Oldies but Goodies
Classic Teen Reads

The Call of the Wild
by Jack London

The story of Buck, a big-hearted dog, whose life is turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to Alaska.

The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee

Scout Finch, daughter of the town lawyer Atticus, has just started school; but her carefree days come to an end when a black man in town is accused of raping a white woman, and her father is the only man willing to defend him.

The lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit enjoying a comfortable life, is suddenly thrust into a very dangerous journey with 13 dwarves and a wizard.

A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeleine L'Engle

Thirteen-year-old Meg Murry, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin are guided by unearthly strangers as they go on a journey through space and time to search for Meg's and Charles' scientist father who disappeared while experimenting with a new form of space travel.

The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak

Death narrates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding.

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers a terrible secret about his society.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, 13 year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet.

The Diary of a Young Girl
by Anne Frank

A young girl's diary that she wrote in an attic, while hiding from the Nazis during WWII.
**Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda’s freshman year in high school.

**Go Ask Alice** by Anonymous
Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old drug user chronicling her struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

**Ender's Game** by Orson Scott
In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers.

**The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss’s skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister’s place.

**The Chocolate War** by Robert Cormier
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arouses the wrath of the school bullies.

**The Maze Runner** by James Dashner
Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

**The House of the Scorpion** by Nancy Farmer
In the country of Opium lives a boy named Matt, who is a clone of the powerful drug lord, El Patron. His purpose is to extend the life of El Patron when his own body fails him. It is impermissible for him to meet others, but when he sees a group of children outside the window, curiosity surrounds him.

**The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents’ death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves “outsiders.”

**Lord of the Flies** by William Golding
Following a world war, a group of school boys survive a plane crash on a deserted island and they create a hellish environment, leading to savagery and murder.

**The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

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**Into the Wild** by Erin Hunter
For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.