

FIC-MOR, TAPE MORRIS

**Songs in Ordinary Time** by Mary McGarry Morris

Story of lonely and vulnerable Marie Fermoye, her children and a dangerous con man.

FIC-MIS

**A Fine Balance** by Rohinton Mistry

A tale of India featuring cruelty, political thuggery and despair.

FIC-MIL

**While I Was Gone** by Sue Miller

Years after a brutal murder, a woman is threatened by a friendship from the past.

FIC-MIT, DRAMA D

**The Deep End of the Ocean** by Jacquelyn Mitchard

Nine years after 3 year old Ben was kidnapped, a 12 year old boy knocks at the door looking for yard work.

LP MOR, BKCD MORGAN, TAPE MORGAN

**Gap Creek** by Robert Morgan

The story of a young woman's struggles in early 20th Century Appalachia.

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**The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison

Eleven year old Pecola, an African American girl, prays for blue eyes so her world will be different.

FIC-MOR, TAPE MORRISON, BKCD MORRISON

**Paradise** by Toni Morrison

The book tells the story of Ruby, Oklahoma, an all Black town settled by a dozen families in the 1890's.

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**Song of Solomon** by Toni Morrison

A young Black man searches among the members of his family for his life and reality.

FIC-MOR, LP-MOR, TAPE MORRISON

**Sula** by Toni Morrison

Tells the story of two women whose friendship sustains and ultimately injures them.

FIC-OAT, TAPE OATES, DVD DRAMA-W

**We Were the Mulvaney's** by Joyce Carol Oates

A secret destroys the fabric of a storybook family.

FIC-ODE, TAPE O'DELL

**Back Roads** by Tawni O'Dell

A teenaged boy, caring for his 3 younger sisters, learns unspoken truths, family secrets and some staggering surprises.

B-OUFKIR OUF, TAPE-B-OUFKIR OUF

**Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail** by Malika Oufkir

Oufkir

True story of political prisoners in Morocco.

FIC-PAT, TAPE PATON, DRAMA C

**Cry, the Beloved Country** by Alan Paton

A Zulu parson arrives in Johannesburg and finds that his sister has become a prostitute and his son a murderer.

B-POITIER POI, LP-B-POITIER POI, BKCD B-POITIER

**The Measure of a Man** by Sidney Poitier

Autobiography of the author explores his life in cinema.

LP-QUI, TAPE QUINDLEN

**Black and Blue** by Anna Quindlen

Fran, in a marriage becoming a nightmare, tries to flee.

TAPE REYNOLDS

**The Rapture of Canaan** by Sheri Reynolds

Ninah Huff causes controversy in a religious community when she is discovered to be pregnant with a holy child.

FIC-RUB, BKCD RUBIO, TAPE RUBIO

**Icy Sparks** by Gwyn Hyman Rubio

A 10 year old girl in Appalachia learns to live with Tourette's Syndrome.

FIC-SCH

**The Reader** by Bernhard Schlink

A man discovers that the woman who nursed him through an illness was possibly a Nazi spy.

FIC-SCH, TAPE SCHWARZ

**Drowning Ruth** by Christina Schwarz

Amanda, worn out from nursing, returns to rural Wisconsin to stay with her sister, Mattie, and young niece Ruth.

FIC-SHR, TAPE SHREVE, BKCD SHREVE

**The Pilot's Wife** by Anita Shreve

The wife of a pilot who has been killed in a crash determines to find out the truth of his life.

FIC-STE, BKCD STEINBECK, DVD CLASSICS E

**East of Eden** by John Steinbeck

The Trasks and the Hamiltons live and work together in Salinas.

FIC-TAD, TAPE TADEMY

**Cane River** by Lalita Tademy

The author traces four generations of a family in a small river town in central Louisiana.

FIC-TOL, DRAMA-A (1997), CLASSIC-A (1987), TAPE TOLSTOY

**Anna Karenina** by Leo Tolstoy

Classic novel in which a young woman is destroyed when she attempts to live outside the moral law of society.

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**Night** by Elie Wiesel

A true account of a man's survival in the camps of World War II Germany.

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FIC-ALL, TAPE ALLENDE

**Daughter of Fortune** by Isabel Allende

Story of a young woman's search for love and fortune during the Gold Rush in San Francisco.

B-ANGELOU ANG, BKCD B-ANGELOU ANG

**The Heart of a Woman** by Maya Angelou

Volume 4 of Angelou's autobiography describing her experiences in NYC and her impressions of the Civil Rights movement.

FIC-ANS, LP-ANS

**Vinegar Hill** by A. Manette Ansay

In 1972, Ellen Grier and her family move in with her in-laws, in a loveless house where everyday cruelty threatens to destroy her.

FIC-BER

**Open House** by Elizabeth Berg

A woman comes to terms with her life after separation from her husband.

FIC-BIN, TAPE BINCHY

**Tara Road** by Maeve Binchy

Two women, one Irish, one American switch homes for the summer.

FIC-BOH

**Midwives** by Chris Bohjalian

A seasoned midwife in rural Vermont faces the antagonism of the law.

YA-BUCK, FIC-BUC, TAPE BUCK

**The Good Earth** by Pearl S. Buck

Wang Lung rises from poverty to become a rich landowner with the aid of his patient wife in the 1920's.

FIC-CLA, LP-CLA

**River, Cross My Heart** by Breena Clarke

After the death by drowning of their daughter, a family searches for a new life.

FIC-CLE

**What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day** by Pearl Cleage

HIV positive Ava returns to the Michigan town where she grew up and finds instead of the end, the beginning of a life.

E-COS

**The Best Way to Play** by Bill Cosby

Little Bill and his friends learn that playing outside can be more fun than video games.

E-COS

**The Meanest Thing to Say** by Bill Cosby

Little Bill shows another boy a better way to make friends.

E-COS

**The Treasure Hunt** by Bill Cosby

Little Bill discovers his own treasure, a talent for storytelling.

FIC-DAN, LP-DAN

**Breath, Eyes, Memory** by Edwidge Danticat

A young Haitian girl comes of age torn between 2 cultures- Haiti and New York.

FIC-DUB, TAPE DUBUS, LP-DUB, DVD DRAMA H

**House of Sand and Fog** by Andre Dubus III

Three fragile people compete for the same small house and become dangerously entangled in an escalating crisis.

FIC-EUG, LP-EUG, TAPE EUGENIDES

**Middlesex** by Jeffrey Eugenides

Calliope's friendship with a classmate and her sense of identity are compromised by her discovery that she is a hermaphrodite.

FIC-FAU, TAPE FAULKNER, BKCD FAULKNER

**As I Lay Dying** by William Faulkner

Members of a Southern family contribute their individual tribulations to this impression of rural poverty.

FIC-FAU, TAPE FAULKNER

**Light in August** by William Faulkner

Several stories, woven together, show man's alienation from the society around him.

FIC-FAU

**The Sound and the Fury** by William Faulkner

Retells the tragic times of the Compson family.

FIC-FIT, TAPE FITCH, DRAMA-W

**White Oleander** by Janet Fitch

A young girl remakes herself as a survivor after her mother is imprisoned.

FIC-FRA, TAPE FRANZEN

**The Corrections** by Jonathan Franzen

A family prepares to gather for a "perfect" holiday dinner.

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**A Million Little Pieces** by James Frey

Controversial look at alcoholism and rehabilitation.

FIC-GAI, TAPE GAINES, DVD DRAMA L

**A Lesson before Dying** by Ernest J. Gaines

A young, illiterate African American man is convicted of a murder he didn't commit.

FIC-GAR

**One Hundred Years of Solitude** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The evolution and the eventual decadence of a small South American town as seen by the Buendias family.

FIC-GIB, TAPE GIBBONS, DRAMA E

**Ellen Foster** by Kaye Gibbons

Growing up in a small Southern town, 11 year old Ellen has already learned some of life's most difficult lessons.

FIC-OAT, TAPE OATES, DVD DRAMA-W

**We Were the Mulvaney's** by Joyce Carol Oates

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FIC-HAM, TAPE HAMILTON, LP-HAM

**The Book of Ruth** by Jane Hamilton

Ruth, a young woman living in rural Illinois, looks back on the people who have shaped her life.

FIC-HAM, BKCD HAMILTON, TAPE HAMILTON

**A Map of the World** by Jane Hamilton

On a dairy farm in the Midwest, Alice is watching her neighbor's child when she drowns in the pond.

FIC-HAY, LP-HAY

**Mother of Pearl** by Melinda Haynes

In 1950's Mississippi, the book tells the story of a black man and a 15 year old white girl.

FIC-HEG

**Stones from the River** by Ursula Hegi

A dwarf librarian tells the story of her small German town from World War I into the 1950s.

FIC-HOF

**Here on Earth** by Alice Hoffman

A woman, returning to her small Massachusetts hometown for a funeral, finds herself thrust into the life she left behind.

FIC-KIN, LP-KIN, TAPE KINGSOLVER

**The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver

The story of the family of an evangelical preacher in 1959 Belgian Congo.

FIC-LAM, TAPE LAMB

**I Know This Much Is True** by Wally Lamb

The story of twin brothers, one of whom is a paranoid schizophrenic.

FIC-LAM, TAPE LAMB

**She's Come Undone** by Wally Lamb

A young woman grows while experiencing the heartbreak of being a misfit.

FIC-LET, DRAMA-W

**Where the Heart Is** by Billie Letts Novalee

Nation hopes to find a new life with her boyfriend but is dumped along the way in Oklahoma.

FIC-LOT, TAPE LOTT

**Jewel** by Bret Lott

In 1943, Jewel gives birth to her last baby, both a burden and God's grace.

FIC-MAC, TAPE MACDONALD

**Fall on Your Knees** by Ann-Marie MacDonald

Complex saga of a Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, family in the early 1900's.

FIC-MCC, TAPE MCCARTHY, BKCD MCCARTHY

**The Road** by Cormac McCarthy

A father and son struggle through the ruins of America in a post-apocalyptic world.

FIC-MCC, BKCD MCCULLERS, TAPE MCCULLERS, DRAMA H

**The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter** by Carson McCullers

A quiet, sensitive girl searches for beauty in a small but damned Southern town.