

9-12 Books

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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	An account of a fictional journey beneath the sea. As captives of the vengeful Captain Nemo, three men find adventure as they view the ecosystems of the world's oceans. Originally published in 1870, the story includes predictions of technologies that have come to pass, and some that haven't.	Jules Verne	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Science Fiction	P	38	770L
Accidents May Happen: 50 Inventions Discovered by Mistake	This book is composed of short, fascinating descriptions of how a variety of everyday things were discovered or invented. All of the stories illustrate the nature of science and how mistakes can lead to some new discoveries useful to society.	Charlotte Foltz Jones	English	Open Library	PDF	Nonfiction	V	50	930L
The Afterlife	This book is composed of short, fascinating descriptions of how a variety of everyday things were discovered or invented. All of the stories illustrate the nature of science and how mistakes can lead to some new discoveries useful to society.	Gary Soto	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	810L
The Alchemist	With the quality of a fable, this novel details the journey of Santiago, who travels to the Egyptian desert looking for treasure. Santiago meets many people along the way who assist him on his journey; ultimately, the journey becomes less about Santiago's search for treasure and more about his search for what he ought to value. This novel would serve as a solid text for the study of narrative elements.	Paulo Coelho	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	910L
All the Light We Cannot See	A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in German-occupied France try to survive the devastation of World War II. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.	Anthony Doerr	English	Open Library	PDF	Historical Fiction	N/A	N/A	880L
Animal Dreams	The heroine of this novel returns to her childhood home looking for refuge, but is forced to deal with grief, bigotry, disease, and environmental pollution. She also finds love.	Barbara Kingsolver	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	790L
The Arrival	History and imagery are blended in this wordless graphic book to tell the story of an immigrant man who leaves his wife and daughter behind in their native land and travels to a more peaceful place. Through the man's daily life and adjustments to his new environment, the reader begins to see the immigrant experience firsthand. Many readers will be able to relate to the difficulties of starting a new life. Illustrated in stunning sepia artwork.	Shaun Tan	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A

Ash	This Cinderella retelling details the story of Ash, who lives under the control of her evil stepmother and longs to escape. Ash finds freedom only through reading and by wishing a fairy will come one day to save her and take her away. This wish comes true, and she is taken to a new world where she falls in love with Kaisa, a huntress. Their friendship grows, and Ash begins to think everything will work out. But there are always obstacles.	Malinda Lo	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	Z+	N/A	1050L
The Awakening	Edna, a wife and mother in the Victorian period, feels caught between a yearning to fulfill personal desires and her duty to uphold her social responsibilities as a wife and mother. Struggling with the limited gender roles of women in this time period, she ultimately takes drastic measures to rebel against her husband and society. First published in 1899, this groundbreaking novel is thought of by many as a classic work of feminist fiction.	Kate Chopin	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	960L
Banner in the Sky	Sixteen year-old Rudi Matt wants to complete his father's failed attempt to climb the Citadel, the tallest mountain in Switzerland. His father died on the mountain, and Rudi feels compelled to make it to the top. The novel traces Rudi's struggle to overcome the roadblocks to his dream. This gripping account of his journey up the mountain is sure to please boys and those who enjoy novels in which man is pitted against nature. The book received a Newbery Honor in 1955 and has stood the test of time very well.	James Ramsey Ullman	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	680L
Bless the Beasts and Children	Six adolescent boys staying at a camp in Arizona run away into the desert and learn much about themselves, friendships, making choices, and the world.	Glendon Swarthout	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	970L
Blood and Chocolate	A teenage werewolf falls in love with a human boy. Themes of community conflict, identity, and prejudice are woven into this original tale.	Annette Curtis Klause	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Horror	N/A	N/A	720L
The Blue Mirror	This book is about an adolescent artist who loses herself in a world she calls the Blue Mirror—a world she creates through her drawings. Maggie is seventeen years old, confused, and lonely as she lives with her alcoholic mother. She likes to hang out in a cafe in the evenings, escaping her home life. She draws the people she sees and ultimately comes to terms with life's cruel realities.	Kathe Koja	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	1130L
Bluest Eye	Beauty is perceived in many ways. In this story set in the early 1940s, an eleven-year-old African American girl in Ohio prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful.	Toni Morrison	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A

Bone Dance	Two teenage Native Americans meet when one inherits the land where the other played as a child. Issues of parental failure, including alcoholism and methods of coping as a young person passes from childhood to adulthood, are treated accurately and in a lively manner. The narrative alternates between the viewpoints of the boy and the girl.	Martha Brooks	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	X	60	730L
Bone Wars	In 1876, dinosaur fossils are found in Montana, setting off competition among American and extraterrestrial scientists, the native people of the area, and the brutal elements.	Brett Davis	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Science Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Book Thief	Liesel, a young German girl with a penchant for telling stories and stealing books, is able to help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding in their basement, and her neighbors during World War II. The well-drawn characters confront horrible cruelty and experience unexpected kindness in this tale of survival, which is a tribute to the power of words.	Markus Zusak	English	Open Library	PDF	Historical Fiction	Z+	N/A	730L
Born Confused	Seventeen-year-old Dimple discovers that her identity issues are not new. She is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans. Her parents want her to embrace her Indian heritage and set her up with Karsh Kapoor, the son of a family friend. Dimple is not interested until her beautiful and manipulative best friend, Gwyn, becomes obsessed with both Dimple's heritage and the boy her parents presented to her. This causes Dimple to get involved in the local South Asian community.	Tanuja Desai Hidier	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	Z+	N/A	N/A
The Box Man	A modern Japanese man chooses to live like a monk of old on the streets of Tokyo, disregarding society's dismissal of his presence as crazy. Whether he or his society is mad becomes the issue for the reader to confront.	Kobo Abe	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Breaking Point	Paul's entry into a new and apparently well-disciplined school starts badly. Things get absolutely dire, however, when he, rather than the "golden boy" who orchestrated the pack mentality cruelty, is blamed for the death of a fellow student.	Alex Flinn	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Realistic Fiction	N/A	N/A	410L
Breaking Through	Since coming from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields, fighting to "break through" to improve his life and complete his education. Social issues of poverty and prejudice in the 1950s are related through his adolescent experiences.	Francisco Jimenez	English	Open Library	PDF	Realistic Fiction	N/A	N/A	750L

Buddha Boy	Michael presents an unusual appearance to the kids at his new school - both the bullies and the ones who avoid them - by acting invisible. Michael has a shaved head, takes the name Jinsen, and shows that the Buddhist way of peace may work in an environment where muscle too often is thought to prevail.	Kathe Koja	English	Open Library	PDF	Realistic Fiction	N/A	N/A	1090L
Burning Up	Fifteen-year-old Macey Clare lives in a wealthy Connecticut community and attends an all-white school. At a community service project, she meets an African American girl from the inner city. When the girl is killed, Macey turns a school project about a 1959 fire into an investigation of prejudice in her community. The civil rights movement, racism, and relationships are topics for student discussion. The practice of excluding African Americans from communities is further explored in SUNDOWN TOWNS by James Loewen.	Caroline B. Cooney	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	720L
California Blue	John Rodgers lives in the redwoods of Northern California where a local lumber mill intends to log a section of old-growth redwoods. When John discovers a nearly extinct type of butterfly in the redwood groves, he is caught between the townspeople's need for a job and his desire to preserve nature. California setting.	David Klass	English	Open Library	Audiobook	Fiction	Y	60	820L
The Call of the Wild	As Buck, a mistreated sled dog, roams the Alaskan wilderness and once again experiences the "call of the wild," he finds friendship with a new master. Through personification the California author explicates the tension between the modern world and nature.	Jack London	English	Open Library	PDF	Realistic Fiction	N/A	N/A	640L
Candide	Voltaire's most famous work is a fascinating satire with elements that are contemporary even today. The adventures of a baron's illegitimate son, Candide, takes to task everything that controls the lives of men - religion, politics, love, science, and philosophy. All is expounded in the fateful travels of the protagonist in Europe and South America during the eighteenth century.	Francois Voltaire	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Candy Freaks: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America	Almond, a self-professed "candy freak," tours small-town candy factories. Using humor and in-depth descriptions of the candy making process, he draws the reader to the nearest candy counter.	Steve Almond	English	Open Library	PDF	Non fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cannery Row	The adventures and misadventures of cannery workers living in the run-down waterfront section of Monterey, California, are recounted and exposed. California author and California setting.	John Steinbeck	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	930L

Canticle for Leibowitz	Set in the Utah desert after a mid-twentieth-century nuclear holocaust, the book follows the rebuilding and subsequent nuclear destruction of the world. Three periods are portrayed: the Dark Ages, the Renaissance, and the twentieth century.	Walter M. Miller, Jr.	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cantora	Amparo relates the story of her mother's family, their life in Mexico, and the family's adjustment to their new life in California. Through constant questioning of her ancestral history, Amparo struggles to make a connection to her forgotten heritage.	Sylvia Lopez-Medina	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Canyons	Fifteen year-old Brennan Cole unearths a bullet-ravaged skull in an Arizona canyon. With the help of his high school biology teacher and a forensic scientist, he is able to piece together the story of the young Apache boy, Coyote Runs. As he unravels the mystery of the skull's identity, Brennan faces challenges that lead to self-discovery and acceptance.	Gary Paulsen	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	V	50	930L
Carmelo	Teenager Celaya "Lala" Reyes describes her loving and complex Mexican American family as they try to reconcile life in Chicago with their family history in Mexico City and San Antonio, Texas. Extensive footnotes provide background information on Mexican history and culture.	Sandra Cisneros	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cardturner: A Novel About a King, a Queen, and a Joker	Rich Uncle Lester Trapp has become blind, but he is still a great bridge player. He needs a "cardturner"—someone to play the cards for him. Alton is given the opportunity, and his parents want a big piece of the pie when Trapp kicks the bucket. This book is original and engaging, with dark family secrets, betrayals by a best friend, teen romance, and the eventual connections made between generations.	Louis Sachar	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	W	60	770L
Caring is Creepy	Fifteen-year-old Lynn Marie Sugrue suspects that her mother's pill-popping boyfriend Hayes has her involved in criminal activity as his associates continue to leave increasingly hostile warnings. Lynn escapes with online flirtations, eventually meeting up with troubled soldier Logan Loy, who stays over in a storage space accessible through her closet.	David Zimmerman	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
Case of the Monkeys that Fell from the Trees and Other Mysteries in Tropical Nature	Wildlife biologist Quinlan presents a number of questions and mysteries about the plants and animals in the tropical forest ecosystems of South America and Central America. In each of the eleven chapters, scientists set up experiments to solve the intriguing mysteries, with careful and thorough explanations of the steps in the experiments help the reader to comprehend the concepts. A related title is Quinlan's THE CASE OF THE MUMMIFIED PIGS AND OTHER MYSTERIES IN NATURE.	Susan E. Quinlan	English	Open Library	PDF	Non-fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A

Cat in Glass, and Other Tales of the Unnatural	Horror short stories feature traditional themes, such as ghosts and Victorian settings, that place girls and women in powerful roles.	Nancy Etchemendy	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	840L
Catalyst	Eighteen-year-old Kate, a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year when she realizes that she has not been accepted by the college of her choice, the only college she has applied to: MIT. To make things worse, Teri, the tough girl who once beat her up, comes to live with Kate, bringing her mom and brother. Kate and Teri both come to terms with what is really important in life.	Laurie Halse Anderson	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	HL580L
Catcher in the Rye	Two days in the life of Holden Caulfield, a disenchanting, alienated, angst-ridden youth, are depicted as he reveals his touching, often humorous view of people and the world around him. The language reflects both the times and Holden's worldview, which is changing as he begins to acknowledge the emotional intensity prevalent in various relationships he holds.	J. D. Salinger	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	Z+	N/A	N/A
Catching Fire	Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow district tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defying the Capitol and their harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have just won for themselves and their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, to their horror, are the faces of that rebellion. The second novel of the "Hunger Games" trilogy.	Suzanne Collins	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	Z	70	820L
Cats in Art	Through simple text and illustrations, this book presents various ways in which cats have been depicted in art throughout history—from the sculptured bronze of ancient Egypt, to Chinese embroidery, to the art of Goya and Cocteau.	Brigitte Baumbusch	English	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	Q	N/A	N/A
Charles Lindbergh: A Human Hero	A biography of aviator Charles Lindbergh, whose transatlantic flight made him a world hero but whose subsequent life was complicated by the tragic kidnapping and murder of his son and his isolationist and anti-Semitic views during World War II. Carefully researched and documented, the book includes source notes and a bibliography, archival photographs, a chronology, and an index.	James Giblein	English	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N/A	N/A	1140L

Child of Dandelions	In 1972, fifteen-year-old Sabine and her family, wealthy citizens of East Indian descent, try to preserve their normal life in Uganda during the 90 days allowed by President Idi Amin for all Indians to leave the country. Sabine's father continues to believe that their status as citizens and their importance to the economic well-being of the country will protect them, even as soldiers and others terrorize them and people disappear. The author grew up in East Africa and effectively conveys the culture and historical background, as well as the horrors, of the time period.	Shenaaz Nanji	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	720L
Children of the Great Depression	Describes the living conditions of Depression-era children and their families through well-selected archival photographs and text that draws upon memoirs, diaries, letters, and other firsthand accounts. Includes chapter notes, a selected bibliography, and an index. Pair with CHILDREN OF THE DUST BOWL by Jerry Stanley.	Russell Freedman	English	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	X	60	1170L
Children of the River	Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year-old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to the customs of her own people and adjusting to the differences of American culture in her Oregon high school. Her struggle to straddle two cultures is one faced by many immigrant students.	Linda Crew	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	X	60	700L
Chime	Briony has a secret. It is a secret that killed her stepmother, ruined her sister's mind, and will end her life, if anyone were to know. She has powers. Then Eldric comes along with his golden lion eyes and a great mane of tawny hair. He is as natural as the sun, and he treats her as if she is extraordinary. And everything starts to change.	Franny Billingsley	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	Z+	N/A	HL600L
Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter	Although her mother died two weeks after her birth, Wu Mei is persecuted throughout her life for being responsible for her mother's death. When her father remarries, she is the family outcast. The poignant memoir describes the author's childhood in China during the 1940s and 1950s. This engrossing young adult version of FALLING LEAVES looks at customs and traditions, the status of women, and a tumultuous time in China's history.	Adeline Yen Mah	English	Open Library	PDF	Biographic Novel	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Chosen	Briony has a secret. It is a secret that killed her stepmother, ruined her sister's mind, and will end her life, if anyone were to know. She has powers. Then Eldric comes along with his golden lion eyes and a great mane of tawny hair. He is as natural as the sun, and he treats her as if she is extraordinary. And everything starts to change.	Chaim Potok	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	970L
Christine	Arnie Cunningham, a bookish, bullied high school senior, becomes obsessed with a 1958 Plymouth he is restoring named Christine.	Stephen King	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A

Chu Ju's House	To save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns money for food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings. She wonders if she will ever see her family again.	Gloria Whelan	English	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	W	60	870L
Chuck Close, Up Close	The revisionist artist achieved prominence in the late 1960s for enormous photographically realistic black-and-white portraits of himself and his friends.	Jan Greenberg	English	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N/A	N/A	950L

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