

Ordered List of all Books read by Last Thursday Book Club (30 Dec 2016)				
Order	LTBC	Title	Author	Notes
1	29-Jan-98	The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	(580 pgs) Our choice for best of all
2	29-Apr-93	A River Runs Through It	Norman Maclean	
3	25-Feb-99	Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage	Alfred Lansing	
4	29-Oct-98	Lolita	Vladimir Nabokov	
5	28-Feb-08	Infidel	Ayaan Hirshi Ali	Ali was the Somali-born member of the Dutch parliament who faced death threats after collaborating on a film about domestic violence against Muslim women
6	25-May-00	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow....
7	27-Feb-94	The Killer Angels	Michael Sharra	(1974)
8	26-May-94	The Good Earth	Pearl Buck	(1937)
9	1/28/2016	All The Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	"He says, "You are very brave." She lowers the bucket. "What is your name?" He tells her. She says, "When I lost my sight, Werner, people said I was brave. When my father left, people said I was brave. But it is not bravery; I have no choice. I wake up and live my life. Don't you do the same?"
10	27-Jul-06	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	Man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated. Pull the boat, fish.
11	28-Aug-94	Red Badge of Courage	Stephan Crane	
12	31-Jul-97	Undaunted Courage	Stephen Ambrose	
13	22-Aug-97	All the Pretty Horses	Cormac McCarthy	
14	30-Jul-98	A Fan's Notes	Frederick Exley	
15	27-Apr-00	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Samuel L. Clemens	
16	28-May-09	When A Crocodile Eats The Sun	Peter Godwin	This story of a family was highly emotional. The author was watching his father die and his country die - what will it take (in time) to improve the situation in Zimbabwe? The father said whites in Africa are like Jews anywhere - waiting for the next crisis to erupt.
17	25-Apr-13	Cannery Row	John Steinbeck	"[Cannery Row's] inhabitants are, as the man once said, 'whores, pimps, gamblers, and sons of bitches,' by which he meant everybody. Had the man looked through another peephole he might have said, 'saints and angels and martyrs and holy men,' and he would have meant the same thing."
18	29-Oct-09	In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	It has been said of Mr. Clutter that his shoulders were broad, his hair had held its dark color, his square-jawed, confident face retained a healthy-hued youthfulness, and his teeth, unstained, and strong enough to shatter walnuts, were still intact.
19	28-Jul-94	Monsignor Quixote	Graham Greene	
20	28-Jan-99	All The King's Men	Robert Penn Warren	
21	27-May-99	Angela's Ashes	Frank McCourt	When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I survived at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while.
22	25-Mar-04	Life of Pi	Yann Martel	a transformative novel, an astonishing work of imagination that will delight and stun readers in equal measure.
23	22-May-08	Out Stealing Horses	Per Petterson	The author as Trond Sander: "All my life I have longed to be alone in a place like this."
24	8/25/2016	Being Mortal	Atul Gawande	"In the end, people don't view their life as merely the average of all its moments—which, after all, is mostly nothing much plus some sleep. For human beings, life is meaningful because it is a story. A story has a sense of a whole, and its arc is determined by the significant moments, the ones where something happens. Measurements of people's minute-by-minute levels of pleasure and pain miss this fundamental aspect of human existence. A seemingly happy life may be empty. A seemingly difficult life may be devoted to a great cause. We have purposes larger than ourselves."

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25	18-Nov-04	Disgrace	JM Coetzee	the least given to sentimentality of the talented novelists to have come out of South Africa.
26	5/3/2012	Peace like a River	Leif Enger	<i>"Real miracles bother people, like strange sudden pains unknown in medical literature. It's true: They rebut every rule all we good citizens take comfort in. Lazarus obeying orders and climbing up out of the grave - now there's a miracle, and you can bet it upset a lot of folks who were standing around at the time."</i>
27	25-Jul-96	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>"In my younger and more vulnerable years my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since."</i>
28	31-Jan-13	Cry, The Beloved Country	Alan Paton	"Cry, the beloved country, for the unborn child that is the inheritor of our fear."
29	1/29/2015	How Green Was My Valley	Richard Llewellyn	"There is beautiful you are." "No," said Marged, between a sigh and a sob. "Yes," said Owen. "No," said Marged, not so certain. "Behold," Owen said, from Solomon. "thou art fair. Thou hast dove's eyes." "Dove's eyes are small." Marged said. "Yours are so big they are my whole world," said Owen."
30	9/29/2016	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Truman Capote	"It calms me down right away, the quietness and the proud look of it; nothing very bad could happen to you there, not with those kind men in their nice suits, and that lovely smell of silver and alligator wallets. If I could find a real-life place that made me feel like Tiffany's, then I'd buy some furniture and give the cat a name."
31	19-Dec-96	The Spy Who Came In From the Cold	John LeCarre	
32	25-Mar-10	Three Cups of Tea	Greg Mortensen	One man's mission to promote peace, one school at a time. In 1996, Mortensen returned to Korphe to build the promised school.
33	25-Oct-12	No Country For Old Men	Cormac McCarthy	<i>I think if you were Satan and you were settin around tryin to think up somethin that would just bring the human race to its knees what you would probably come up with is narcotics."</i>
34	30-Dec-93	The Assault	Henry Mulisch	
35	26-Jan-95	Winter of our Discontent	John Steinbeck	
36	29-Sep-05	The Actual	Saul Bellow	The worldly and clever Harry Trelman, a grand nancier of things, tells the familiar Bellow story of an old adolescent love which is finally admitted to and resumed.
37	14-Dec-10	Hitch-22	Christopher Hitchens	What do you most value in your friends? Their continued existence.
38	27-Jul-95	The Moviegoer	Walker Percy	
39	27-Mar-03	<u>Master and Commander</u>	Patrick O'Brian	the first in the splendid series of Jack Aubrey novels. Title provides links to Smithsonian articles on how this series came to be.
40	30-Jan-14	The Yellow Birds	Kevin Powers	"There is a sharp distinction between what is remembered, what is told and what is true."
41	31-Aug-95	A Confederacy of Dunces	John Kennedy Toole	the funniest book on the list; memorable character
42	25-Jan-01	The Professor and the Madman	Simon Winchester	Creating the Oxford English Dictionary. One of the major contributors was a US Army surgeon who murdered a man in London and was in a lunatic asylum.
43	31-May-01	The Shipping News	E. Annie Proulx	From all outward appearances, Quoye has gone through his first 36 years on earth as a big schlump of a loser.
44	22-Nov-01	This House of Sky: Landscapes of a	Ivan Doig	The grandson of homesteaders and the son of a ranch hand and a ranch cook, Ivan Doig was born in Montana in 1939.
45	28-Apr-05	Housekeeping	Marilynne Robinson	I have observed that, in the way people are strange, they grow stranger, says Ruth, our narrator. When she was young, her mother returned with her and her sister to Fingerbone, Idaho. Once there, she left the two of them on the front porch of her mother's house, then committed suicide by driving her car into a nearby lake.

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46	27-Mar-08	Man in the Holocene	Max Frisch	Erosion was a theme; Geiser's mind was eroding. At the same time, Geiser remembers every minute on the Matterhorn.
47	20-Nov-08	The Yiddish Policeman's Union	Michael Chabon	"He has the memory of a convict, the balls of a fireman, and the eyesight of a housebreaker." "...collecting himself like a beggar chasing scattered dimes along the sidewalk."
48	9/24/2015	The Death of Ivan Ilyich	Leo Tolstoy	"All his life the example of a syllogism he had studied in Kiesewetter's logic - "Caius is a man, men are mortal, therefore Caius is mortal" - had seemed to him to be true only in relation to Caius the man, man in general, and it was quite justified, but he wasn't Caius and he wasn't man in general, and he had always been something quite, quite special apart from all other beings; he was Vanya, with Mama, with Papa, with Mitya and Volodya, with his toys and the coachman, with Nyanya, then with Katenka, with all the joys, sorrows, passions of childhood, boyhood, youth.
49	24-Jun-04	The Reader	Bernhard Schlink	the story of a man whose adolescent affair with an older woman returns to haunt him years later.
50	30-Dec-05	The Nigger of the Narcissus	Joseph Conrad	"The <i>Narcissus</i> came gently into her berth; the shadows of soulless walls fell upon her, the dust of all the continents leaped upon her deck, and a swarm of strange men, clambering up her sides, took possession of her in the name of the sordid earth. She had ceased to live."
51	29-Jun-06	Gilead	Marilyn Robinson	"I have lived my life on the prairie and a line of oak trees can still astonish me."
52	27-Feb-14	The Stranger	Albert Camus	"Mother died today. Or maybe yesterday; I can't be sure."
53	25-Sep-14	Shane	Jack Schaefer	"What a man knows isn't important. It's what he is that counts"
54	6/25/2015	109 East Palace	Jennet Conant	"For the first few weeks in Santa Fe, Oppenheimer and his key staff worked out of the office at 109 East Palace Avenue in the early mornings and made daily trips up to Los Alamos to inspect the progress of the construction. "The laboratories at the site were in a sketchy state, but that did not deter the workers," Dorothy wrote of those hectic early days. "In the morning buses, consisting of station wagons, sedans, or trucks, would leave 109 and pick up the men at the ranches and take them up the Hill. Occasionally, a driver would forget to stop at one or another of the ranches and the stranded and frustrated scientists would call in a white heat."
55	30-Apr-09	The Reluctant Mr. Darwin	David Quannem	"He didn't foresee being swallowed up by barnacle taxonomy for eight years ... His study must have smelled like a pub, from the evaporation of pickling alcohol off his specimens." Darwin anecdotes: Little son George asking his playmates, "Where does your father do his barnacles?"
56	29-Jul-10	The Big Sleep	Raymond Chandler	"I've been around," he said. "Know the boys and such. Used to do a little liquor-running down from Huenene Point. A tough racket, brother. Riding the scout car with a gun in your lap and a wad on your hip that would choke a coal chute. Plenty of times we paid off four sets of law before we hit Beverly Hills. A tough racket." "Terrible." I said He leaned back and blew smoke at the ceiling from the small tight corner of his small tight mouth. "Maybe you don't believe me," he said. "Maybe I don't." I said. "And maybe I do. And then again maybe I haven't bothered to make my mind up."

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57	27-Sep-07	Deliverance	James Dickey	Dickey's writing is gripping - the rape scene actually hurt to read it. Some of his poetic descriptions were carried away. Provided unspoken interaction between the four guys, most of whom wanted to be macho like Lewis.
58	17-Dec-09	Mutiny on the Bounty	Charles Nordhoff et al	The story of the Bounty will be told as long as men sail the sea. The storytelling genius of the authors finds here a canvas filled with color, action and adventure. Readers will realize, as did the authors, that so large a drama could not be confined to the compass of an ordinary book. Nordhoff and Hall chose to tell the story of the Bounty in three acts. We read the first.
59	28-Oct-93	Bless Me Ultima	Rudolpho Anaya	
60	22-Dec-94	The Painted Bird	Jerzy Kosinski	
61	23-Dec-99	The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway	Everyone enjoyed the bull fighting descriptions, wanted more.
62	27-Jul-00	Citizen Soldiers: Normandy to the B	Stephen Ambrose	combines history and journalism to describe how American GIs battled their way to the Rhineland.
63	26-Feb-04	The Debt to Pleasure	John Lanchester	If Humbert Humbert had written a cookbook rather than about his nymphet, this would have been the book.
64	25-May-06	<u>As I Lay Dying</u>	William Faulkner	It takes two people to make you, and one people to die. That's how the world is going to end.
65	28-Sep-06	<u>Blood Meridian</u> <u>or The Evening Redness in the Sky</u>	Cormac McCarthy	War endures. ... Before man was, war waited for him. ... Men are born for games. Nothing else. ... (every child) knows too that the worth or merit of a game is not inherent in the game itself but rather in the value of that which is put at hazard.
66	25-Feb-10	The Road	Cormac McCarthy	In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity.
67	28-Mar-13	Train Dreams	Denis Johnson	"Living up the Moyea with plenty of small chores to distract him, he forgot he was a sad man. When the hymns began, he remembered." "But they hushed, all at once and quite abruptly, when he stood still at center stage, his arms straight out from his shoulders, and went rigid, and began to tremble with a massive inner dynamism. Nobody present had ever seen anyone stand so still and yet so strangely mobile. He laid his head back until his scalp contacted his spine, that far back, and opened his throat, and a sound rose in the auditorium like a wind coming from all four directions, low and terrifying. ..."
68	19-Dec-13	Light in August	William Faulkner	"Like a fellow running from or toward a gun ain't got time to worry whether the word for what he is doing is courage or cowardice."
69	5/28/2015	The Boys in the Boat	Daniel James Brown	"Standing there, watching them, it occurred to me that when Hitler watched Joe and the boys fight their way back from the rear of the field to sweep ahead of Italy and Germany seventy-five years ago, he saw, but did not recognize, heralds of his doom. He could not have known that one day hundreds of thousands of boys just like them, boys who shared their essential natures—decent and unassuming, not privileged or favored by anything in particular, just loyal, committed, and perseverant—would return to Germany dressed in olive drab, hunting him down."
70	8/27/2015	King Lear	William Shakespeare	"When we are born, we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools." "As flies to wanton boys are we to the gods. They kill us for their sport."

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71	29-Mar-07	Ironweed	William Kennedy	Ironweed is only secondarily about Albany. It is primarily about survival - about an ordinary man, a bum by his own admission, whose extraordinarily bad luck has brought him to rock bottom but also to the discovery, within himself, of an inner strength that he cannot understand.
72	28-Oct-10	The Last Picture Show	Larry McMurtry	We enter the one-stoplight town of Thalia, Texas, where Duane Moore, his buddy Sonny, and his girlfriend Jacy are all stumbling along the rocky road to adulthood. The trip includes naked swimming parties, a visit to a blind heifer, mean high school coach, dancing with erections, the real Merc (1948-1951), and road trips to Mexico.
73	30-Jun-05	The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	An epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy to the atrocities of the present.
74	6/30/2016	Ghost Soldiers	Hampton Sides	"When Lieutenant Sato was satisfied that all 150 prisoners were dead, he ordered his men to heave the stray bodies back into the smoky pits. The soldiers splattered additional gasoline inside and reignited the trenches. They tossed in more grenades as well as sticks of dynamite to make it appear as though the victims had perished in an air raid after all, with the shelters receiving 'direct hits' from American bombs. The immense pall of smoke curling from the three subterranean pyres was noted by observers five miles distant, across Puerto Princesa Bay."
75	26-Aug-99	Snow Falling on Cedars	David Guterson	
76	30-Nov-00	Flashman: From the Flashman Papers	George MacDonald Fraser	
77	29-Jul-04	Benjamin Franklin: An American	Walter Isaacson	figures, complex and admirable if hardly
78	29-Sep-04	Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress	Dai Sijie	lot of laughs as well as having our eyes opened again concerning Mao's Cultural Revolution
79	27-Jan-05	Beowulf - the new verse translation	Seamus Heaney	In the introduction to his translation, Seamus Heaney argues that Beowulf's role as a required text for many English students obscured its mysteries and "mythic potency." We are treated to a world view in which a thane's allegiance to his lord and to God is absolute.
80	25-Aug-05	Beloved	Toni Morrison	Race, slavery, and the effects and banality of evil. Sethe, Paul D, and Stamp Paid have each endured a furious past, complete with the worst horrors imaginable.
81	24-Oct-13	Youth: A Narrative	Joseph Conrad	"oh youth! The strength of it, the faith of it, the imagination of it!"
82	31-Aug-00	Slaughterhouse Five or the Children	Kurt Vonnegut	Extra Credit: Timequake
83	30-May-02	My Antonia	Willa Cather	
84	27-Feb-03	Blue Latitudes	Tony Horwitz	Boldly Going Where Capt. Cook Has Gone Before
85	3/26/2015	A Canticle for Leibowitz	Walter L. Miller Jr.	We are the centuries... We have your eoliths and your mesoliths and your neoliths. We have your Babylons and your Pompeiis, your Caesars and your chromium-plated (vital-ingredient impregnated) artifacts. We have your bloody hatchets and your Hiroshimas. We march in spite of Hell, we do - Atrophy, Entropy, and Proteus vulgaris, telling bawdy jokes about a farm girl name of Eve and a traveling salesman called Lucifer. We bury your dead and their reputations. We bury you. We are the centuries. Be born then, gasp wind, screech at the surgeon's slap, seek manhood, taste a little godhood, feel pain, give birth, struggle a little while, succumb: (Dying, leave quietly by the rear exit, please.)

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86	26-Jul-07	The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien	Included The Sweetheart of Song Tra Bong (story of Mary Anne and the Greenies) and On the Rainy River (story of the old man Elroy and The Trip (almost) to Canada).
87	29-Sep-95	The Reivers	William Faulkner	more great humor
88	25-Jun-98	The Crossing	Cormac McCarthy	Extra credit: Blood Meridian
89	17-Dec-98	Cities of the Plain	Cormac McCarthy	
90	2-Aug-01	The Last Battle	Cornelius Ryan	Battle for Berlin: Ryan stressed realism and was meticulous in attention to detail and his extensive research notes.
91	30-Dec-04	The Seven Pillars of Wisdom	T. E. Lawrence	"All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act out their dream with open eyes, to make it possible."
92	28-Dec-06	The Brave Cowboy	Edward Abbey	Taking place in the fictional town of "Duke City, New Mexico"
93	31-Mar-11	The Optimists Daughter	Eudora Welty	"The mystery in how little we know of other people is no greater than the mystery of how much, Laurel thought."
94	29-May-14	Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	"Louie found the raft offered an unlikely intellectual refuge. He had never recognized how noisy the civilized world was. Here, drifting in almost total silence, with no scents other than the singed odor of the raft, no flavors on his tongue, nothing moving but the slow procession of shark fins, every vista empty save water and sky, his time unvaried and unbroken, his mind was freed of an encumbrance that civilization had imposed on it."
95	7-Aug-08	A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khaled Hosseini	Plot more believable than The Kite Runner. A page-turner synopsis of Afghanistan with women as third class citizens. Mariam's hatred of Laila turn into Friendship.
96	18-Dec-08	What is the What	Dave Eggers	Valentino Achak Deng, the real-life hero of this engrossing epic, was a refugee from the Sudanese civil war - the bloodbath before the current Darfur bloodbath - of the 1980s and 90s. The fictionalized memoir by Salon.com's Dave Eggers.
97	30-May-13	The Poisonwood Bible	Barbara Kingsolver	"We came from Bethlehem, Georgia bearing Betty Crocker cake mixes into the jungle." "He was getting that look he gets, oh boy, like Here comes Moses tromping down off of Mount Syanide with ten fresh ways to wreck your life."
98	29-Aug-13	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Harriet Beecher Stowe	"Of course, in a novel, people's hearts break, and they die, and that is the end of it; and in a story this is very convenient. But in real life we do not die when all that makes life bright dies to us. There is a most busy and important round of eating, drinking, dressing, walking, visiting, buying, selling, talking, reading, and all that makes up what is commonly called living, yet to be gone through..."
99	27-May-93	The Education of Little Tree	Forrest Carter	
100	22-Nov-94	Tortuga	Rudolpho Anaya	
101	26-Jan-96	Glory	Vladimir Nabokov	
102	25-Jun-96	Life on the Mississippi	Mark Twain	
103	4-Oct-96	The Best of Edward Abbey [or Slumgullion Stew]	Edward Abbey	
104	24-Oct-96	The Warrior Woman	Maxine Hong Kingston	
105	26-Jun-97	The Secret Agent	Joseph Conrad	
106	22-Sep-97	Recapitulation	Wallace Stegner	
107	18-Dec-97	Lie Down in Darkness	William Styron	
108	26-Oct-00	Cold Mountain	Charles Frazier	

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110	27-Oct-05	No Ordinary Time	Doris Kearns Goodwin	A compelling chronicle of a nation and its leaders during the period when modern America was created.
111	20-Nov-14	Collected Short Stories of Saki	Hector Hugh Munro	"The censorious said she slept in a hammock and understood Yeats's poems, but her family denied both stories."
112	25-Jan-07	Saturday	Ian McEwan	a novel set within a single day -- 15 February 2003. Henry Perowne is a contented man - a successful neurosurgeon.
113	27-Jan-00	The Perfect Storm	Sebastian Junger	an extended Reader's Digest true-adventure article, except the heroes don't survive
114	25-Apr-02	Longitude	Dava Sobel	
115	29-Aug-02	The Chosen	Chaim Potok	
116	26-Sep-02	Julian	Gore Vidal	Gore Vidal's fictional recreation of the Roman Empire teetering on the crux of Roman Empire teetering on the crux of Christianity and ruled by an emperor who was an inveterate dabbler in arcane hocus-pocus, a prig, a bigot, and a dazzling and brilliant leader.
117	23-Oct-03	Love in the Time of Cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	unrequited passion so strong that it binds three people's lives together for more than fifty years.
118	29-Jan-04	Girl with A Pearl Earring	Tracy Chevalier	The novel isn't perfect, but provides a view into a fascinating period of history and a portrait of perhaps the world's greatest painter.
119	23-Feb-06	The Plot Against America	Phillip Roth	A "what-if" historical novel -- the isolationist, Nazi sympathizer, and anti-Semite Charles Lindbergh runs against Roosevelt in 1940 and wins.
120	3-Jan-08	Terrorist	John Updike	From the first chapter one hears the ticking of a bomb in the background. Ahmad was a U.S. citizen who didn't adopt to the outside world as his home country. Jack Levy defused him.
121	26-Mar-09	Blindness	Jose Saramago	Saramago's apocalyptic novel provides yet another view of man's animal nature. Chaos seems to inevitably bring out the worst in us. On the other hand, Saramago also portrayed some of the love and tenderness we associate with human behavior.
122	19-Nov-09	The Untouchable	John Banville	It was not about spying but about relationships. Protagonist was a twit in the true English tradition. The writing was at times very special - such as "a tracery of raindrops" and "Sodden sycamore leaves lolloping about the road like injured toads."
123	5/26/2011	In the Heart of the Sea	Nathaniel Philbrick	"It was," he later remembered, "the most pleasing moment of my life" - the moment he stepped aboard the whaleship Essex for the first time. He was fourteen years old, with a broad nose and an open, eager face, and like every other Nantucket boy, he'd been
124	10/27/2011	The River of Doubt	Candace Millard	It quickly became clear that the inexperienced Father Zahm was not capable of organizing this new expedition, and a new guide was sought out. The Brazilian government provided Roosevelt with perhaps the most capable guide in all of South America, Colonel
125	21-Nov-96	God: A Biography	Jack Miles	(won Pulitzer Prize in April, 1996)
126	28-Dec-00	Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	
127	26-Apr-01	Crossing to Safety	Wallace Stegner	[be sure to see the review by the Literary Society of San Diego]
128	27-Jun-02	A Bend in the River	V. S. Naipaul	Naipaul was 2001's Nobel winner in literature.
129	29-Apr-04	The Maltese Falcon	Dashiell Hammett	The best known, and considered the best, of Hammett's Sam Spade novels.

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131	26-Jul-12	Right Ho, Jeeves	P. G. Wodehouse	"If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing." "... all his faces were designed to express rage or loathing. Now that something had happened which really deserved a face, he had none to celebrate it with. As a kind of token, he made his Sex Life in Ancient Rome face."
132	27-Jun-13	Lucky Jim	Kingsley Amis	"The murderous, self-elected, megalomaniacal head of state with the morals of a fruit fly is an obscene feature of African life that is not likely to disappear."
133	31-Jul-14	Last Train to Zona Verde	Paul Theroux	"What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it. That doesn't happen much, though."
134	7/30/2015	Catcher in the Rye	J. D. Salinger	"It might or might not probably ever happen" - Good story, clever dialogue held true throughout the 243 pages (even the doctors talked like baseball players), minor league characters working toward teamwork.
135	28-Jun-07	Bang the Drum Slowly	Mark Harris	"Okay, Alice, can you spell the word water backwards for me?" he asked. She would have found this question trivial and even insulting six months ago, but today, it was a serious question to be tackled with serious effort. She felt only marginally worried
136	27-Jan-11	Still Alice	Lisa Genova	<i>Some of us rushed into the nearby bushes and some lay down in the roadside ditches. The planes dropped a few flash bombs, a shower of light illuminating the entire area; our troops and vehicles at once became visible. Then bombs rained down and machine guns began raking us.</i>
137	12/29/2011	War Trash	Ha Jin	Cincinnattus lives.
138	28-Oct-04	Invitation to a Beheading	Vladimir Nabokov	Captures the particular strangeness of life in a time where humankind has finally learned enough to kill itself. Naturally, it's a terribly funny book, and the prose is as beautiful as a sunset through a particulate-filled sky.
139	26-Oct-06	White Noise	Don DeLillo	