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The Book of J (1990)
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The Breaking of the Vessels (1982)
The Flight to Lucifer: A Gnostic Fantasy (1979)
Wallace Stevens: The Poems of Our Climate (1977)
Figures of Capable Imagination (1976)
Poetry and Repression (1976)
A Map of Misreading (1975)
Kabbalah and Criticism (1975)
The Anxiety of Influence (1973)
The Ringers in the Tower: Studies in
Romantic Tradition (1971)
Yeats (1970)
Commentary on David V. Erdman's Edition
of *The Poetry and Prose of William Blake* (1965)
Blake's Apocalypse (1963)
The Visionary Company (1961)
Shelley's Mythmaking (1959)

THE WESTERN CANON

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A.

The Theocratic Age

Here, as in the following lists, I suggest translations wherever I have derived particular pleasure and insight from those now readily available. There are many valuable works of ancient Greek and Latin literature that are not here, but the common reader is unlikely to have time to read them. As history lengthens, the older canon necessarily narrows. Since the literary canon is at issue here, I include only those religious, philosophical, historical, and scientific writings that are themselves of great aesthetic interest. I would think that, of all the books in this first list, once the reader is conversant with the Bible, Homer, Plato, the Athenian dramatists, and Virgil, the crucial work is the Koran. Whether for its aesthetic and spiritual power or the influence it will have upon all of our futures, ignorance of the Koran is foolish and increasingly dangerous.

I have included some Sanskrit works, scriptures and fundamental literary texts, because of their influence on the Western Canon. The immense wealth of ancient Chinese literature is mostly a sphere apart from Western literary tradition and is rarely conveyed adequately in the translations available to us.

THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

Gilgamesh, translated by David
Ferry

The Egyptian Book of the Dead
The Holy Bible, Authorized King
James Version

The Apocrypha
Sayings of the Fathers (Pirke
Aboth), translated by R.
Travers Herford

ANCIENT INDIA (SANSKRIT)

The Mahabharata
There is an abridged
translation by William Buck,
and a dramatic version by
Jean-Claude Carrière,
translated by Peter Brook

of *Mahabharata*, Book 6,
translated by Barbara Stoler
Miller

The Ramayana
There is an abridged prose
version by William Buck, and
a retelling by R. K. Narayan

THE ANCIENT GREEKS

Homer
The Iliad, translated by
Richmond Lattimore
The Odyssey, translated by
Robert Fitzgerald

Hesiod
The Works and Days

Archilochos, Sappho, Alkman
translated by Guy Davenport

Pindar
The Odes, translated by
Richmond Lattimore

Aeschylus
The Oresteia, translated by
Robert Fagles
Seven against Thebes, translated
by Anthony Hecht and Helen
H. Bacon
Prometheus Bound
The Persians
The Suppliant Women

Sophocles
Oedipus the King, translated by
Stephen Berg and Diskin Clay
Oedipus at Colonus, translated
by Robert Fitzgerald
Antigone, translated by Robert
Fagles
Electra
Ajax
Women of Trachis
Philoctetes

Euripides
(translated by William
Arrowsmith)
Cyclops
Heracles
Alcestis
Hecuba
The Bacchae
Orestes
Andromache
Medea, translated by Rex
Warner
Ion, translated by H. D. (Hilda
Doolittle)
Hippolytus, translated by Robert
Bagg
Helen, translated by Richmond
Lattimore
Iphigeneia at Aulis, translated by
W. S. Merwin and George
Dimock

Aristophanes
The Birds, translated by William
Arrowsmith
The Clouds, translated by
William Arrowsmith
The Frogs
Lysistrata
The Knights
The Wasps
The Assemblywomen (also called
The Parliament of Women)

Herodotus
The Histories

Thucydides
The Peloponnesian War

**The Pre-Socratics (Heraclitus,
Empedocles)**

Plato
Dialogues

Aristotle
Poetics
Ethics

HELLENISTIC GREEKS

Menander
The Girl from Samos, translated
by Eric G. Turner

"Longinus"
On the Sublime

Callimachus
Hymns and Epigrams

Theocritus
Idylls, translated by Daryl Hine

Plutarch
Lives, translated by John Dryden
Moralia

"Aesop"
Fables

Lucian
Satires

THE ROMANS

Plautus
Pseudolus
The Braggart Soldier
The Rope
Amphitryon

Terence
The Girl from Andros
The Eunuch
The Mother-in-Law

Lucretius
The Way Things Are, translated
by Rolfe Humphries

Cicero
On the Gods

Horace
Odes, translated by James
Michie
Epistles
Satires

Persius
Satires, translated by W. S.
Merwin

Catullus
Attis, translated by Horace
Gregory
Other poems translated by
Richard Crashaw, Abraham
Cowley, Walter Savage Landor,
and a host of English poets

Virgil
The Aeneid, translated by
Robert Fitzgerald
Eclogues and Georgics,
translated by John Dryden

Lucan
Pharsalia

Ovid
Metamorphoses, translated by
George Sandys
The Art of Love
Epistulae heroidum or *Heroides*,
translated by Daryl Hine

Juvenal
Satires

Martial
Epigrams, translated by James
Michie

Seneca
Tragedies, particularly *Medea*;
and *Hercules furens*, as
translated by Thomas
Heywood

Petronius
Satyricon, translated by William
Arrowsmith

Apuleius
The Golden Ass, translated by
Robert Graves

THE MIDDLE AGES: LATIN, ARABIC, AND THE VERNACULAR BEFORE DANTE

Saint Augustine
The City of God
The Confessions

The Koran
Al-Qur'an: A Contemporary
Translation by Ahmad Ali
The Book of the Thousand Nights
and One Night
The Poetic Edda, translated by Lee
Hollander

Snorri Sturluson
The Prose Edda
The Nibelungen Lied

Wolfram von Eschenbach
Parzival

Chrétien de Troyes
Yvain: The Knight of the Lion,
translated by Burton Raffel
Beowulf, translated by Charles W.
Kennedy
The Poem of the Cid, translated by
W. S. Merwin

Christine de Pisan
The Book of the City of Ladies,
translated by Earl Richards

Diego de San Pedro
Prison of Love

B.

The Aristocratic Age

It is a span of five hundred years from Dante's *Divine Comedy* through Goethe's *Faust, Part Two*, an era that gives us a huge body of reading in five major literatures: Italian, Spanish, English, French, and German. In this and in the remaining lists, I sometimes do not mention individual works by a canonical master, and in other instances I attempt to call attention to authors and books that I consider canonical but rather neglected. From this list onward, many good writers who are not quite central are omitted. We begin also to encounter the phenomenon of "period pieces," a sorrow that expands in the Democratic Age and threatens to choke us in our own century. Writers much esteemed in their own time and country sometimes survive in other times and nations, yet often shrink into once-fashionable fetishes. I behold at least several scores of these in our contemporary literary scene, but it is sufficient to name them by omission, and I will address this matter more fully in the introductory note to my final list.

ITALY

Dante

The Divine Comedy, translated by Laurence Binyon in terza rima, and by John D. Sinclair in prose

The New Life, translated by Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Petrarch

Lyric Poems, translated by Robert M. Durling

Selections, translated by Mark Musa

Giovanni Boccaccio

The Decameron

Matteo Maria Boiardo

Orlando innamorato

Ludovico Ariosto

Orlando furioso

Michelangelo Buonarroti

Sonnets and Madrigals, translated by Wordsworth, Longfellow, Emerson, Santayana, and others

Niccolò Machiavelli

The Prince
The Mandrake, a Comedy

Leonardo da Vinci

Notebooks

Baldassare Castiglione

The Book of the Courtier

Gaspara Stampa

Sonnets and Madrigals

Giorgio Vasari

Lives of the Painters

Benvenuto Cellini

Autobiography

Torquato Tasso

Jerusalem Delivered

Giordano Bruno

The Expulsion of the Triumphant Beast

Tommaso Campanella

Poems
The City of the Sun

Giambattista Vico

Principles of a New Science

Carlo Goldoni

The Servant of Two Masters

Vittorio Alfieri

Saul

PORTUGAL

Luis de Camoëns

The Lusiads, translated by Leonard Bacon

António Ferreira

Poetry, in *The Muse Reborn*, translated by T. F. Earle

SPAIN

Jorge Manrique

Coplas, translated by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Fernando de Rojas

La Celestina, translated by James Mabbe, adapted by Eric Bentley

Lazarillo de Tormes, translated by W. S. Merwin

Francisco de Quevedo

Visions, translated by Roger L'Estrange
Satirical Letter of Censure, in J. M. Cohen's *Penguin Book of Spanish Verse*

Fray Luis de León

Poems, translated by Willis Barnstone

St. John of the Cross

Poems, translated by John Frederick Nims

Luis de Góngora

Sonnets
Soledades

Miguel de Cervantes

Don Quixote, translated by Samuel Putnam
Exemplary Stories

Lope de Vega

La Dorotea, translated by Alan S. Trueblood and Edwin Honig

Fuenteovejuna, translated by Roy Campbell

Lost in a Mirror, translated by Adrian Mitchell

The Knight of Olmedo, translated by Willard F. King

Tirso de Molina

The Trickster of Seville, translated by Roy Campbell

Pedro Calderón de la Barca

Life Is a Dream, translated by Roy Campbell

The Mayor of Zalamea

The Mighty Magician

The Doctor of His Own Honor

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz

Poems

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Geoffrey Chaucer

The Canterbury Tales
Troilus and Criseyde

Sir Thomas Malory

Le Morte D'Arthur

William Dunbar

Poems

John Skelton

Poems

Sir Thomas More

Utopia

- Sir Thomas Wyatt
Poems
- Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey
Poems
- Sir Philip Sidney
The Countess of Pembroke's Arcadia
Astrophel and Stella
An Apology for Poetry
- Fulke Greville, Lord Brooke
Poems
- Edmund Spenser
The Faerie Queene
The Minor Poems
- Sir Walter Raleigh
Poems
- Christopher Marlowe
Poems and Plays
- Michael Drayton
Poems
- Samuel Daniel
Poems
A Defence of Ryme
- Thomas Nashe
The Unfortunate Traveller
- Thomas Kyd
The Spanish Tragedy
- William Shakespeare
Plays and Poems
- Thomas Campion
Songs
- John Donne
Poems
Sermons
- Ben Jonson
Poems, Plays, and Masques
- Francis Bacon
Essays
- Robert Burton
The Anatomy of Melancholy
- Sir Thomas Browne
Religio Medici
Hydriotaphia, or Urne-Buriall
The Garden of Cyrus
- Thomas Hobbes
Leviathan
- Robert Herrick
Poems
- Thomas Carew
Poems
- Richard Lovelace
Poems
- Andrew Marvell
Poems
- George Herbert
The Temple
- Thomas Traherne
Centuries, Poems, and Thanksgivings
- Henry Vaughan
Poetry
- John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester
Poems
- Richard Crashaw
Poems
- Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher
Plays
- George Chapman
Comedies, Tragedies, Poems
- John Ford
'Tis Pity She's a Whore
- John Marston
The Malcontent
- John Webster
The White Devil
The Duchess of Malfi
- Thomas Middleton and William Rowley
The Changeling
- Cyril Tourneur
The Revenger's Tragedy

- Philip Massinger
A New Way to Pay Old Debts
- John Bunyan
The Pilgrim's Progress
- Izaak Walton
The Compleat Angler
- John Milton
Paradise Lost
Paradise Regained
Lycidas, Comus, and the Minor Poems
Samson Agonistes
Areopagitica
- John Aubrey
Brief Lives
- Jeremy Taylor
Holy Dying
- Samuel Butler
Hudibras
- John Dryden
Poetry and Plays
Critical Essays
- Thomas Otway
Venice Preserv'd
- William Congreve
The Way of the World
Love for Love
- Jonathan Swift
A Tale of a Tub
Gulliver's Travels
Shorter Prose Works
Poems
- Sir George Etherege
The Man of Mode
- Alexander Pope
Poems
- John Gay
The Beggar's Opera
- James Boswell
Life of Johnson
Journals
- Samuel Johnson
Works
- Edward Gibbon
The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
- Edmund Burke
A Philosophical Enquiry into . . . the Sublime and Beautiful
Reflections on the Revolution in France
- Maurice Morgann
An Essay on the Dramatic Character of Sir John Falstaff
- William Collins
Poems
- Thomas Gray
Poems
- George Farquhar
The Beaux' Stratagem
The Recruiting Officer
- William Wycherley
The Country Wife
The Plain Dealer
- Christopher Smart
Jubilate Agno
A Song to David
- Oliver Goldsmith
The Vicar of Wakefield
She Stoops to Conquer
The Traveller
The Deserted Village
- Richard Brinsley Sheridan
The School for Scandal
The Rivals
- William Cowper
Poetical Works
- George Crabbe
Poetical Works
- Daniel Defoe
Moll Flanders
Robinson Crusoe
A Journal of the Plague Year
- Samuel Richardson
Clarissa
Pamela
Sir Charles Grandison

Henry Fielding
Joseph Andrews
The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling

Tobias Smollett
The Expedition of Humphry Clinker
The Adventures of Roderick Random

Laurence Sterne
The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman
A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy

Fanny Burney
Evelina

Joseph Addison and Richard Steele
The Spectator

FRANCE

Jean Froissart
Chronicles
The Song of Roland

François Villon
Poems, translated by Galway Kinnell

Michel de Montaigne
Essays, translated by Donald Frame

François Rabelais
Gargantua and Pantagruel, translated by Donald Frame

Marguerite de Navarre
The Heptameron

Joachim Du Bellay
The Regrets, translated by C. H. Sisson

Maurice Scève
Délie

Pierre de Ronsard
Odes, Elegies, Sonnets

Philippe de Commynes
Memoirs

Agrippa d'Aubigné
Les Tragiques

Robert Garnier
Mark Antony, translated by Mary (Sidney) Herbert,
Countess of Pembroke
The Jewesses

Pierre Corneille
The Cid
Polyeucte
Nicomède
Horace
Cinna
Rodogune

François de La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

Jean de La Fontaine
Fables

Molière
(translated by Richard Wilbur)
The Misanthrope
Tartuffe
The School for Wives
The Learned Ladies
(translated by Donald Frame)
Don Juan
School for Husbands
Ridiculous Precieuses
The Would-Be Gentleman
The Miser
The Imaginary Invalid

Blaise Pascal
Pensées

Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet
Funerary Orations

Nicolas Boileau-Despréaux
The Art of Poetry
Lutrin

Jean Racine
(translated by Richard Wilbur)
Phaedra
Andromache
(translated by C. H. Sisson)
Britannicus
Athaliah

Pierre Carlet de Marivaux
Seven Comedies

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
The Confessions
Émile
La Nouvelle Héloïse

Voltaire
Zadig
Candide
Letters on England
The Lisbon Earthquake

Abbé Prévost
Manon Lescaut, translated by Donald Frame

Madame de La Fayette
The Princess of Clèves

Sébastien-Roch Nicolas de Chamfort
Products of the Perfected Civilization, translated by W. S. Merwin

Denis Diderot
Rameau's Nephew

Choderlos de Laclos
Dangerous Liaisons

GERMANY
Erasmus, a Dutchman living in Switzerland and Germany, while writing in Latin, is placed here arbitrarily, but also as an influence on the Lutheran Reformation.

Erasmus
In Praise of Folly

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Faust, Parts One and Two, translated by Stuart Atkins
Dichtung und Wahrheit

Egmont, translated by Willard Trask

Elective Affinities
The Sorrows of Young Werther, translated by Louise Bogan, Elizabeth Mayer, and W. H. Auden

Poems, translated by Michael Hamburger, Christopher Middleton, and others

Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship
Wilhelm Meister's Years of Wandering
Italian Journey
Verse Plays and Hermann and Dorothea, translated by Michael Hamburger and others

Roman Elegies, Venetian Epigrams, West-Eastern Divan, translated by Michael Hamburger

Friedrich Schiller
The Robbers
Mary Stuart
Wallenstein
Don Carlos
On the Naïve and Sentimental in Literature

Gotthold Lessing
Laocoön
Nathan the Wise

Friedrich Hölderlin
Hymns and Fragments, translated by Richard Sieburth
Selected Poems, translated by Michael Hamburger

Heinrich von Kleist
Five Plays, translated by Martin Greenberg
Stories

C.

The Democratic Age

I have located Vico's Democratic Age in the post-Goethean nineteenth century, when the literature of Italy and Spain ebbs, yielding eminence to England with its renaissance of the Renaissance in Romanticism, and to a lesser degree to France and Germany. This is also the era where the strength of both Russian and American literature begins. I have resisted the backward reach of the current canonical crusades, which attempt to elevate a number of sadly inadequate women writers of the nineteenth century, as well as some rudimentary narratives and verses of African-Americans. Expanding the Canon, as I have said more than once in this book, tends to drive out the better writers, sometimes even the best, because pragmatically none of us (whoever we are) ever had time to read absolutely everything, no matter how great our lust for reading. And for most of us, the harried young in particular, inadequate authors will consume the energies that would be better invested in stronger writers. Nearly everything that has been revived or discovered by Feminist and African-American literary scholars falls all too precisely into the category of "period pieces," as imaginatively dated now as they were already enfeebled when they first came into existence.

ITALY

Ugo Foscolo

On Sepulchres, translated by
Thomas G. Bergin

Last Letters of Jacopo Ortis
Odes and The Graces

Alessandro Manzoni

The Betrothed
On the Historical Novel

Giacomo Leopardi

Essays and Dialogues, translated
by Giovanni Cecchetti

Poems

The Moral Essays, translated by
Howard Norse

Giuseppe Gioacchino Belli

Roman Sonnets, translated by
Harold Norse

Giosuè Carducci

Hymn to Satan
Barbarian Odes
Rhymes and Rhythms

Giovanni Verga

Little Novels of Sicily, translated
by D. H. Lawrence

Mastro-Don Gesualdo,
translated by D. H. Lawrence

The House by the Medlar Tree,
translated by Raymond

Rosenthal

The She-Wolf and Other Stories,
translated by Giovanni
Cecchetti

SPAIN and PORTUGAL

Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer

Poems

Benito Pérez Galdós

Fortunata and Jacinta

Leopoldo Alas (Clarín)

La Regenta

José Maria de Eça de Queirós

The Maias

FRANCE

Benjamin Constant

Adolphe
The Red Notebook

François-Auguste-René de

Chateaubriand

Atala and René, translated by
Irving Putter

The Genius of Christianity

Alphonse de Lamartine

Meditations

Alfred de Vigny

Chatterton
Poems

Victor Hugo

The Distance, The Shadows:
Selected Poems, translated by

Harry Guest

Les Misérables

Notre-Dame of Paris

William Shakespeare

The Toilers of the Sea

The End of Satan

God

Alfred de Musset

Poems
Lorenzaccio

Gérard de Nerval

The Chimeras, translated by
Peter Jay

Sylvie

Aurelia

Théophile Gautier

Mademoiselle de Maupin
Enamels and Cameos

Honoré de Balzac

The Girl with the Golden Eyes
Louis Lambert
The Wild Ass's Skin

Old Goriot

Cousin Bette

A Harlot High and Low

Eugénie Grandet

Ursule Mirouet

Stendhal

On Love

The Red and the Black

The Charterhouse of Parma

Gustave Flaubert

Madame Bovary, translated by
Francis Steegmuller

Sentimental Education

Salammbô

A Simple Soul

George Sand

The Haunted Pool

Charles Baudelaire

Flowers of Evil, translated by
Richard Howard

Paris Spleen

Stéphane Mallarmé

Selected Poetry and Prose

Paul Verlaine

Selected Poems

Arthur Rimbaud

Complete Works, translated by
Paul Schmidt

Tristan Corbière

Les Amours jaunes

Jules Laforgue

Selected Writings, translated by
William Jay Smith

Guy de Maupassant

Selected Short Stories

Émile Zola

Germinal
L'Assommoir
Nana

SCANDINAVIA

Henrik Ibsen

Brand, translated by Geoffrey
Hill

Peer Gynt, translated by Rolf
Fjelde
Emperor and Galilean
Hedda Gabler
The Master Builder
The Lady from the Sea
When We Dead Awaken

August Strindberg

To Damascus
Miss Julie
The Father
The Dance of Death
The Ghost Sonata
A Dream Play

GREAT BRITAIN

Robert Burns

Poems

William Blake

Complete Poetry and Prose

William Wordsworth

Poems
The Prelude

Sir Walter Scott

Waverley
The Heart of Midlothian
Redgauntlet
Old Mortality

Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice
Emma
Mansfield Park
Persuasion

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Poems and Prose

Dorothy Wordsworth

The Grasmere Journal

William Hazlitt

Essays and Criticism

Lord Byron

Don Juan
Poems

Walter Savage Landor

Poems
Imaginary Conversations

Thomas De Quincey

Confessions of an English
Opium Eater
Selected Prose

Charles Lamb

Essays

Maria Edgeworth

Castle Rackrent

John Galt

The Entail

Elizabeth Gaskell

Cranford
Mary Barton
North and South

James Hogg

The Private Memoirs and
Confessions of a Justified
Sinner

Charles Maturin

Melmoth the Wanderer

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Poems
A Defence of Poetry

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Frankenstein

John Clare

Poems

John Keats

Poems and Letters

Thomas Lovell Beddoes

Death's Jest-Book
Poems

George Darley

Nepenthe
Poems

Thomas Hood

Poems

Thomas Wade

Poems

Robert Browning

Poems
The Ring and the Book

Charles Dickens

The Posthumous Papers of the
Pickwick Club
David Copperfield
The Adventures of Oliver Twist
A Tale of Two Cities
Bleak House
Hard Times
Nicholas Nickleby
Dombey and Son
Great Expectations
Martin Chuzzlewit
Christmas Stories
Little Dorrit
Our Mutual Friend
The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Poems

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Poems and Translations

Matthew Arnold

Poems
Essays

Arthur Hugh Clough

Poems

Christina Rossetti

Poems

Thomas Love Peacock

Nightmare Abbey
Gryll Grange

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Poems and Prose

Thomas Carlyle

Selected Prose
Sartor Resartus

John Ruskin

Modern Painters
The Stones of Venice
Unto This Last
The Queen of the Air

Walter Pater

Studies in the History of the
Renaissance
Appreciations

Imaginary Portraits

Marius the Epicurean

Edward FitzGerald

The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám

John Stuart Mill

On Liberty
Autobiography

John Henry Newman

Apologia pro Vita Sua
A Grammar of Assent
The Idea of a University

Anthony Trollope

The Barsetshire Novels
The Palliser Novels
Orley Farm
The Way We Live Now

Lewis Carroll

Complete Works

Edward Lear

Complete Nonsense

George Gissing

New Grub Street

Algernon Charles Swinburne

Poems and Letters

Charlotte Brontë

Jane Eyre
Villette

Emily Brontë

Poems
Wuthering Heights

William Makepeace Thackeray

Vanity Fair
The History of Henry Esmond

George Meredith

Poems
The Egoist

Francis Thompson

Poems

Lionel Johnson

Poems

Robert Bridges

Poems

- Gilbert Keith Chesterton
Collected Poems
The Man Who Was Thursday
- Samuel Butler
Erewhon
The Way of All Flesh
- W. S. Gilbert
Complete Plays of Gilbert and Sullivan
Bab Ballads
- Wilkie Collins
The Moonstone
The Woman in White
No Name
- Coventry Patmore
Odes
- James Thomson (Bysshe Vanolis)
The City of Dreadful Night
- Oscar Wilde
Plays
The Picture of Dorian Gray
The Artist as Critic
Letters
- John Davidson
Ballads and Songs
- Ernest Dowson
Complete Poems
- George Eliot
Adam Bede
Silas Marner
The Mill on the Floss
Middlemarch
Daniel Deronda
- Robert Louis Stevenson
Essays
Kidnapped
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Treasure Island
The New Arabian Nights
The Master of Ballantrae
Weir of Hermiston
- William Morris
Early Romances
Poems
The Earthly Paradise
- The Well at the World's End*
News from Nowhere
- Bram Stoker
Dracula
- George MacDonald
Lilith
At the Back of the North Wind
- GERMANY
- Novalis (Friedrich von Hardenburg)
Hymns to the Night
Aphorisms
- Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
Fairy Tales
- Eduard Mörike
Selected Poems, translated by Christopher Middleton
Mozart on His Way to Prague
- Theodor Storm
Immensee
Poems
- Gottfried Keller
Green Henry
Tales
- E. T. A. Hoffmann
The Devil's Elixir
Tales
- Jeremias Gotthelf
The Black Spider
- Adalbert Stifter
Indian Summer
Tales
- Friedrich Schlegel
Criticism and Aphorisms
- Georg Büchner
Danton's Death
Woyzeck
- Heinrich Heine
Complete Poems
- Richard Wagner
The Ring of the Nibelung

- Friedrich Nietzsche
The Birth of Tragedy
Beyond Good and Evil
On the Genealogy of Morals
The Will to Power
- Theodor Fontane
Effi Briest
- Stefan George
Selected Poems
- RUSSIA
- Aleksandr Pushkin
Complete Prose Tales
Collected Poetry, translated by Walter Arndt
Eugene Onegin, translated by Charles Johnston
Narrative Poems, translated by Charles Johnston
Boris Godunov
- Nikolay Gogol
The Complete Tales
Dead Souls
The Government Inspector, translated by Adrian Mitchell
- Mikhail Lermontov
Narrative Poems, translated by Charles Johnston
A Hero of Our Time
- Sergey Aksakov
A Family Chronicle
- Aleksandr Herzen
My Past and Thoughts
From the Other Shore
- Ivan Goncharov
The Frigate Pallada
Oblomov
- Ivan Turgenev
A Sportsman's Notebook, translated by Charles and Natasha Hepburn
A Month in the Country
Fathers and Sons
On the Eve
First Love
- Fyodor Dostoevsky
Notes from the Underground
Crime and Punishment
The Idiot
The Possessed (The Devils)
The Brothers Karamazov
Short Novels
- Leo Tolstoy
The Cossacks
War and Peace
Anna Karenina
A Confession
The Power of Darkness
Short Novels
- Nikolay Leskov
Tales
- Aleksandr Ostrovsky
The Storm
- Nikolay Chernyshevsky
What Is to Be Done?
- Aleksandr Blok
The Twelve and Other Poems, translated by Anselm Hollo
- Anton Chekhov
The Tales
The Major Plays
- THE UNITED STATES
- Washington Irving
The Sketch Book
- William Cullen Bryant
Collected Poems
- James Fenimore Cooper
The Deerslayer
- John Greenleaf Whittier
Collected Poems
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
Nature
Essays, first and second series
Representative Men
The Conduct of Life
Journals
Poems

Emily Dickinson
Complete Poems

Walt Whitman
Leaves of Grass, first edition
Leaves of Grass, third edition
The Complete Poems
Specimen Days

Nathaniel Hawthorne
The Scarlet Letter
Tales and Sketches
The Marble Faun
Notebooks

Herman Melville
Moby-Dick
The Piazza Tales
Billy Budd
Collected Poems
Clarel

Edgar Allan Poe
Poetry and Tales
Essays and Reviews
The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym
Eureka

Jones Very
Essays and Poems

Frederick Goddard Tuckerman
The Cricket and Other Poems

Henry David Thoreau
Walden
Poems
Essays

Richard Henry Dana, Jr.
Two Years before the Mast

Frederick Douglass
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Selected Poems

Sidney Lanier
Poems

Francis Parkman
France and England in North America
The California and Oregon Trail

Henry Adams
The Education of Henry Adams
Mont Saint Michel and Chartres

Ambrose Bierce
Collected Writings

Louisa May Alcott
Little Women

Charles W. Chesnutt
The Short Fiction

Kate Chopin
The Awakening

William Dean Howells
The Rise of Silas Lapham
A Modern Instance

Stephen Crane
The Red Badge of Courage
Stories and Poems

Henry James
The Portrait of a Lady
The Bostonians
The Princess Casamassima
The Awkward Age
Short Novels and Tales
The Ambassadors
The Wings of the Dove
The Golden Bowl

Harold Frederic
The Damnation of Theron Ware

Mark Twain
Complete Short Stories
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
The Devil's Racetrack
Number Forty-Four: The Mysterious Stranger
Pudd'nhead Wilson
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

William James
The Varieties of Religious Experience
Pragmatism

Frank Norris
The Octopus

Sarah Orne Jewett
The Country of the Pointed Firs and Other Stories

Trumbull Stickney
Poems

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The Chaotic Age: A Canonical Prophecy

I am not as confident about this list as the first three. Cultural prophecy is always a mug's game. Not all of the works here can prove to be canonical; literary overpopulation is a hazard to many among them. But I have neither excluded nor included on the basis of cultural politics of any sort. What I have omitted seem to me fated to become period pieces: even their "multiculturalist" supporters will turn against them in another two generations or so, in order to clear space for better writings. What is here doubtless reflects some accidents of my personal taste, but by no means wholly represents my idiosyncratic inclinations. Robert Lowell and Philip Larkin are here because I seem to be the only critic alive who regards them as over-esteemed, and so I am probably wrong and must assume that I am blinded by extra-aesthetic considerations, which I abhor and try to avoid. I would not be surprised, however, could I return from the dead half a century hence, to discover that Lowell and Larkin are period pieces, as are many whom I have excluded. But critics do not make canons, any more than resentful networks can create them, and it may be that poets to come will confirm Lowell and Larkin as canonical by finding them to be inescapable influences.

ITALY

Luigi Pirandello

Naked Masks: Five Plays,
translated by Eric Bentley
and others

Gabriele D'Annunzio

Maia: In Praise of Life

Dino Campana

Orphic Songs, translated by
Charles Wright

Umberto Saba

Stories and Recollections,
translated by Estelle Gilson
Poems

Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

The Leopard, translated by
Archibald Colquhoun

Giuseppe Ungaretti

Selected Poems, translated by
Allen Mandelbaum
*The Buried Harbour: Selected
Poems*, translated by Kevin
Hart

Eugenio Montale

(translated by William
Arrowsmith)
*The Storm and Other Things:
Poems*
The Occasions: Poems
Cuttlefish Bones: Poems
(translated by Jonathan Galassi)

*Otherwise: Last and First
Poems*

*The Second Life of Art:
Selected Essays*

Salvatore Quasimodo

*Selected Writings: Poems and
Discourse on Poetry*,
translated by Allen
Mandelbaum

Tommaso Landolfi

Gogol's Wife and Other Stories

Leonardo Sciascia

Day of the Owl
Equal Danger
*The Wine-Dark Sea: Thirteen
Stories*

Pier Paolo Pasolini

Poems, translated by Norman
MacAfee with Luciano
Martinengo

Cesare Pavese

Hard Labor: Poems, translated
by William Arrowsmith
Dialogues with Leucò, translated
by William Arrowsmith and
D. S. Carne-Ross

Primo Levi

If Not Now, When? translated
by William Weaver
Collected Poems
The Periodic Table

Italo Svevo

The Confessions of Zeno
As a Man Grows Older

Giorgio Bassani

The Heron, translated by
William Weaver

Natalia Ginzburg

Family

Elio Vittorini

Women of Messina

Alberto Moravia

1934, translated by William
Weaver

Andrea Zanzotto
Selected Poetry

Italo Calvino

Invisible Cities, translated by
William Weaver
The Baron in the Trees,
translated by Archibald
Colquhoun
*If on a Winter's Night a
Traveler*, translated by
William Weaver
t zero, translated by William
Weaver

Antonio Porta

*Kisses from Another Dream:
Poems*, translated by Anthony
Molino

SPAIN

Miguel de Unamuno

Three Exemplary Novels,
translated by Angel Flores
Our Lord Don Quixote,
translated by Anthony
Kerrigan

Antonio Machado

Selected Poems, translated by
Alan S. Trueblood

Juan Ramón Jiménez

Invisible Reality: Poems,
translated by Antonio T. de
Nicolas

Pedro Salinas

My Voice Because of You,
Poems, translated by Willis
Barnstone

Jorge Guillén

*Guillén on Guillén: The Poetry
and the Poet*, translated by
Reginald Gibbons

Vicente Aleixandre

*A Longing for the Light:
Selected Poems*

Federico García Lorca
Selected Poems
Three Tragedies: Blood
Wedding, Yerma, The House
of Bernarda Alba

Rafael Alberti
The Owl's Insomnia: Poems,
 translated by Mark Strand

Luis Cernuda
Selected Poems, translated by
 Reginald Gibbons

Miguel Hernández
Selected Poems

Blas de Otero
Selected Poems

Camilo José Cela
The Hive

Juan Goytisolo
Space in Motion, translated by
 Helen R. Lane

CATALONIA

Carles Ribá
Selected Poems

J. V. Foix
Selected Poems

Joan Peruchó
Natural History, translated by
 David H. Rosenthal

Merce Rodoreda
The Time of the Doves,
 translated by David H.
 Rosenthal

Pere Gimferrer
Selected Poems

Salvador Espriu
La Pell de Brau: Poems,
 translated by Burton Raffel

PORTUGAL

Fernando Pessoa
The Keeper of Sheep, translated
 by Edwin Honig and Susan
 M. Brown

Poems, translated by Edwin
 Honig and Susan M. Brown

Selected Poems, translated by
 Peter Rickard

Always Astonished: Selected
Prose, translated by Edwin
 Honig

The Book of Disquiet, translated
 by Alfred Mac Adam

Jorge de Sena
Selected Poems

José Saramago
Baltasar and Blimunda

José Cardoso Pires
Ballad of Dogs' Beach

Sophia de Mello Breyner
Selected Poems

Eugénio de Andrade
Selected Poems

FRANCE

Anatole France
Penguin Island
Thais

Alain-Fournier
Le Grand Meaulnes

Marcel Proust
Remembrance of Things Past (In
Search of Lost Time),
 translated by C. K. Scott
 Moncrieff, revised by Terence
 Kilmartin

André Gide
 (translated by Richard Howard)
The Immoralist
Corydon

(translated by Dorothy Bussy)
Lafcadio's Adventures (The
Caves of the Vatican)
The Counterfeiters

The Journals

Colette
Collected Stories
Retreat from Love

Georges Bataille
Blue of Noon

Louis-Ferdinand Céline
Journey to the End of the Night

René Daumal
Mount Analogue, translated by
 Roger Shattuck

Jean Genet
 (translated by Bernard
 Frechtman)
Our Lady of the Flowers
The Thief's Journal
The Balcony

Jean Giraudoux
Four Plays, translated by
 Maurice Valency

Alfred Jarry
Selected Works, translated by
 Roger Shattuck and Simon
 Watson Taylor

Jean Cocteau
The Infernal Machine and Other
Plays

Guillaume Apollinaire
Selected Writings, translated by
 Roger Shattuck

André Breton
Poems, translated by Jean-Pierre
 Cauvin and Mary Ann Caws
Manifestoes of Surrealism,
 translated by Richard Seaver
 and Helen R. Lane

Paul Valéry
The Art of Poetry
Selected Writings

René Char
Poems, translated by Jonathan
 Griffin and Mary Ann Caws

Paul Éluard
Selected Poems

Louis Aragon
Selected Poems

Jean Giono
The Horseman on the Roof

Michel Leiris
Manhood, translated by Richard
 Howard

Raymond Radiguet
Count d'Orgel's Ball

Jean-Paul Sartre
No Exit
Nausea, translated by Lloyd
 Alexander

Saint Genet
The Words, translated by
 Bernard Frechtman
The Family Idiot: Gustave
Flaubert

Simone de Beauvoir
The Second Sex

Albert Camus
The Stranger, translated by
 Matthew Ward
The Plague
The Fall
The Rebel

Henri Michaux
Selected Writings, translated by
 Richard Ellmann

Edmond Jabès
The Book of Questions,
 translated by Rosmarie
 Waldrop
Selected Poems, translated by
 Keith Waldrop

Saint-John Perse
Anabasis, translated by T. S.
 Eliot

Birds, translated by Robert
 Fitzgerald
Exile and Other Poems,
 translated by Denis Devlin

Pierre Reverdy
Selected Poems

Tristan Tzara
Seven Dada Manifestos,
 translated by Barbara Wright

Max Jacob
Selected Poems

- Pierre-Jean Jouve
Selected Poems
- Francis Ponge
Things: Selected Writings,
translated by Cid Corman
- Jacques Prévert
Paroles
- Philippe Jaccottet
Selected Poems, translated by
Derek Mahon
- Charles Péguy
*The Mystery of the Charity of
Joan of Arc*
- Benjamin Péret
Selected Poems
- André Malraux
The Conquerors
The Royal Way
Man's Fate
Man's Hope
The Voices of Silence
- François Mauriac
(translated by Gerard Hopkins)
Therese
The Desert of Love
The Woman of the Pharisees
- Jean Anouilh
Becket
Antigone
Eurydice
The Rehearsal
- Eugène Ionesco
The Bald Soprano
The Chairs
The Lesson
Amédée
Victims of Duty
Rhinoceros
- Maurice Blanchot
Thomas the Obscure, translated
by Robert Lamberton
- Pierre Klossowski
The Laws of Hospitality
The Baphomet
- Raymond Roussel
Locus Solus
- Antonin Artaud
Selected Writings, translated by
Helen Weaver
- Claude Lévi-Strauss
Tristes Tropiques
- Alain Robbe-Grillet
(translated by Richard Howard)
The Voyeur
Jealousy
In the Labyrinth
The Erasers
*Project for a Revolution in
New York*
For a New Novel
- Nathalie Sarraute
The Use of Speech, translated by
Barbara Wright
The Planetarium, translated by
Maria Jolas
- Claude Simon
(translated by Richard Howard)
The Grass
The Wind
The Flanders Road
- Marguerite Duras
The Lover, translated by
Barbara Bray
Four Novels, translated by Sonia
Pitt-Rivers and others
- Robert Pinget
(translated by Barbara Wright)
Fable
The Libera Me Domine
That Voice
- Michel Tournier
The Ogre
Friday
- Marguerite Yourcenar
Coup de Grace
Memoirs of Hadrian
- Jean Follain
Transparence of the World:
Poems, translated by W. S.
Merwin

- Yves Bonnefoy
Words in Stone, translated by
Susanna Lang
- GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND
- William Butler Yeats
The Collected Poems
Collected Plays
A Vision
Mythologies
- George Bernard Shaw
Major Critical Essays
Heartbreak House
Pygmalion
Saint Joan
Major Barbara
Back to Methuselah
- John Millington Synge
Collected Plays
- Sean O'Casey
Juno and the Paycock
The Plough and the Stars
The Shadow of a Gunman
- George Douglas Brown
*The House with the Green
Shutters*
- Thomas Hardy
The Well-Beloved
The Woodlanders
The Return of the Native
The Mayor of Casterbridge
Far from the Madding Crowd
Tess of the d'Urbervilles
Jude the Obscure
Collected Poems
- Rudyard Kipling
Kim
Collected Stories
Puck of Pook's Hill
Complete Verse
- A. E. Housman
Collected Poems
- Max Beerbohm
Zuleika Dobson
Seven Men and Two Others
- Joseph Conrad
Lord Jim
The Secret Agent
Nostromo
Under Western Eyes
Victory
- Ronald Firbank
Five Novels
- Ford Madox Ford
Parade's End
The Good Soldier
- W. Somerset Maugham
Collected Short Stories
The Moon and Sixpence
- John Cowper Powys
Wolf Solent
A Glastonbury Romance
- Saki (H. H. Munro)
The Short Stories
- H. G. Wells
The Science Fiction Novels
- David Lindsay
A Voyage to Arcturus
- Arnold Bennett
The Old Wives' Tale
- Walter De la Mare
Collected Poems
Memoirs of a Midget
- Wilfred Owen
Collected Poems
- Isaac Rosenberg
Collected Poems
- Edward Thomas
Collected Poems
- Robert Graves
Collected Poems
King Jesus
- Edwin Muir
Collected Poems
- David Jones
In Parenthesis
The Anathemata
- John Galsworthy
The Forsyte Saga

- E. M. Forster
Howards End
A Passage to India
- Frank O'Connor
Collected Stories
- D. H. Lawrence
Complete Poems
Studies in Classic American Literature
Complete Short Stories
Sons and Lovers
The Rainbow
Women in Love
- Virginia Woolf
Mrs. Dalloway
To the Lighthouse
Orlando: A Biography
The Waves
Between the Acts
- James Joyce
Dubliners
Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
Ulysses
Finnegans Wake
- Samuel Beckett
Murphy
Watt
Three Novels: Molloy, Malone Dies, The Unnamable
Waiting for Godot
Endgame
Krapp's Last Tape
How It Is
- Elizabeth Bowen
Collected Stories
- J. G. Farrell
The Siege of Krishnapur
- Henry Green
Nothing
Loving
Party Going
- Evelyn Waugh
A Handful of Dust
Scoop
- Vile Bodies
Put Out More Flags
- Anthony Burgess
Nothing like the Sun
- G. B. Edwards
The Book of Ebenezer Le Page
- Iris Murdoch
The Good Apprentice
Bruno's Dream
- Graham Greene
Brighton Rock
The Heart of the Matter
The Power and the Glory
- Christopher Isherwood
The Berlin Stories
- Norman Douglas
South Wind
- Aldous Huxley
Collected Essays
Antic Hay
Point Counter Point
Brave New World
- Lawrence Durrell
The Alexandria Quartet
- William Golding
Pincher Martin
- Doris Lessing
The Golden Notebook
- Mervyn Peake
The Gormenghast Trilogy
- Jeanette Winterson
The Passion
- W. H. Auden
Collected Poems
The Dyer's Hand
- Roy Fuller
Collected Poems
- Gavin Ewart
Selected Poems
- Basil Bunting
Collected Poems

- William Empson
Collected Poems
Milton's God
Some Versions of Pastoral
- George Wilson Knight
The Wheel of Fire
The Burning Oracle
- R. S. Thomas
Poems
- Frank Kermode
The Sense of an Ending
- Stevie Smith
Collected Poems
- F. T. Prince
Collected Poems
- Philip Larkin
Collected Poems
- Donald Davie
Selected Poems
- Geoffrey Hill
Collected Poems
- Jonathan Spence
The Death of Woman Wang
The Memory Palace of Matteo Ricci
- Elizabeth Jennings
Selected Poems
- Keith Douglas
The Complete Poems
- Hugh MacDiarmid
Complete Poems
- Louis MacNeice
Collected Poems
- Dylan Thomas
The Poems
- Nigel Dennis
Cards of Identity
- Seamus Heaney
Selected Poems: 1969-1987
Field Work
Station Island
- Thomas Kinsella
Peppercanister Poems
- Paul Muldoon
Selected Poems
- John Montague
Selected Poems
- John Arden
Plays
- Joe Orton
The Complete Plays
- Flann O'Brien
The Dalkey Archive
The Third Policeman
- Tom Stoppard
Travesties
- Harold Pinter
The Caretaker
The Homecoming
- Edward Bond
The Fool
Saved
- George Orwell
Collected Essays
1984
- Edna O'Brien
A Fanatic Heart
- GERMANY
- Hugo von Hofmannsthal
Poems and Verse Plays, translated by Michael Hamburger and others
Selected Prose, translated by Mary Hutteringer and Tania and James Stern
Selected Plays and Libretti, translated by Michael Hamburger and others
- Rainer Maria Rilke
Selected Poetry, translated by Stephen Mitchell (includes the *Duino Elegies*)
The Sonnets to Orpheus, translated by Stephen Mitchell
The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge, translated by Stephen Mitchell

- New Poems: First Part and Other Part*, translated by Edward Snow
- Hermann Broch**
The Sleepwalkers
The Death of Virgil
Hugo von Hofmannsthal and
His Time
- Georg Trakl**
Selected Poems
- Gottfried Benn**
Selected Poems
- Franz Kafka**
Amerika
The Complete Stories
The Blue Octavo Notebook
The Trial
Diaries
The Castle
Parables, Fragments, Aphorisms
- Bertolt Brecht**
Poems, 1913–1956
The Threepenny Opera,
translated by Desmond Vesey
and Eric Bentley
The Good Woman of Setzuan,
translated by Eric Bentley
Mother Courage and Her Children, translated by Eric Bentley
Galileo, translated by Charles
Laughton
The Caucasian Chalk Circle
- Arthur Schnitzler**
Plays and Stories
- Frank Wedekind**
Lulu Plays
Spring Awakening, translated by
Edward Bond
- Karl Kraus**
The Last Days of Mankind
- Günter Eich**
Moles
- Thomas Mann**
The Magic Mountain
Stories of Three Decades
- Joseph and His Brothers**
Doctor Faustus
Confessions of Felix Krull,
Confidence Man
- Alfred Döblin**
Berlin Alexanderplatz
- Hermann Hesse**
The Glass Bead Game (Magister Ludi)
Narcissus and Goldmund
- Robert Musil**
Young Törless
The Man Without Qualities
- Joseph Roth**
The Radetzky March
- Paul Celan**
Poems, translated by Michael
Hamburger
- Thomas Bernhard**
Woodcutters
- Heinrich Böll**
Billiards at Half-Past Nine
- Ingeborg Bachmann**
In the Storm of Roses, translated
by Mark Anderson
- Hans Magnus Enzensberger**
Poems for People Who Don't Read Poems
- Walter Benjamin**
Illuminations
- Robert Walser**
Selected Stories, translated by
Christopher Middleton, et al.
- Christa Wolf**
Cassandra
- Peter Handke**
Slow Homecoming
- Max Frisch**
I'm Not Stiller
Man in the Holocene
- Günter Grass**
The Tin Drum
The Flounder
- Friedrich Dürrenmatt**
The Visit

- Johannes Bobrowski**
Shadow Lands, translated by
Ruth and Matthew Mead
- RUSSIA**
- Anna Akhmatova**
Poems, translated by Stanley
Kunitz and Max Hayward
- Leonid Andreyev**
Selected Tales
- Andrey Bely**
Petersburg
- Osip Mandelshtam**
Selected Poems, translated by
Clarence Brown and W. S.
Merwin
- Velimir Khlebnikov**
The King of Time
- Vladimir Mayakovsky**
The Bedbug and Selected Poetry,
translated by Max Hayward
and George Reavey
- Mikhail Bulgakov**
The Master and Margarita
- Mikhail Kuzmin**
Alexandrian Songs
- Maksim Gorky**
Reminiscences of Tolstoy,
Chekhov, and Andreev
Autobiography
- Ivan Bunin**
Selected Stories
- Isaac Babel**
Collected Stories
- Boris Pasternak**
Doctor Zhivago
Selected Poems, translated by
Jon Stallworthy and Peter
France
- Yury Olesha**
Envy
- Marina Tsvetayeva**
Selected Poems, translated by
Elaine Feinstein
- Mikhail Zoshchenko**
Nervous People and Other Satires
- Andrei Platonov**
The Foundation Pit
- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn**
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
The Cancer Ward
The Gulag Archipelago
August 1914
- Joseph Brodsky**
A Part of Speech: Poems
- SCANDINAVIA**
- Isak Dinesen (Danish, but wrote in English)**
Winter's Tales
Seven Gothic Tales
- Martin Andersen Nexø**
Pelle the Conqueror
- Knut Hamsun**
Hunger
Pan
- Sigrid Undset**
Kristin Lavransdatter
- Gunnar Ekelöf**
Guide to the Underworld,
translated by Rika Lesser
- Tomas Tranströmer**
Selected Poems
- Pär Lagerkvist**
Barabbas
- Lars Gustafsson**
Selected Poems
- SERBO-CROAT**
- Ivo Andrić**
The Bridge on the Drina
- Vasko Popa**
Selected Poems
- Danilo Kis**
A Tomb for Boris Davidovich

CZECH

Karel Čapek

War with the Newts

R. U. R.

Vaclav Havel

Largo Desolato

Milan Kundera

The Unbearable Lightness of Being

Jaroslav Seifert

Selected Poetry

Miroslav Holub

The Fly

POLISH

Bruno Schulz

The Street of Crocodiles
Sanatorium Under the Sign of the Hourglass

Czeslaw Milosz

Selected Poems

Witold Gombrowicz

Three Novels

Stanislaw Lem

The Investigation
Solaris

Zbigniew Herbert

Selected Poems

Adam Zagajewski

Tremor

HUNGARIAN

Attila József

Perched on Nothing's Branch

Ferenc Juhász

Selected Poems

László Németh

Guilt

MODERN GREEK

C. P. Cavafy

Collected Poems

George Seferis

Collected Poems

Nikos Kazantzakis

*The Greek Passion**The Odyssey: A Modern Sequel*

Yannis Ritsos

Exile and Return

Odysseas Elytis

What I Love: Selected Poems

Angelos Sikelianos

Selected Poems

YIDDISH

Sholem Aleichem

Tevye the Dairyman and The Railroad Stories, translated by Hillel Halkin*The Nightingale*, translated by Aliza Shevrin

Mendele Mokher Seforim

The Travels and Adventures of Benjamin the Third

I. L. Peretz

Selected Stories

Jacob Glatstein

Selected Poems

Moshe-Leib Halpern

Selected Poems

H. Leivick (Leivick Halpern)

Selected Poems

Israel Joshua Singer

*The Brothers Ashkenazi**Yoshe Kalb*

Chaim Grade

The Yeshiva

S. Ansky

The Dybbuk

Mani Leib

Selected Poems

Sholem Asch

East River

Isaac Bashevis Singer

*Collected Stories**In My Father's Court**The Manor, The Estate, The Family Moskat**Satan in Goray*

HEBREW

Hayyim Nahman Bialik

Shirot Bialik: The Epic Poems

S. Y. Agnon

*In the Heart of the Seas**Twenty-one Stories*

Aharon Appelfeld

*The Immortal Bartfuss**Badenheim 1939*

Yaakov Shabtai

Past Continuous

Yehuda Amichai

Selected Poetry, translated by Stephen Mitchell and Chana Bloch*Travels*, translated by Ruth Nevo

A. B. Yehoshua

A Late Divorce

Amos Oz

A Perfect Peace

T. Carmi

At the Stone of Losses, translated by Grace Schulman

Nathan Zach

Selected Poems

Dalia Ravikovitch

A Dress of Fire

Dan Pagis

Selected Poems

David Shahar

The Palace of Shattered Vessels

David Grossman

See Under: Love

Yoram Kaniuk

His Daughter

ARABIC

Najib Mahfuz

*Midaq Alley**Fountain and Tomb**Miramar*

Adunis

Selected Poems

Mahmud Darwish

The Music of Human Flesh

Taha Husayn

An Egyptian Childhood

LATIN AMERICA

Rubén Dário

Selected Poetry

Jorge Luis Borges

*The Aleph and Other Stories**Dreamtigers (The Maker)**Ficciones**Labyrinths**A Personal Anthology*

Alejo Carpentier

*Explosion in a Cathedral**The Lost Steps**Reasons of State**The Kingdom of This World*

Guillermo Cabrera Infante

*Three Trapped Tigers**View of Dawn in the Tropics*

Severo Sarduy

Maitreya

Reinaldo Arenas

The Ill-Fated Peregrinations of Fray Servando

Pablo Neruda

Canto general, translated by Jack Schmitt*Residence on Earth*, translated by Donald Walsh*Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*, translated by W. S. Merwin*Fully Empowered*, translated by Alastair Reid

Selected Poems, translated by
Ben Belitt

Nicolás Guillén
Selected Poems

Octavio Paz
The Collected Poems
The Labyrinth of Solitude

César Vallejo
Selected Poems, translated by
H. R. Hays
Spain, Take This Cup from Me

Miguel Angel Asturias
Men of Maize

José Lezama Lima
Paradiso

José Donoso
The Obscene Bird of Night

Julio Cortázar
Hopscotch
All Fires the Fire, translated by
Suzanne Jill Levine
Blow-up and Other Stories,
translated by Paul Blackburn

Gabriel García Márquez
One Hundred Years of Solitude,
translated by Gregory Rabassa
Love in the Time of Cholera,
translated by Edith Grossman

Mario Vargas Llosa
The War of the End of the
World

Carlos Fuentes
A Change of Skin
Terra Nostra

Carlos Drummond de Andrade
Travelling in the Family,
translated by Elizabeth Bishop,
et al.

THE WEST INDIES

C. L. R. James
The Black Jacobins
The Future in the Present

V. S. Naipaul
A Bend in the River
A House for Mr. Biswas

Derek Walcott
Collected Poems

Wilson Harris
The Guyana Quartet

Michael Thelwell
The Harder They Come

Aimé Césaire
Collected Poetry

AFRICA

Chinua Achebe
Things Fall Apart
Arrow of God
No Longer at Ease

Wole Soyinka
A Dance of the Forest

Amos Tutuola
The Palm-Wine Drinkard and
His Dead Palm-Wine Tapster
in the Dead's Town

Christopher Okigbo
Labyrinths, with Path of
Thunder

John Pepper Clark (-Bekederemo)
Casualties: Poems

Ayi K. Armah
The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet
Born

Wa Thiong'o Ngugi
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