

1937

Isak Dinesen - *Out of Africa*

John Steinbeck - *Of Mice and Men*

Zora Neale Hurston - *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

J.R.R. Tolkien - *The Hobbit*

Laura Ingalls Wilder - *On the Banks of Plum Street*

1938

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings - *The Yearling*

Carl Van Doren - *Benjamin Franklin*

Daphne du Maurier - *Rebecca*

T.H. White - *The Sword in the Stone*

Graham Greene - *Brighton Rock*

1939

Raymond Chandler - *The Big Sleep*

Rachel Field - *All This, and Heaven Too*

Richard Llewellyn - *How Green Was My Valley*

Dalton Trumbo - *Johnny Got His Gun*

John Steinbeck - *The Grapes of Wrath*

1940

Carson McCullers - *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*

Ernest Hemingway - *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

Richard Wright - *Native Son*

Willa Cather - *Sapphira and the Slave Girl*

Walter Van Tilburg Clark - *The Ox-Bow Incident*

1941

Edna Ferber - *Saratoga Trunk*

Agatha Christie - *Evil Under the Sun*

A. J. Cronin - *Keys of the Kingdom*

Walter Farley - *Black Stallion*

James M. Cain - *Mildred Pierce*

1942

Pearl S. Buck - *Dragon Seed*

Albert Camus - *The Stranger*

Beryl Markham - *West with the Night*

C.S. Lewis - *The Screwtape Letters*

Edith Hamilton - *Mythology*

1943

Betty Smith - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

William Saroyan - *The Human Comedy*

Ayn Rand - *The Fountainhead*

Esther Forbes - *Johnny Tremain*

Wallace Stegner - *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*

1944

W. Somerset Maugham - *The Razor's Edge*

Margaret Landon - *Anna and the King of Siam*

John Hersey - *A Bell for Adano*

Eleanor Estes - *The Hundred Dresses*

Agatha Christie - *Sparkling Cyanide*

1945

George Orwell - *Animal Farm*

Evelyn Waugh - *Brideshead Revisited*

C. S. Forester - *Commodore Hornblower*

John Steinbeck - *Cannery Row*

Jean-Paul Sartre - *The Age of Reason*

1946

Robert Penn Warren - *All the King's Men*

John Hersey - *Hiroshima*

Winston Graham - *Demelza*

Carson McCullers - *The Member of the Wedding*

Victor Frankl - *Man's Search for Meaning*

1947

Primo Levi - *Survival in Auschwitz*

Benedict Freedman - *Mrs. Mike*

James Michener - *Tales of the South Pacific*

Anne Frank - *The Diary of a Young Girl*

A.B. Guthrie, Jr. - *The Big Sky*

1948

Norman Mailer - *The Naked and the Dead*

Alan Paton – *Cry, The Beloved Country*

Thornton Wilder - *The Ides of March*

Dodie Smith - *I Capture the Castle*

Thor Heyerdahl - *The Kon-Tiki Expedition*

1949

George Orwell - *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Edward Streeter - *Father of the Bride*

Joseph Campbell - *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*

Simone de Beauvoir - *The Second Sex*

Nancy Mitford - *Love in a Cold Climate*

1950

Gwen Bristow - *Jubilee Trail*

Isaac Asimov - *I, Robot*

C. S. Lewis - *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

Patricia Highsmith - *Strangers on a Train*

Georgette Heyer - *The Grand Sophy*

1951

J. D. Salinger - *The Catcher in the Rye*

Josephine Tey - *The Daughter of Time*

Rachel Carson - *The Sea Around Us*

James Jones - *From Here to Eternity*

Isaac Asimov - *Foundation*

1952

E. B. White - *Charlotte's Web*

Pierre Boulle - *The Bridge Over the River Kwai*

Robert Heinlein - *The Rolling Stones*

Ernest Hemingway - *The Old Man and the Sea*

John Steinbeck - *East of Eden*

1953

Ray Bradbury - *Fahrenheit 451*

C. Arthur Clarke - *Childhood's End*

James Baldwin - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Arthur Miller - *The Crucible*

Flannery O'Connor - *A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories*

1954

William Golding - *Lord of the Flies*

Ian Fleming - *Live and Let Die*

Anya Seton - *Katherine*

Kingsley Amis - *Lucky Jim*

Richard Matheson - *I Am Legend*

1955

Patrick Dennis - *Auntie Mame*

Vladimir Nabokov - *Lolita*

MacKinlay Kantor - *Andersonville*

Walter Lord - *A Night to Remember*

Patricia Highsmith - *The Talented Mr. Ripley*

1956

Grace Metalious - *Peyton Place*

Gerald Durrell - *My Family and Other Animals*

Fred Gipson - *Old Yeller*

Saul Bellow - *Seize the Day*

William Gibson - *The Miracle Worker*

1957

Nevil Shute - *On the Beach*

Naguib Mahfouz - *Sugar Street*

Boris Pasternak - *Doctor Zhivago*

Jack Kerouac - *On the Road*

Ray Bradbury - *Dandelion Wine*

1958

Chinua Achebe - *Things Fall Apart*

Jean Kerr - *Please Don't Eat the Daisies*

Mary Renault - *The King Must Die*

Truman Capote - *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

Elizabeth George Speare - *The Witch at Blackbird Pond*

1959

Leon Uris - *Exodus*

William S. Burroughs - *Naked Lunch*

Shirley Jackson - *The Haunting of Hill House*

Robert A. Heinlein - *Starship Troopers*

Lorraine Hansberry - *A Raisin in the Sun*

1960

John Updike – *Rabbit, Run*

Harper Lee - *To Kill a Mockingbird*

William Shirer - *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*

Scott O'Dell - *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

Sheila Burnford - *The Incredible Journey*

1961

Irving Stone - *The Agony and the Ecstasy*

Joseph Heller - *Catch-22*

Richard Yates - *Revolutionary Road*

Norton Juster - *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Kurt Vonnegut - *Mother Night*

1962

Katherine Anne Porter - *Ship of Fools*

Barbara Tuchman - *The Guns of August*

Ken Kesey - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Rachel Carson - *Silent Spring*

Alexander Solzhenitsyn - *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*

1963

Betty Friedan - *The Feminine Mystique*

Martin Luther King, Jr. - *Why We Can't Wait*

John Le Carré - *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*

Sylvia Plath - *The Bell Jar*

Eliot Asinof - *Eight Men Out*

1964

Ernest Hemingway - *A Moveable Feast*

Thomas Berger - *Little Big Man*

Wilbur Smith - *When the Lion Feeds*

Roald Dahl - *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Agatha Christie - *A Caribbean Mystery*

1965

Arthur Hailey - *Hotel*

Frank Herbert - *Dune*

Georgette Heyer - *Frederica*

Truman Capote - *In Cold Blood*

James Michener - *The Source*

1966

Jacqueline Susann - *Valley of the Dolls*

Dorothy Gilman – *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax*

James Clavell - *Tai-Pan*

Jean Rhys - *Wide Sargasso Sea*

Mikhail Bulgakov - *The Master and Margarita*

1967

William Styron - *The Confessions of Nat Turner*

S.E. Hinton - *The Outsiders*

Catherine Marshall - *Christy*

Gabriel Garcia Marquez - *One Hundred Years of Solitude*

Chaim Potok - *The Chosen*

1968

Helen MacInnes - *The Salzburg Connection*

Aleksandr Solzenhitsyn - *Cancer Ward*

Anne McCaffrey - *Dragonflight*

James D. Watson - *The Double Helix*

Charles Portis - *True Grit*



1969

Mario Puzo - *The Godfather*

Kurt Vonnegut - *Slaughterhouse Five*

Maya Angelou - *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Irwin Shaw - *Rich Man, Poor Man*

Patrick O'Brian - *Master and Commander*

1970

Erich Segal - *Love Story*

Toni Morrison - *The Bluest Eye*

Dee Brown - *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*

Richard Bach - *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*

Judy Blume - *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.*

1971

Frederick Forsyth - *The Day of the Jackal*

Herman Wouk - *The Winds of War*

Wallace Stegner - *Angle of Repose*

William Peter Blatty - *The Exorcist*

Corrie ten Boom - *The Hiding Place*

1972

Chaim Potok - *My Name is Asher Lev*

David Halberstam - *The Best and the Brightest*

Roger Kahn - *The Boys of Summer*

Richard Adams - *Watership Down*

P.D. James - *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman*

1973

Gore Vidal - *Burr*

Mary Stewart - *The Hollow Hills*

Flora R. Schreiber - *Sybil*

William Goldman - *The Princess Bride*

Toni Morrison - *Sula*

1974

Peter Benchley - *Jaws*

Michael Shaara - *The Killer Angels*

Margaret Craven - *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*

Piers Paul Read - *Alive*

John le Carré – *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*

1975

E. L. Doctorow - *Ragtime*

Agatha Christie - *Curtain*

Michael Crichton - *The Great Train Robbery*

Elizabeth Peters - *The Crocodile on the Sandbank*

Natalie Babbitt - *Tuck Everlasting*

1976

Alex Haley - *Roots*

Judith Guest - *Ordinary People*

Jack Higgins - *Storm Warning*

Anne Rice - *Interview with the Vampire*

Mildred D. Taylor - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

1977

Colleen McCullough - *The Thorn Birds*

James Herriot - *All Things Wise and Wonderful*

David McCullough - *The Path between the Seas*

Stephen King - *The Shining*

Howard Fast - *The Immigrants*

1978

Judith Krantz - *Scruples*

Armistead Maupin - *Tales of the City*

Erma Bombeck - *If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?*

John Irving - *The World According to Garp*

Ellen Raskin - *The Westing Game*

1979

Michael Ende - *The Neverending Story*

Elaine Pagels - *The Gnostic Gospels*

Stephen King - *The Dead Zone*

Tom Wolfe - *The Right Stuff*

William Styron - *Sophie's Choice*

1980

Umberto Eco - *The Name of the Rose*

Ken Follett - *The Key to Rebecca*

Robert Ludlum - *The Bourne Identity*

Jean Auel - *The Clan of the Cave Bear*

Carl Sagan - *Cosmos*

1981

John Irving - *The Hotel New Hampshire*

Martin Cruz Smith - *Gorky Park*

Shel Silverstein - *A Light in the Attic*

James Clavell - *Noble House*

Nadine Gordimer - *July's People*

1982

John Jakes - *North and South*

Alice Walker - *The Color Purple*

Isabel Allende - *The House of the Spirits*

Anne Tyler - *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*

Marion Zimmer Bradley - *The Mists of Avalon*

1983

Danielle Steel - *Changes*

William Kennedy - *Ironweed*

Mark Helprin - *Winter's Tale*

Terry Pratchett - *The Color of Magic*

Susan Hill - *The Woman in Black*

1984

Milan Kundera - *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*

Tom Clancy - *The Hunt for Red October*

Olive Burns - *Cold Sassy Tree*

Sandra Cisneros - *The House on Mango Street*

Jay McInerney - *Bright Lights, Big City*

1985

Margaret Atwood - *The Handmaid's Tale*

Carl Sagan - *Contact*

Gabriel Garcia Marquez - *Love in the Time of Cholera*

Orson Scott Card - *Ender's Game*

Oliver Sacks - *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*

1986

Pat Conroy - *The Prince of Tides*

Alan Moore - *Watchmen*

Richard Dawkins - *The Blind Watchmaker*

Scott Turow - *Presumed Innocent*

Winston Groom - *Forrest Gump*

1987

Rosamunde Pilcher - *The Shell Seekers*

Tim Wolfe - *The Bonfire of the Vanities*

Stephen King - *Misery*

Danielle Steel - *Fine Things*

Edward Rutherfurd - *Sarum*

1988

Salman Rushdie - *The Satanic Verses*

Steven W. Hawking - *A Brief History of Time*

Thomas Harris - *The Silence of the Lambs*

Neil Sheehan - *A Bright, Shining Lie*

H.G. Bissinger - *Friday Night Lights*

1989

Mary Higgins Clark - *While My Pretty One Sleeps*

Kazuo Ishiguro - *The Remains of the Day*

Gilda Radner - *It's Always Something*

Bill Bryson - *The Lost Continent*

Laura Esquivel - *Like Water for Chocolate*

1990

Anne Rice - *The Witching Hour*

Tim O'Brien - *The Things They Carried*

Elmore Leonard - *Get Shorty*

Walter Mosley - *Devil in a Blue Dress*

Michael Crichton - *Jurassic Park*

1991

John Grisham - *The Firm*

Jane Smiley - *A Thousand Acres*

Amy Tan - *The Kitchen God's Wife*

Diana Gabaldon - *Outlander*

Bret Easton Ellis - *American Psycho*

1992

Terry McMillan - *Waiting to Exhale*

Michael Ondaatje - *The English Patient*

Connie Willis - *Doomsday Book*

John Grisham - *The Pelican Brief*

Michael Connelly - *The Black Echo*

1993

Ernest J. Gaines - *A Lesson Before Dying*

Jeffrey Eugenides - *The Virgin Suicides*

Annie Proulx - *The Shipping News*

Richard Paul Evans - *The Christmas Box*

Sherman Alexie - *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*

1994

Richard Preston - *The Hot Zone*

David Guterson - *Snow Falling on Cedars*

Jan Karon - *At Home in Mitford*

Caleb Carr - *The Alienist*

John Berendt - *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*

1995

Nicholas Evans - *The Horse Whisperer*

Nick Hornby - *High Fidelity*

Jose Saramago - *Blindness*

Pat Barker - *The Ghost Road*

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child - *The Relic*

1996

Helen Fielding - *Bridget Jones's Diary*

Frank McCourt - *Angela's Ashes*

Chuck Palahniuk - *Fight Club*

Stephen Ambrose - *Undaunted Courage*

Nicholas Sparks - *The Notebook*

1997

Charles Frazier - *Cold Mountain*

Jared Diamond – *Guns, Germs, and Steel*

Arundhati Roy - *The God of Small Things*

Sebastian Junger - *The Perfect Storm*

J.K. Rowling - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Apprentice*

1998

Michael Cunningham - *The Hours*

Barbara Kingsolver - *The Poisonwood Bible*

Alexander McCall Smith - *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*

Wally Lamb - *I Know This Much Is True*

Fannie Flagg - *Welcome to World, Baby Girl*

1999

Tracy Chevalier - *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*

Joanne Harris - *Chocolat*

Brian Greene - *The Elegant Universe*

Stephen Chbosky - *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Janet Fitch - *White Oleander*

2000

Marjane Satrapi - *Persepolis*

David Sedaris - *Me Talk Pretty One Day*

Malcolm Gladwell - *The Tipping Point*

Dan Brown - *Angels and Demons*

Michael Chabon - *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*