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1	Moby Dick	Herman Melville	1851	United States	English	Adventure, Fiction
2	Ulysses	James Joyce	1922	Ireland	English	Modernist Fiction
3	Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy	1878	Russia	Russian	Realist Fiction
4	Blood Meridian	Cormac McCarthy	1985	United States	English	Western, Historical Fiction
5	One Hundred Years of Solitude	Gabriel García Márquez	1967	Colombia	Spanish	Magical Realism
6	The Brothers Karamazov	Fyodor Dostoevsky	1880	Russia	Russian	Philosophical Fiction
7	Ficciones	Jorge Luis Borges	1944	Argentina	Spanish	Short Stories, Speculative Fiction
8	2666	Roberto Bolaño	2004	Chile	Spanish	Postmodern Fiction
9	Lolita	Vladimir Nabokov	1955	United States	English	Psychological Fiction
10	Hamlet	William Shakespeare	1603	England	English	Tragedy
11	In Search of Lost Time	Marcel Proust	1913-1927	France	French	Modernist Fiction
12	Gravity's Rainbow	Thomas Pynchon	1973	United States	English	Postmodern Fiction
13	To the Lighthouse	Virginia Woolf	1927	England	English	Modernist Fiction
14	Beloved	Toni Morrison	1987	United States	English	Historical Fiction
15	Stoner	John Williams	1965	United States	English	Academic Novel
16	The Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro	1989	England	English	Historical Fiction
17	Don Quixote	Miguel de Cervantes	1605-1615	Spain	Spanish	Adventure, Satire
18	The Trial	Franz Kafka	1925	Austria-Hungary	German	Existential Fiction
19	The Master and Margarita	Mikhail Bulgakov	1967	Russia	Russian	Magical Realism
20	Middlemarch	George Eliot	1871-1872	England	English	Realist Fiction
21	Infinite Jest	David Foster Wallace	1996	United States	English	Postmodern Fiction
22	The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner	1929	United States	English	Southern Gothic, Modernist
23	Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	1818	England	English	Gothic Fiction, Science Fiction
24	East of Eden	John Steinbeck	1952	United States	English	Historical Fiction
25	Catch-22	Joseph Heller	1961	United States	English	Satire, War Fiction
26	The Recognitions	William Gaddis	1955	United States	English	Postmodern Fiction
27	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	1813	England	English	Romantic Fiction
28	Invisible Cities	Italo Calvino	1972	Italy	Italian	Fantasy, Philosophical Fiction
29	The Trilogy	Samuel Beckett	1951-1953	Ireland	French/English	Absurdist Fiction
30	The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien	1954-1955	England	English	Fantasy
31	The Book of the New Sun	Gene Wolfe	1980-1983	United States	English	Science Fiction, Fantasy
32	Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë	1847	England	English	Gothic Fiction
33	The Stranger	Albert Camus	1942	France	French	Existential Fiction
34	The Magic Mountain	Thomas Mann	1924	Germany	German	Philosophical Fiction
35	Giovanni's Room	James Baldwin	1956	United States	English	LGBTQ+, Literary Fiction
36	The Left Hand of Darkness	Ursula K. Le Guin	1969	United States	English	Science Fiction
37	The Neapolitan Novels	Elena Ferrante	2012-2015	Italy	Italian	Literary Fiction
38	Sátántangó	László Krasznahorkai	1985	Hungary	Hungarian	Postmodern Fiction
39	The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas	1844-1846	France	French	Adventure, Historical Fiction
40	The Obscene Bird of Night	José Donoso	1970	Chile	Spanish	Surrealism, Magical Realism
41	Austerlitz	W.G. Sebald	2001	Germany	German	Historical Fiction
42	The Name of the Rose	Umberto Eco	1980	Italy	Italian	Historical Mystery
43	The Iliad	Homer	-750 ¹	Ancient Greece	Ancient Greek	Epic Poetry
44	Lincoln in the Bardo	George Saunders	2017	United States	English	Historical Fiction
45	Les Misérables	Victor Hugo	1862	France	French	Historical Fiction
46	Septology	Jon Fosse	2019-2021	Norway	Norwegian	Literary Fiction
47	Lonesome Dove	Larry McMurtry	1985	United States	English	Western Fiction
48	The Third Policeman	Flann O'Brien	1967	Ireland	English	Absurdist Fiction
49	The Hour of the Star	Clarice Lispector	1977	Brazil	Portuguese	Novella, Philosophical Fiction
50	Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier	1938	England	English	Gothic Fiction
51	Sea of Fertility	Yukio Mishima	1965-1970	Japan	Japanese	Historical Fiction
52	Autobiography of Red	Anne Carson	1998	Canada	English	Poetry, Mythology
53	Memoirs of Hadrian	Marguerite Yourcenar	1951	France	French	Historical Fiction
54	Nightwood	Djuna Barnes	1936	United States	English	Modernist Fiction
55	Slaughterhouse-Five	Kurt Vonnegut	1969	United States	English	Satire, Science Fiction
56	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	1890	Ireland	English	Gothic Fiction
57	The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway	1926	United States	English	Literary Fiction
58	Solenoid	Mircea Cărtărescu	2015	Romania	Romanian	Philosophical Fiction
59	Faust	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	1808	Germany	German	Tragedy, Poetry

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60	Woodcutters	Thomas Bernhard	1984	Austria	German	Literary Fiction
61	The Age of Innocence	Edith Wharton	1920	United States	English	Literary Fiction
62	The Gormenghast Novels	Mervyn Peake	1946-1968	England	English	Fantasy
63	My Struggle	Karl Ove Knausgård	2009-2011	Norway	Norwegian	Autobiographical Fiction
64	Gilead	Marilynne Robinson	2004	United States	English	Literary Fiction
65	The Last Samurai	Helen DeWitt	2000	United States	English	Literary Fiction
66	Human Acts	Han Kang	2014	South Korea	Korean	Historical Fiction
67	Brideshead Revisited	Evelyn Waugh	1945	England	English	Literary Fiction
68	The Aesthetics of Resistance	Peter Weiss	1975-1981	Germany	German	Historical Fiction
69	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brontë	1847	England	English	Gothic Fiction
70	The Divine Comedy	Dante Alighieri	1320	Italy	Italian	Epic Poetry
71	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	1925	United States	English	Literary Fiction
72	Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	1952	United States	English	Literary Fiction
73	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	1951	United States	English	Coming-of-Age Fiction
74	The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath	1963	United States	English	Literary Fiction
75	Kafka on the Shore	Haruki Murakami	2002	Japan	Japanese	Magical Realism
76	The Wasteland	T.S. Eliot	1922	United States	English	Poetry
77	Pedro Páramo	Juan Rulfo	1955	Mexico	Spanish	Magical Realism
78	Midnight's Children	Salman Rushdie	1981	India	English	Historical Fiction
79	The Book of Disquiet	Fernando Pessoa	1982	Portugal	Portuguese	Philosophical Fiction
80	A Confederacy of Dunces	John Kennedy Toole	1980	United States	English	Satire
81	The Tunnel	William H. Gass	1995	United States	English	Postmodern Fiction
82	The Man Without Qualities	Robert Musil	1930-1943	Austria	German	Modernist Fiction
83	The Tartar Steppe	Dino Buzzati	1940	Italy	Italian	Existential Fiction
84	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	1861	England	English	Literary Fiction
85	The Books of Jacob	Olga Tokarczuk	2014	Poland	Polish	Historical Fiction
86	Disgrace	J.M. Coetzee	1999	South Africa	English	Literary Fiction
87	Dhalgren	Samuel R. Delany	1975	United States	English	Science Fiction
88	Blindness	José Saramago	1995	Portugal	Portuguese	Dystopian Fiction
89	Libra	Don DeLillo	1988	United States	English	Historical Fiction
90	Hunger	Knut Hamsun	1890	Norway	Norwegian	Psychological Fiction
91	Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel	2009	England	English	Historical Fiction
92	Under the Volcano	Malcolm Lowry	1947	Canada	English	Modernist Fiction
93	Jesus' Son	Denis Johnson	1992	United States	English	Short Stories
94	No Longer Human	Osamu Dazai	1948	Japan	Japanese	Psychological Fiction
95	Tristram Shandy	Laurence Sterne	1759-1767	England	English	Satire, Postmodern Fiction
96	A Month in the Country	J.L. Carr	1980	England	English	Literary Fiction
97	The Sot-Weed Factor	John Barth	1960	United States	English	Satire, Historical Fiction
98	The Death of Virgil	Hermann Broch	1945	Austria	German	Philosophical Fiction
99	Oblomov	Ivan Goncharov	1859	Russia	Russian	Literary Fiction
100	The Door	Magda Szabo	1987	Hungary	Hungarian	Psychological Fiction