

Ragtime

E. L. Doctorow Novel / U.S. 10

Set in the Progressive Era in the early years of the 20th century, this remarkable novel combines real historical figures with a fictitious New York family to bring out the diverse mix of individuals; real people who appear in the book include Harry Houdini, Andrew Carnegie, J. D. Rockefeller, Booker T. Washington, and Evelyn Nesbit. (1975)

Rainbow, The

D. H. Lawrence Novel / Britain 12

This saga of three generations of a rural English Midlands family between the years 1840 and 1905 is a classic exploration of the quest for identity and individualism. (1915)

“Raise High the Roofbeams, Carpenter” and “Seymour: An Introduction”

J. D. Salinger Novel / U.S. 11, 12

Buddy Glass narrates these two stories introducing readers to the Glass family of *Franny and Zooey*. They were originally published in *The New Yorker*. (1963)

Raj

Gita Mehta Novel / India 11, 12

India's early struggle for independence from Britain is seen through the eyes of a young woman born into Indian nobility. (1989)

Raven's Eye

Philip Thatcher Novel / Canada 10, 11, 12

Nathan Solomon Jacob, born in an aboriginal village on the west coast of British Columbia, grows up full of riddles. To find the answers, he travels to Wales and Ireland in this poetic blend of West Coast Native and Celtic legends. (2000)

Red and the Black, The

Stendhal Novel / France 12


The rise and fall of a young man at the time of the French Restoration in 1813 has become a classic. (1830)

Red Badge of Courage, The

Stephen Crane Novel / U.S.  9, 10, 11, 12


This novel of intense psychological realism follows an inexperienced young soldier into the horrors of battle during the American Civil War. (1895)

Red Clay: Poems and Stories

Linda Hogan Short Stories / Native American  12

These stories and poems by Chickasaw poet, novelist, essayist, playwright, and activist reflect her concerns with native issues and the environment. (1991)

Red Pony, The

John Steinbeck Novel / U.S.  9

The setting is a ranch in northern California where Jody, a young boy, raises a high-spirited pony while learning hard lessons about the nature of humans and horses. (1937)

Red River Story

Alfred Silver Novel / Native Canadian 9, 10, 11, 12

This novel about life on the northern Great Plains shows three groups competing for the land: the half-Indian buffalo hunters, the settlers who want to farm, and the great fur companies seeking profit. (1988)

Red Sorghum

Mo Yan Novel / China 10

A novel of three generations told through a series of flashbacks depicts the Chinese battle against Japanese invaders in the 1930s. (1993)