

## Nature Boy

*Wildwood: A Journey through  
the Trees*  
by Roger Deacon

*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*  
by Annie Dillard

*Common Ground*  
by Rob Cohen

*H is for Hawk*  
by Helen Macdonald

*Silent Spring*  
by Rachel Carson

*A Sand County Almanac*  
by Aldo Leopold

*Walden*  
by Henry David Thoreau

*Into the Wild*  
by John Krakauer

*Winter World: The Ingenuity of  
Animal Survival*  
by Bernd Heinrich

*The Song of the Dodo:  
Island Biogeography in an  
Age of Extinctions*  
by David Quammen

*The Future of Life*  
by Edward O. Wilson

## Classic Lit

*Anna Karenina*  
by Leo Tolstoy

*Lord of the Rings (3 novels)*  
by J.R.R. Tolkien

*A Confederacy of Dunces*  
by John Kennedy Toole

*The Picture of Dorian Gray*  
by Oscar Wilde

*The Grapes of Wrath*  
by John Steinbeck

*Middlesex*  
by Jeffrey Eugenides

*A Tale of Two Cities*  
by Charles Dickens

*Middlemarch*  
by George Elliot

*A Clockwork Orange*  
by Anthony Burgess

*A Prayer for Owen Meany*  
by John Irving

*David Copperfield*  
by Charles Dickens

*Howards End*  
by E. M. Forster

## Eternal Mysteries

*The Daughter of Time*  
by Josephine Tey

*The Woman in White*  
by Wilkie Collins

*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*  
by Agatha Christie

*The Nine Tailors*  
by Dorothy Sayers

*Crime and Punishment*  
by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*The Doorbell Rang*  
by Rex Stout

*Gorky Park*  
by Martin Cruz Smith

*Eye of the Needle*  
by Ken Follett

*Silence of the Lambs*  
by Thomas Harris

*Double Indemnity*  
by James M. Cain

*In Cold Blood*  
by Truman Capote

*The Deep Blue Goodbye*  
by John D. MacDonald

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## British Detective Inspectors

*First Fix Your Alibi*  
by Bill James

*Past Tense*  
by Catherine Aird

*The Lighthouse*  
by P. D. James

*Bluffing Mr. Churchill*  
by John Lawton

*Clutch of Constables*  
by Ngaio Marsh

*Bleeding of Innocents*  
by Jo Bannister

*The Moth Catcher*  
by Ann Cleaves

*Cold Case*  
by Peter Turnbull

## Home is Where the Heart Is

*American Housewife*  
by Helen Ellis

*The Cursing Mommy's Book of Days*  
By Ian Frazier

*Servants: A Downstairs History of  
Britain from the 19th Century to  
Modern Times*  
by Lucy Lethbridge

*Flight Behavior*  
By Barbara Kingsolver

## Learning to Love

*Cold Sassy Tree*  
by Olive Ann Burns

*High Fidelity*  
by Nick Hornby

*Waiting*  
by Ha Jin

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

*The Time Traveler's Wife*  
by Audrey Niffenegger

*Foreign Affairs*  
by Alison Lurie

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## The Future is Female

*The Handmaid's Tale*  
by Margaret Atwood

*When She Woke*  
by Hillary Jordan

*Y: The Last Man*  
by Brian K. Vaughan

*Ancillary Justice*  
by Ann Leckie

*Children of Men*  
by P. D. James

*A Wrinkle in Time*  
by Madeleine L'Engle

*Bitch Planet*  
by Kelly Su DeConnick

*Doomsday Book*  
by Connie Willis

*The Fifth Season*  
by N. K. Jemisin

*Parable of the Sower*  
by Octavia Butler



## Past Futures

*Brave New World*  
by Aldous Huxley

1984  
by George Orwell

*Fahrenheit 451*  
by Ray Bradbury

*A Clockwork Orange*  
by Anthony Burgess

*A Scanner Darkly*  
by Philip K. Dick

*The Handmaid's Tale*  
by Margaret Atwood

*The Children of Men*  
by P. D. James

*The Road*  
by Cormac McCarthy

*Ready Player One*  
by Ernest Cline



## Award Winners

National Book Award:  
*Between the World and Me*  
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Pulitzer:  
*The Sympathizer*  
by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Nobel:  
*Runaway*  
by Alice Munro

Hugo:  
*Among Others*  
by Jo Walton

Orange/Bailey's:  
*The Tiger's Wife*  
by Tea Obreht

Man Booker:  
*The Sellout*  
by Paul Beatty

Newberry:  
*The Graveyard Book*  
by Neil Gaiman

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## Funny Women

*Yes, Please*  
by Amy Poehler

*Is Everyone Hanging Out  
Without Me?*  
by Mindy Kaling

*Bossypants*  
by Tina Fey

*Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo*  
by Amy Schumer

*The Misadventures of Awkward  
Black Girl*  
by Issa Rae

*Let's Pretend this Never Happened*  
by Jenny Lawson

*Girl Walks into a Bar*  
by Rachel Dratch

*I Like You*  
by Amy Sedaris

*I Know I am But What Are You?*  
by Samantha Bee



## Welcome to America: Immigrant fiction

*Secret Side of Empty*  
by Maria E. Andreu

*Something in Between*  
by Melissa de la Cruz

*Sun is Also a Star*  
by Nicola Yoon

*Heat*  
by Mike Lupica

*Book of Unknown Americans*  
by Cristina Henríquez

*Americanah*  
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



## Fuzzy Lit: Animal Perspective

*The Bees*  
by Laine Paull

*Watership Down*  
by Richard Adams

*Animal Farm*  
by George Orwell

*Dog On It*  
by Spencer Quinn

*Dog Songs*  
by Mary Oliver

*Art of Racing in the Rain*  
by Garth Stein

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## Poetry and Novels in Verse

*One*  
by Sarah Crossan (YA)

*Paper Hearts*  
by Meg Wiviott (YA)

*October Mourning:  
a Song for Matthew Shepard*  
by Leslea Newman (YA)

*Realm of Possibility*  
by David Levithan (YA)

*Audacity*  
by Melanie Crowder (YA)

## I Spy: Spies in fiction and nonfiction

*Spy Who Came In From the Cold*  
by John le Carre

*Expats*  
by Chris Pavone

*Bourne Identity*  
by Robert Ludlum

*Red Sparrow*  
by Jason Matthews

*Blood Money*  
by David Ignatius

*A Corpse in the Koryo*  
by James Church

*Blowback*  
by Valerie Plame

*At Risk*  
by Stella Rimington

## Home Sweet Home: Chicago Nonfiction

*Chicago Poems*  
by Carl Sandburg

*City of the Century*  
by Donald L. Miller

*Remembrances of the Angels*  
by John Kuenster

*The "L": the Development of  
Chicago's Rapid Transit System,  
1888-1932* by Bruce Moffat

*Devil in the White City*  
by Erik Larson

*Sinking of the Eastland*  
by Jay Bonansinga

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## Post-Apocalyptic Reads

*Life As We Knew It*  
by Susan Beth Pfeffer

*Ashfall*  
by Mike Mullin

*Rot & Ruin*  
by Jonathan Maberry

*Ship Breaker*  
by Paolo Bacigalupi

*Parable of the Sower*  
by Octavia E. Butler

*Steelheart*  
by Brandon Sanderson



## Gothic Stories

*Beautiful Creatures*  
by Kami Garcia

*Unspoken*  
by Sarah Rees Brennan

*Madman's Daughter*  
by Megan Shepherd

*Monstumologist*  
by Richard Yancey

*In the Shadow of Blackbirds*  
by Cat Winters

*Unbecoming of Mara Dyer*  
by Michelle Hodkin



## Young Adult Nature

*Silent Spring*  
by Rachel Carson

*Girl of the Limberlost*  
by Gene Stratton Porter

*The Strange World of Familiar Insects*  
by Edwin Way Teale

*Walden*  
by Henry David Thoreau

*The Call of the Wild*  
by Jack London

*Hatchet*  
by Gary Paulsen

*A Sand County Almanac and Sketches  
Here and There*  
by Aldo Leopold

*The Diversity of Life*  
by E. O. Wilson

*Born Free: A Lioness of Two Worlds*  
by Joy Adamson

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