and Authenticity

Mark Twain- American

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

- Lives in St. Petersburg, Missouri with Aunt Polly
- She makes him whitewash her fence after he skips school
- Convinces other kids to do it for him, and make them trade him trinkets in the process
- He uses these to get tickets, so he can get a new bible at Sunday School
- Doesn't know anything about the scripture
 - Answers that David and Goliath were the first two disciples
- Falls in love with Becky Thatcher
 - Asks to get "engaged" by them kissing
 - Rejects him when she finds out he was already engaged to Amy Lawrence
- Travels with Huckleberry Finn to graveyard
 - Perform ritual to heal warts
- Witness Injun Joe kill Mr Robinson, and frame Muff Potter for murder
- Runs away with Finn and Joe Harper to Jackson's Island on Mississippi to become farmers
 - Appear at their own funerals
- Stop Injun Joe from breaking into Widow Douglas's house and mutilating her face
- Get lost in McDougal's cave, so public seals it off after they escape, imprisoning Injun Joe inside

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

- Under the care of Widow Douglas, she and her sister Miss Watson try to "civilize" him
- Escapes past slave Jim to join up with Sawyer and his gang of "robbers"
- Prevents abusive father "Pap" from acquiring his fortune he got in prequel
- Fakes his own murder and escapes to Jackson's Island, where he meets runaway Jim
 - Uses pig blood
- River floods, and they see the "house of death"
 - Shot man inside, who is later revealed to be Pap
- Dresses as a boy to hear news from Judith Loftus
 - Finds out he is a boy after he fails to thread a needle
- Finds out a \$300 bounty is placed on Jim, who is a main suspect for Huck's disappearance
- Find a steamship and hear Bill and Jake Packard's plan to murder Jim Turner
- Meets Buck Grangerford, a member of a family that has a rivalry with the Shepherdsons
 - Hold guns between their knees while at church that preaches about brotherly love
- Buck's sister Sophia runs off with Harney Shepherdson
 - Huck gives her a bible with "HALF PAST TWO" written in it
- All male Grangerfords, including Buck (which Huck witnesses), are killed
- Meet two con men, who claim to be the "duke" and "king" (of France) who join them on the raft
- These swindlers put on a 3 night play called "The Royal Nonesuch", a terrible performance which scams people out of the money
- On the first night, the drunk Boggs is shot by Colonel Sherburn, and audience turns into lynch mob
- They all flee on final night of play to avoid angry payers
- Paint Jim blue and call him the "Sick Arab"
- Swindlers then impersonate brothers of Peter Wilks to gain his inheritance
 - One puts in an English accent, and the other imitates a deaf-mute
- Huck feels bad for Wilk's orphaned nieces who are being cheated, so he steals the money and puts it in Wilks's coffin
- Finds out swindlers sold Jim to plantation of Silas and Sally Phelps, so goes against religious upbringings to free him

- “All right, then, I’ll go to hell!”
- Mistaken for thief nephew Tom, who in a plot twist is revealed to be Tom Sawyer
- Huck explains his plan to free Jim to Tom, who plays along by pretending to be his little brother Sid
- Tells them about the plans of the swindlers, who are then tarred and feathered
- Together with Tom devise a complex plan to free Jim, but after Tom is shot in the leg, Jim stays behind to help and is arrested
- Aunt Polly comes back, reveals the true identities of the children to the plantation owners, and reveals that Miss Watson died two months ago, freeing Jim in her will

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

- Hank Morgan
- Blow to the head causes him to be transported back to Arthurian England
 - Caused by man at work called “Hercules”
- Immediately he is challenged to a jousting contest by Sir Kay
- Unusual dress causes him to be sentenced to a burning at the stake
- Knows about the solar eclipse that will happen on June 21, and threatens the king that he will block out the sun if he is executed
- Pardoned and becomes principal minister to the king
 - Gets nickname “The Boss”
- Uses gunpowder and lightning rod to “call down fire from heaven” and destroy Merlin’s tower
- Starts to secretly industrialize and modernize society, setting up factories led by young
- Relies on young Clarence for this
- Buys pigs that are mistaken for princesses and ogres
- Restores the fountain in the Valley of Holiness
 - Merlin says that a demon lives there, so water will never flow again
 - Uses a pump, and then with fireworks for special effect, he chants “BGWJJILLIGKKK”
- Uses a telephone to debunk another magician’s claim that he knows what everybody is doing at every moment
- He and King Arthur are captured as slaves, but are rescued by the other members of the Round Table on bicycles
- Kills several knights with a revolver
- With electric fences, mines, and battling guns, they are able to defeat 30,000 soldiers
- Hank marries Sandy

Pudd'nhead Wilson

- Roxy is a slave
- Gives birth to Valet de Chambre (“Chambers”)
- Switches him with her master’s son Tom Driscoll
- Chambers becomes spoiled as a white person
- Tom steals and kills his wealthy uncle, blaming it on two visiting Italians twins, Luigi and Angelo Capello
- David “Pudd’nhead” Wilson via fingerprints reveals their true lineages and that Tom is guilty of murder
- Tom (Chambers) is then sold down the river to help pay off the family’s debt

"The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County"

- Narrator visits the bartender Simon Wheeler to ask if he knows anything about Leonidas W Smiley
- Simon then tells a story about Jim Smiley instead
- Jim catches a frog which he makes Dan’l Webster

- Teaches him to jump, and nets \$40 to others that he can out jump any other frog
- A stranger comes and says that he would take the bet if he had a frog, so while Jim finds him a frog, the stranger pours lead shot down Dan'l's throat
- Wins and Jim realizes he has been cheated when he picks up Dan'l
- Narrator then decides to leave, and Simon asks if he wants to hear a story about Jim's one-eyed, stubby tailed cow, but leaves anyway

King Leopold's Soliloquy

- Political satire condemning Belgian Congo, structured as a monologue by King Leopold
- Mentions reports from William Henry Sheppard about the Zappo Zaps

The Innocents Abroad

- Twain's "Great Pleasure Excursion" to Europe and the Middle East aboard the Quaker City

The Prince and the Pauper

- Tom Canty and young Edward VI switch places
- Edward tries to convince soldier Miles Hendon that it is really him, but the soldier doesn't believe him
- Witnessed the injustices that happen to the lower class, and vows to reign with justice
- Proves he is the heir by providing the Seal of England
- Rules justly and Tom is made Earl

The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today

- Silas "Si" Hawkins
 - Family fails to sell their land
- Philip Sterling
- Henry Brierly
- Escol Sellers
 - Unscrupulous business man
 - Had to be changed when actual person with that name objected
- Co-authored with Charles Dudley Warner
 - Each wrote about a half of the book
 - Critics compared it to badly mixed salad dressing

The American Claimant

- Says there will be no mention of the weather, then provides an appendix of all the weather
- Colonel Mulberry Sellers
 - Invents the game "Pigs in the Clover"
 - Same character as Escol Sellers in The Gilded Age

A Horse's Tale

- Main character Cathy Alison is based on his daughter Susan

The Mysterious Stranger

- No 44, the Mysterious Stranger: Being an Ancient Tale Found in a Jug and Freely Translated from the Jug
- Unfinished novel
- Theodor, Seppi, and Nikolaus live in the town of Eseldorf (Assville), Austria
- Visited by a boy named Satan, the nephew of the biblical Satan
- Warns them of unfortunate events that will happen to those they care about, but when he agrees to help, he only does so in the most technical way possible
- Ends on a nihilistic note and reflects Twain's idea of the real vs dream self
- Finished by Albert Bigelow Paine, who received Twain's works upon his death

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc

"The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg"

- Mr and Mrs Richardson worry over a bag of gold
- “My Platonic Sweetheart”
- Girl who appeared in recurring dreams
- Used pen names “Thomas Jefferson Snodgrass” and “Josh”
- Lost money on investments on typewriters
- Part of Anti-Imperialist League

Sigrid Undset- Norwegian 1882-1949

Kristin Lavrandsdatter

- Trilogy about life in Norway during Middle Ages
- The Wreath
- The Wife
- The Cross

Jenny

- Jenny is an artist who travels to Rome for inspiration
- Later commits suicide

Gunnar's Daughter

- Vigdis Gunnarsdatter is raped by her lover Viga-Ljot

The Master of Hestviken

- The Axe
- The Snake Pit
- In the Wilderness
- The Son Avenger

Nobel 1928

John Updike- American 1932-2009

Rabbit, Run

- Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom
- High school basketball star that starts novel as a kitchen gadget (Magi-Peel) salesman
- Miriam, his sister
- Janice, his wife
- Tired of life, and “escapes”, having a dinner with old basketball coach Marty Tothero
- Ruth Leonard, prostitute that he lives with for 2 months
 - Leaves her when he finds out she slept with his high school nemesis Ronnie Harrison
 - Ronnie also slept with Margaret Kosko
- Jack Eccles, Episcopal priest that convinces him to move back with wife
- Turns down offer from Jack’s wife Lucy for coffee, misreading it as a sexual advance
- Gets angry and masturbates on Janice’s back
- Drunken Janice drowns their daughter Rebecca Judy
- Ends with Ruth being pregnant with Harry’s child
- Fritz Kruppenbach, Lutheran minister

Rabbit Redux

Rabbit is Rich

Rabbit at Rest

Rabbit Remembered

Memories of the Ford Administration

- Alf Clayton
- History professor working on book about James Buchanan
- Struggles to decide between wife Nora “The Queen of Disorder”, or faculty mistress

Genevieve "The Perfect Wife"

The Witches of Eastwick

The Widows of Eastwick

- Alexandra Spofford, Jane Smart, Sukie Rougemont, three witches
- Darryl Van Horne seduces them, growing their powers
- Then dates Jenny, invoking their jealousy, and they give Jenny cancer

The Centaur

- George Caldwell longs for glory of football and WW1, echoing themes of Rabbit series

Of the Farm

- Joey Robinson
- Visits his widowed mother on her farm in rural Pennsylvania
- Peggy, his wife

Roger's Version

- Roger Lambert, professor of theology
- Student Dale thinks he can prove the existence of God with a computer program

The Same Door

- "Ace in the Hole"
 - Ideas are a precursor to Rabbit
- "Who Made Yellow Roses Yellow"
 - Fred Platt calls Clayton Thomas for a job
 - Talks to girls who make a point not to end sentence in a preposition, so Fred makes a point to do that
- "A Trillion Feet of Gas"
 - John Born and Donald King discuss a gas bill that passed
 - Discusses lobbying practices
 - Wonder about how many zeroes are in a trillion

Pigeon Feathers

- "A&P"
 - Sammy, clerk at A&P store
 - Checks out three women in bathing suits that walk in
 - Queenie, Plaid, and Big Tall Goony Goony
 - When his boss admonishes them for their lack of proper attire, Sammy resigns on the spot, but the girls do not notice

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Mario Vargas Llosa- Peruvian 1936

Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter

- Mario (based on Vargas Llosa)
- Works for Panamerica radio station
- Falls in love with Julia, his uncle's sister who is recently divorced
- They hire Pedro Camacho to write scripts for the soap operas they produce

The Time of the Hero

- Set in Leoncio Prado Military Academy
- Alberto, "The Poet"
- Ricardo Arana, "The Slave"
- Jaguar, the leader of their gang known as "The Circle"
- They plan to steal the chemistry exam, but are caught because of a broken window
- Ricardo is shot during training, and it is ruled an accidental death although Alberto thinks it was Jaguar's bullet

Conversation in the Cathedral

- Santiago Zavala and Ambrosio meet in a dog pound, then head to a bar to talk
- Discuss the problem with Manuel Odria's dictatorship of Peru
- Asks at what precise moment had Peru fucked itself up

Jules Verne- French 1828-1905

Journey to the Center of the Earth

- Professor Otto Lidenbrock
- Decrypts a runic script in Heimskringla, which points him to a volcano
 - Located under the "shadow of Scartaris"
- Along with Axel and Hans, they travel inside of it
- Discover ancient megafauna

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas

- Narrated by Professor Pierre Aronnax, a marine biologist
- Joined by Ned Land and Conseil aboard the Abraham Lincoln, in order to attack a sea monster
- It turns out to be a submarine, and they are taken inside
- Captain Nemo, the captain of the Nautilus
 - Formerly known as Prince Dakkar
 - Motto is "Mobilis in mobili", with a large golden N
 - Saves a pearl diver
- They escape from a maelstorm (whirlpool)

The Mysterious Island

- Sequel to Twenty Thousand Leagues
- Captain Nemo saves a group of people stranded on Lincoln Island
- Cyrus Smith, the Union engineer
- Top, the dog, which is rescued from a dugong
- Juptier ("Jup"), an orangutan that dies during a volcano eruption

Around the World in Eighty Days

Kurt Vonnegut- American 1922-2007

Slaughterhouse Five

- Billy Pilgrim
 - Survives bombing of Dresden
 - Marries Valencia Merble
 - Becomes "unstuck in time", traveling to the future and past
 - Abducted by Tralfmadore aliens
 - Placed in zoo with porn star Montana Wildhack
 - Survives plane crash in Vermont
 - Stays in hospital with Bertram Rumfoord
- Elliot Rosewater introduces him to science fiction writer Kilgore Trout
- Paul Lazzaro seeks revenge on Billy to avenge death of Roland Weary
 - Shoots a Billy with a laser gun after his speech in baseball stadium
 - Revenge "is the sweetest thing in life"

Player Piano

- Paul Proteus becomes a critic of the automation of society
- Joins friend Ed Finnerty in these sentiments
- They both join Lasher as part of the "Ghost Shirt Society"

- Lead a rebellion that destroys many of the machines and factories, but are stopped by military
- Illium, New York is the “Homestead”, where lower class is separated from engineers and managers

Cat's Cradle

- Felix Hoenikker
 - Invents ice-nine
 - Plays Cat's Cradle when atom bomb is dropped
- Narrator travels to San Lorenzo
- Bokomonism is a secretly practiced religion there
- Those found out are impaled on large hook
- Papa Monzano offers presidency to Frank, Felix's son, then to narrator
- Drinks ice nine, dying
- Corpse is placed in ocean, freezing all the seas, causing natural disasters
- Narrator, Frank, and Newt hide underground

Welcome to the Monkey House

- "Harrison Bergeron"
 - Escapes the handicaps, along with the ballerina on TV
 - Kisses her and makes them Emperor and Empress
 - Kiss in mid air
 - Killed by Diana Moon Glampers, the Handicapper General, with shotgun
 - Parents go back to watching TV
- "Who Am I This Time"
 - Helene Shaw falls in love with Harry Nash's character, not him
 - "mouse traps" (twist endings)
- "Welcome to the Monkey House"
 - Billy the Poet kidnaps and rapes Nancy McLuhan
 - Is a Nothinghead, who does not use gov required drugs
 - Gives her actual birth control
 - Nancy McLuhan
 - Works in Ethical Suicide Parlor
 - Takes ethical birth control
 - Developed by man who saw monkey masturbating
- “EPICAC”
 - Narrator's marriage proposal to mathematician Pat Kilgallen is rejected because it is too stoic
 - Asks supercomputer ENICAC to help write poems
 - Passed them off as his, and marries Pat
 - ENICAC falls in love with Pat, but destroys itself when it realizes she will never love him back
 - Prints out 500 poems before its death as anniversary presents from the narrator

God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater

- Elliot Rosewater donates lots of his money

Breakfast of Champions

- Kilgore Trout tells Dwayne Hoover that he is the only person with free will, the others are all machines
- He believes this, and beats many others until taken into custody
- Vonnegut appears in story as “Creator of the Universe”

Hocus Pocus

- Eugene Debs Hartke
 - Figures out that the number of people he killed and had sex with are the same
 - Becomes warden of a prison

Mother Night

- Howard Campbell is tried in Israel for Nazi propaganda

Fates Worse Than Death

A Man Without a Country

Armageddon in Retrospect

- Published by son Mark after death

Palm Sunday

- Autobiographic collection
- Grades his work, giving it a C

Alice Walker- American 1944

The Color Purple

- Celie
 - Writes letters to God because her father Alphonso beats and rapes her
 - Gives birth to Adam and Olivia, both abducted by Alphonso
 - Marries Mister, who abuses her
- Sister Nettie
 - Visits, and Celie instructs her to get help from black woman in general store
 - Her letters are hidden by Mister, but it turns out she is doing missionary work for Samuel and Corrine
 - Finds out their real father was a successful business owner who was lynched
- Mister's son Harpo marries Sofia
 - Celie convinces him to beat her out of jealousy, then apologizes
 - Sofia then leaves
 - Sofia knocks the teeth out of Harpo's new girlfriend Squeak
 - Sofia gets in fight with mayor's wife Miss Millie after she insults her
 - Responds "hell no" to an offer to be his maid
 - Beaten horribly and jailed for 12 years
- Squeak
 - Demands to be called "Mary Agnes" after being raped by Sheriff Hodges, her uncle
- Shug Avery, jazz musician and Mister's mistress visits
 - Stays so that Celie isn't beaten
 - Performs at Harpo's juke joint
 - Married to Grady
 - Tells Celie that God is an "it", not a "who" after she begins to lose faith
 - Falls in love with Germaine
 - "I think it pisses God off if you walk past the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it"
- Adam marries Tashi
 - Undergoes circumcision and facial scarring in solidarity with new wife
- Ends with family reunion on July 4th

Possessing the Secret of Joy

- Focuses on Adam and Tashi's circumcisions from end of The Color Purple
- M'Lissa

- Carries out the surgeries, and is killed by Tashi
 - Member of Olinka tribe
- Dura
 - Tashi's sister that bled to death after her's
- Carl Gustav Jung (Mzee)
 - Therapist

Meridian

- Meridian Hill becomes active in Civil Rights Movement
- Impregnated by Truman Held
- Friend Lynne Rabinowitz

The Third Life of Grange Copeland

- Grange abandons sharecropping and heads North to the Dew Drop Inn
- Son Brownfield, marries then kills Mem

In Search of Our Mothers' Garden

- :Womanist Prose
- Coins terms "womanist"

Looking for Zora

- Looking for unmarked tomb of Zora Neale Hurston
- Pretends to be her niece

In Love and Troubles: Stories of Black Women

- "Everyday Use"
 - Mama
 - Shy daughter Maggie
 - Dee
 - Beautiful and educated daughter that comes back to visit
 - Married to Hakim-a-barber
 - Changes her name to Wangero Leewanika Kemanjo to fight against white-washing of culture
 - Dee wants the quilt to hang up as art and preserve culture
 - Mama would rather have Maggie use it practically even if it "ends up in rags"

Influenced modern black feminism

David Foster Wallace- American

Infinite Jest

- North America coalesces into a super state
- Years named after companies bid on rights
 - Takes place in the "Year of the Depend Adult Undergarment"
- President Johnny Gentle, a clean freak who wants to clean up the state
 - Most of NE US becomes a hazardous dump, and this "Great Concavity" is "gifted" to Canada
- The Wheelchair Assassins plan coup
- "The Entertainment", a video that causes anybody who watches it to become obsessed and watch it until they die
 - Created by James Incandenza
- Takes place at the Enfield Tennis Academy

The Pale King

- Posthumous

The Broom of the System

- First novel

Girl with the Curious Hair

Brief Interviews with Hideous Men

A Supposedly Funny Thing I'll Never Do Again

- "Tennis, Trigonometry, and Tornadoes"
- "E Unibus Pluram"
 - Effect of tv on culture
- "Getting Away From Being Pretty Much Away from it All"
 - His experience at the Illinois State Fair
- "David Lynch Keeps his Head"
- "A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again"
 - Experience aboard a luxury Caribbean cruise
 - Aboard the MV Zenith

Consider the Lobster

- Series of essays
- "Big Red Son"
 - Chronicles his experience of the AVN awards in Vegas
- "Authority and American Usage"
 - Talks about Ebonics
- "The View from Mrs. Thompson's"
 - Discusses his experience of 9-11 attacks from Illinois
- "How Tracy Austin Broke My Heart"
 - Disdain for the tennis player's autobiography and ghost written sports books in general
- "Up, Simba"
 - John McCain's presidential run
- "Consider the Lobster"
 - Discusses ethics of boiling lobsters alive
- "Joseph Frank's Dostoyevsky"
 - Review of Frank's biography of Dostoyevsky

This is Water

- Commencement speech

Committed suicide

Izaak Walton- English 1593-1683

The Compleat Angler

- Celebration of fishing in prose and verse

Walton's Lives

- Biographies
- Henry Wotton
 - "An ambassador is an honest gentleman sent to lie abroad for the good of his country"

Charles Dudley Warner- American 1829-1900

The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today

- Co-authored with Twain

My Summer in a Garden

Robert Penn Warren- American 1905-1989

All the King's Men

- Narrator Jack Burden
 - "Great Twitch" philosophy after love Anne Stanton sleeps with Stark
- Political rise of Willie Stark
 - Former lawyer, who was based off of Huey Long

Claire Vaye Watkins- American 1984

Gold Fame Citrus

- Drought hits California

Evelyn Waugh- English

Decline and Fall

- Paul Pennyfeather
- Kicked out of Oxford after running around naked because of the Bollinger Club
- Marries Mrs Margot Beste-Chetwynde
- Takes the blame for his wife's brothels in South America

A Handful of Dust

- Tony Last
- Brenda, his wife
 - Becomes bored with him, and begins affair with Mr Beaver
 - When Tony agrees to a divorce without financial settlement, Beaver becomes disinterested
 - Doesn't want to lose Hetton Abbey
- Leaves for the Amazon
- Meets Thérèse de Vitre on his travel there
 - She rejects him because she is a Roman Catholic and he is divorced
- Meets Dr Messinger
 - Falls over waterfall and dies, on the only canoe they had
- Meets Mr Todd
 - Holds him captive and forces him to read Dickens

Brideshead Revisited

- Charles Ryder
 - Architectural painter and soldier
- Friends with Sebastian Flyte
 - Meets him by throwing up in his window at Oxford
 - Carried around a teddy bear named Aloysius
 - Becomes nomadic and alcoholic
- Has a relationship with Julia Flyte
 - Divorces Celia to marry her
 - She was originally married to Rex Mottram
 - Had to get married in secret because he was Roman Catholic and divorced
- Both from English Catholic Flyte family
 - Own the Brideshead Castle
- Lord Marchmain
- First section "Et In Arcadia Ego"
 - From skull found in his dorm room

Andy Weir- American 1972

The Martian

Artemis

- Jazz Bashara

HG Wells- English 1866-1946

The Time Machine

- Begins with the Time Traveller at a dinner party
 - Medicine Man, Journalist, Filby, and Psychologist who pulls the lever
- Explains to the guest about his machine and how time is just a fourth dimension
- First travels 5 hours into future, then to 802,701 AD
- Meets Eloi, a peaceful but dull and stupid race of people
 - Think he is referencing thunder when he points to the sun
 - Fear the dark
- Can't find his time machine, which he thinks is under the Sphinx
- Attacked by ape-like Morlocks
- Befriends Weena, an Eloi he saved from drowning in a well
- They travel to the Palace of Green Porcelain
 - An old museum where he restocks on matches and gets a weapon to fight the Morlocks
- Fire he started burns down the forest, escaping Morlocks but killing Weena
- Travels further in time, watching giant crabs chase giant butterflies
- Even further when sun becomes redder and life becomes frozen
- Travels back to dinner party, and pulls out two white flowers from Weena to prove his journey to the guests
- "The Grey Man" section was deleted

The Invisible Man

- Griffin, scientist who learns how to turn himself invisible
- Employs Thomas Marvel as an assistant
 - Tries to kill him after Thomas betrays him
- Takes shelter at Dr. Kemp's house after a gunshot wound
 - Old med school classmate
- Goes after Dr. Kemp, but is beaten to death by citizens

The War of the Worlds

- Alien invasion of London
- Aliens attack with tripods
- Use black smoke and heat rays
- Destroy the HMS Thunder Child
- Eventually killed by earthly bacteria
- Red weed from Mars spreads near water
- Oglivy is killed while approaching aliens with white flag
- Narrator kills curate after he his uncontrollable screaming

The Island of Doctor Moreau

- Robert Prendick is stuck on island after shipwreck
- Left there with Montgomery and his servant M'ling
- Dr. Moreau is a mad scientist who creates animal/man beasts by vivisection
- Hyena-Swine, Leopard-Man
- Sayer of the Law
 - "Are we not men?"

- Moreau is killed by beast folk and Prendick escapes on a raft

The First Men in the Moon

- Businessman Bedford
- Scientist Cavor
- Invention of anti-gravitational cavorite let's them travel to the moon
- Meet advanced insect-like Selenites
- Bedford leaves, and revived radio transmissions from Cavor before he cuts out

The Shape of Things to Come

- Predicts future of society
- WWII leaves countries destroyed, and plague ravaged Europe
- Predicted bombings of large cities
- Replaced by a "Dictatorship of the Air"
- Replaced languages with English, and abolished religion

When the Sleeper Wakes

- Graham ("The Sleeper")
- Awakes 203 years later to find he is the richest man in the world

Ann Veronica

- Ann Veronica
- Forbidden from attending dance by father Mr. Stanley, so she leaves
- Borrowed money from Mr. Ramage, who tries to take advantage of her
- Falls in love with Capes while studying biology
- Marries him

The Outline of History

- History from creation of earth to First World War

The Country of the Blind and Other Stories

- "The Country of the Blind"
 - Nunez finds new new civilization while attempting to climb mountain
 - Everybody there is blind
 - Houses are all windowless
 - Tries to become "king" but they ridicule him for talking about sight
 - Falls in love with Medina-Sarote, daughter of Yacob
 - Flees after they suggest to remove his diseased eyes
- "The Red Room"
 - Character explores the red room
 - Tries to stay calm, but after candles and fires go out, he gets into a tussle (possibly with just himself) and becomes bloody
 - Is rescued from elderly people from the night before
 - Declares the room is haunted by fear itself

The History of Mr. Polly

- Alfred Polly marries Mariam Larkin

Tono-Bungay

- George Ponderevo sells patent medicine
- Tries to save uncle Edward by stealing "quap" from West Africa

Rebecca West- British 1892-1983

Black Lamb and Grey Falcon

- History of Yugoslavia

A Train of Powder

- Coverage of Nuremberg trials

The Return of the Soldier

Aubrey Trilogy

- The Fountain Overflows
 - Narrated by Rose Aubrey
 - Family involvement with murder trial and encounter with poltergeist
- This Real Night
- Cousin Rosamund

Edith Wharton-American 1862-1937

Ethan Frome

- Ethan Frome
- Zeena Frome, his sickly wife
- Mattie Silver, Zeena's cousin who helps care for her
- Mattie and Ethan develops feelings
- Cat breaks Zeena's red pickle dish
- Zeena makes Mattie leave
- Mattie and Ethan form suicide pact, sledding into tree
 - "Smash-up" that leaves Ethan crippled and Mattie paralyzed
- Ends with them together, being taken care of by Zeena
- Frame story
- Takes place in Starkfield, Massachusetts

Age of Innocence

- Newland Archer
- Engaged to May Welland, but falls for her cousin Ellen Olenski
- Ellen Olenski
 - Married to a Polish Count
 - Takes care of her grandmother in NYC
 - Leaves for Europe after hearing May is pregnant
- Visits Ellen 26 years later
 - Doesn't go up, instead only sends son Dallas up
- Mingott and Van Der Luyden families
- Julius Beaufort's bank fails, causing Mrs. Mingott to have a stroke

The House of Mirth

- Lily Bart
- 29 year old New York socialite who needs to marry
- Spends early life in care of Julia Peniston
- Percy Grace, a suitor she finds boring
- Has a relationship with Lawrence Sheldon
- Rejects the proposal of Simon Rosedale, a Jewish businessman
- Bertha Dorset
- Dies of chloral overdose, leaving behind check to pay debt to Gus Trenor

The Custom of the Country

- Undine Spragg

Roman Fever

- Mrs. Slade forges letter to get Mrs Ansley to the Colosseum
 - Thinks that her "delicate throat" would get Roman Fever
- Mrs. Ansley reveals Barbara is Delphin's kid after the letter

Bunner Sisters

Patrick White- Australian 1912-1990

Voss

- Johann Ulrich Voss sets out to traverse the Outback
- Belle Radclyffe hosts a party and unveils a statue on the day of his return
 - Attended by Laura Trevelyan and Mr Judd, who went on the expedition with him

Riders in the Chariot

- Four strangers are united over their vision of a chariot from the Book of Ezekiel

The Vivisector

- Hurtle Duffield, a struggling artist
- Stroke causes partial paralysis, and so he creates one final piece (the Vivisector) to honor God with the help of his protégé Don Lethbridge
- Takes inspiration from Olivia Davenport, Hero Pavloussi, and Kathy Volkov

Only Australian Nobel

Colson Whitehead- American 1969

The Underground Railroad

- Historical fiction
- Cora and Caesar

The Intuitionist

- Lila Mae Watson inspects elevator that fails days later
- Intuitionist vs Empiricists
- "Black Box" perfect elevator

John Henry Days

Apex Hides the Hunt

Sag Harbor

Zone One

The Colossus of New York

- Nonfiction

Elie Wiesel- Romanian Jewish 1928-2016

Night

- Moshe the Beadle warns them, but they don't heed his advice
- Survival in Auschwitz and Buchenwald
- Hanging of a boy is symbolic for his death of God and loss of faith
- Feels shame for wanting father to die, so he can focus on his own survival
- Does nothing as his father is beaten in bunk below him
- Originally "And the World Remained Silent"

Dawn

Day

Joy Williams- American 1944

The Changeling

State of Grace

Owen Wister- American 1860-1938

The Virginian

- First western ever written

- Focuses on cowboy in Wyoming

Tom Wolfe- American 1930-2018

The Bonfire of the Vanities

- Sherman McCoy
 - Wall Street bond trader
 - While traveling back with his mistress Maria Ruskin, she hits Henry Lamb, a young black boy
- Tommy Killian, his lawyer
- Larry Kramer
 - Opponent, who advocated for high bail to attract Shelley Thomas
- Peter Fallow
 - Alcoholic journalist for City Light who covers the crime
- Abe Weiss
 - DA that pushes for his arrest
- Satirical drama

The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test

- Follows Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters
- Acid Test LSD parties
- Colorfully painted school bus named Furthur
- Tried to meet with Timothy Leary

Radical Chic & Mau-Mauing the Flak Catchers

- First piece details Leonard Bernstein and his meeting with the Black Panthers to help their cause
- Second piece focuses on the irony and corruptness of anti-poverty programs

The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby

- Essay collection
- "Last American Hero"
 - Junior Johnson, NASCAR driver

The Right Stuff

- Chronicles the Mercury Seven astronauts

I am Charlotte Simmons

- Sex and status relationships at Dupont University
- Charlotte Simons
 - Roommate Beverly
- Hoyt Thorpe
 - Member of powerful frat
 - He and Vance see California gov receiving oral sex
 - Beat up the bodyguard and flee
 - Takes advantage of Charlotte and takes her virginity
- Jojo Johanssen
 - Star basketball player
 - Ends up with Charlotte at the end, who finally feels happy with the status of dating a star athlete
- Adam Gellin
 - Tutor who does Jojo's homework
 - Reports the incident of governor
 - "The Night of the Skullfuck"

- Accused of plagiarizing one of Jojo's papers
- Turned in to bring down basketball team, but then saved to help destroy governor
- Dates Charlotte after she is disgraced by Hoyt

Back to Blood

- Cuban immigrants in Miami Florida

A Man in Full

- Fareek "The Cannon" Fanon's alleged rape of white girl prompts race riots in Atlanta

The Purple Decades

- Nonfiction collection

From Bauhaus to Our House

- Narrative of Modern architecture
- Similar

Mauve Gloves and Madmen, Clutter & Vine

- "Pornoviolence"
 - Criticized the graphic description of violence that led to a sensationally satisfied audience and distracted from quality literature
 - Focused on Capote's In Cold Blood
- "The 'Me' Decade and the Third Great Awakening"

"Stalking the Billion-Footed Beast"

- Criticizes the shift away from realism to absurdism, magical realism, and postmodernism

Associated with New Journalism

Had a trademark white suit

Thomas Wolfe- American 1900-1938

Look Homeward, Angel

Of Time and the River

You Can't Go Home Again

The Web and the Rock

Virginia Woolf- English 1882-1941

To the Lighthouse

- Part 1: The Window
- Ramsey's summer home in Hebrides, on the Isle of Skye
- Lily Briscoe
 - Tries to paint the Mrs Ramsey and son James
 - Also illustrates "The Charge of the Light Brigade"
- Charles Tansley claims women cant paint nor write
- Augustus Carmichael asks for more soup but is snapped at by Mrs Ramsay
- Paul Rayley and Minta Doyle
 - Arrive late, because Minta lost grandmother's brooch on the beach
- Part 2: Time Passes
- Mrs Ramsey and her two kids Prue and Andrew die
- Partly told from perspective of Mrs. McNab, who worked in Ramsey house
- Part 3: The Lighthouse
- They travel to the lighthouse in a boat
- Macalister and his son come along to catch fish
 - Use caught fish flesh as bait
- Mr Ramsey compares human achievement to alphabet, but gets stuck at Q

The Voyage Out

- Rachel Vinrace
 - Journey to South America
- First appearance of Clarissa Dalloway
- St John Hirst
 - Inspired by Lytton Strachey, member of Bloomsbury Group
- Helen Ambrose
 - Inspired by Vanessa Bell, her sister

Mrs Dalloway

- Clarissa Dalloway gets ready to host party
 - Reflects on marriage to Richard Dalloway, instead of Peter Walsh
 - "had not the option" to marry Sally Seton
 - Daughter Elizabeth, and her schoolteacher Mrs. Kilman
 - High Whitbread, an obnoxious acquaintance
 - Hears about the death of Septimus at her party
- Septimus Smith
 - WWI veteran with shell shock
 - Referred to William Bradshaw by Dr Holmes
 - Commits suicide by jumping out of window
 - Has hallucinations of friend Evans who died in the war
 - Married to Italian-born Lucrezia

Orlando

- :A Biography
- Orlando
- Falls in love with Sasha
- Houses Nicholas Greene, invidious poetaster
 - Eventually helps her publish The Oak Tree
- Archduchesses Harriet, his suitor
 - Later transforms into Archduke Harry
- Wakes up to find he has transformed into a woman
- Flashes her ankle, almost leading to a death of a sailor
 - "Praise God I'm a woman!"
- Marries Marmaduke Bonthorp Shelmerdine
- Ends with "It's the goose! The wild goose!"
- Inspired by affair with Vita Sackville-West

A Room of One's Own

- Judith Shakespeare
- "Chloe liked Olivia"
 - Shows how interactions between fictional females are simple

The Waves

- Percival dies in India

Flush

- :A Biography
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning's cocker spaniel

The Years

- Pargiter family

Between the Acts

- Bartholomew Oliver

- Set during annual pageant

Member of Bloomsbury Group

Founded Hogarth Press with husband Leonard

Richard Wright- American 1908-1960

Native Son

- Bigger Thomas
- Kills rat with skillet, and terrorizes his sister Vera with it
- Interviews for job with Mr. Dalton, a white man
- Plans a robbery of Blum's deli with friends Gus, GH, and Jack
- Bigger attacks Gus in a poolroom, forcing him to lick his blade
- Talks to Dalton's daughter Mary
 - Asks him why he doesn't belong to a union
- Peggy, Dalton's Irish cook
 - Warns him to avoid Mary's communist friends
- Chauffeur for Mary and her boyfriend Jan Erlone
 - Takes them to Charlie's Kitchen Shack
- Carries intoxicated Mary to her bed, and gives her a kiss
- Doesn't want to be seen with her in her bedroom, so puts pillow on her face while blind mother walks in
- Accidentally suffocated her, so decapitates her and burns her in the furnace
- Mr. Britten hired as detective
- Leaves a fake ransom note signed "Reds"
- They uncover Mary's bones and her earring when cleaning the furnace
- Confessed his crime to girlfriend Bessie Mears
- Rapes her, kills her with a brick, and throws her down air shaft
- Lawyer Boris Max
- Sentenced to death, but accepts his fate
- Divided into sections Fear, Flight, and Fate
- Critiques by Baldwin, and Ira Berlin in Many Thousand's Gone

Uncle Tom's Children

- Collection of novellas
- "The Ethics of Living Jim Crow"
 - Talks about the question "How do Negroes feel about the way they have to live?"
- "Big Boy Leaves Home"
 - Big Boy, Bobo, Lester, and Buck go to swimming hole
 - Woman sees them and screams for husband, thinking she is being attacked
 - Husband Jim shoots and kills Lester and Buck
 - Big Boy hides, while Bobo is tarred and feathered
 - Big Boy is picked up by Will in a truck
- "Down by the Riverside"
 - Mann
 - Wife Lulu is giving childbirth during a flood
 - Friend Bob sell's their donkey to get money for boat, but gives them a stolen boat instead
 - While taking it through town, the boat's owner, Heartfield recognizing him
 - Mann kills him first, then rows Lulu, Peewee, and Grannie to Red Cross Hospital
 - Mann and a boy named Brinkley are told to save family

- Turns out to be Heartfields
- Boy outs him as his father's murderer, and he is shot
- "Long Black Song"
 - Sarah is raped by white man selling her a graphophone
 - Husband Silas kills him, then many more in a mob as they set fire to his house
- "Fire and Cloud"
 - Taylor, a preacher
 - Debates whether or not to participate in communist march
 - Kidnapped by whites, whipped in forest, and forced to recite the Lord's Prayer
 - After this, he knows the march must go on
- "Bright and Morning Star"
 - Sue shoots a sheriff with a gun wrapped in a white blanket
 - Her and son Johnny-Boy are killed

"The Man Who Was Almost a Man"

- Dave Saunders
- Wants to be seen as a man, so decides to buy a gun
- Fat Joe sells him a left hand Wheeler for \$2
- Asks mother for his money he earned plowing Mr. Hawkins's fields
- Accidentally shoots Jenny, Mr. Hawkins's mule
- Tries to stuff wound with dirt
- Instructed to pay him back, \$2 a month for 25 months
- Flees on a train

"The Man Who Lived Underground"

- Fred Daniels lives in the sewers to escape accusation of murder

The Outsider

- Cross Damon
- Commits four murders
- Sentenced to death by Law
- Asked how his life was and replies "it was horrible"

Black Boy

- Memoir about involvement with Communist Party
 - Left Front magazine
- Sets fire to his house
- "Southern Night" and "The Horror and the Glory"

The Color Curtain

- His impression of the Bandung Conference

The God that Failed

- Collection with other authors about disillusionment with communism

Many works set in Mississippi

Gao Xingjian- Chinese 1940

The Other Shore

Soul Mountain

- "You"
 - Seeks out the elusive mountain Lingshan
 - Forms relationship with "She"
- "I"
 - Academic with lung cancer

- Travels to Sichuan

One Man's Bible

- During cultural revolution
- Narrator has affairs with Margarethe, Sylvie, and Lin

The Bus Stop

- Characters waiting for at bus stop, but it never stops for them
- The Silent Man
- The Old Man
- The Girl
- The Hothead
- The Carpenter
- Glasses
- Director Ma
 - Bribes bus with cigarettes, but it still doesn't stop
- They realize they've been waiting for 10 years, and then decide to walk into the city

Buying a Fishing Rod for My Grandfather

- "The Temple"
- "In the Park"
- "Cramp"
- "The Accident"
- "In an Instant"
- "Buying a Fishing Rod for My Grandfather"

Émigré to Paris

2000 Nobel

Lu Xun- Chinese 1881-1936

A Madmen's Diary

- Man is paranoid that his family and neighbors are cannibals
- Sees "Eat People" written in old Chinese book
- Ends with him saying "save the children..."

The True Story of Ah Q

- Ah Q has "spiritual victories", where he believes he wins or is better but actually suffers from abuse by others
- Has a ringworm scar that turns red when angry
- Slapped in the face by Mr. Zhao
- Is jealous of Whiskers Wang's beard
- Assaults a nun who says "may you die son-less"
- Executed during the revolutions
 - Worried about signing the perfect circle
 - Tries to recite chinese opera lines, but fails

A Call to Arms

Important figure in New Culture

Yevgeny Zamyatin- Russian 1884-1937

We

- Political satire based on Communist Party
- First work banned by Soviets

Emile Zola- French 1840-1902

Accuse

- Front page article accusing the government of anti-semitism and the unlawful hailing of Alfred Dreyfus

Les Rougon-Macquart

- Cycle of 20 novels of two titular families during Second French Empire
- "The Fortune of the Rougons"
- Adelaide Fouque ("Tante Dide")
- "Doctor Pascal"
- "Nana"
- Nana Coupeau
- Prostitute who financially ruins many suitors before dying of smallpox
- "Germinal"
- Etienne Lantier
- Moves to Montsou to become a coal miner
- Befriends Maheu
- Gets entangled into relationship with Catherine (Maheu's daughter) and her lover Chaval
- Leads a miner rebellion, and the army has to suppress them
- Souvarine then seals the three in the mine with a rock, but they eventually escape
- Befriends Souvarine, a Russian anarchist, and shares his view
- Focus on genetics is important for Zola
 - Étienne has acquired his personality from the Macquart family

Thérèse Raquin

- Lives with Madame Raquin, her aunt
- Marries Camille, her son
- Has an affair with Laurent, his friend
- Want to be together so badly that they drown Camille
 - Bites Laurent on his neck before he dies
- Both becomes extremely paranoid and start to resent each other
 - Laurent gives up art and visits the mortuary often
- Madame Raquin suffers strokes and becomes paralyzed
- Manages to point to words on a table during dominoes, trying to signal that they killed Camille, but instead says that they take care of her well
- Camille and Laurent both try to kill each other, find out their plan, break down, then commit suicide with poison pills
- Earliest work of naturalism

The Experimental Novel

- Advocates for naturalism

Stefan Zweig- Austrian 1881-1942

The Royal Game

- Dr. B is isolated in Nazi camp
- Memorizes every move of chess book
- Develops two personalities, Black and White, so he can play against himself
- Drives himself insane
- Insanity exempts him from recapture by Nazis
- Beats world champion Czentovic on cruise
- Czentovic demands rematch, playing so slowly that it drives Dr B to madness