

# Titles Chosen by Ridgefield Library Users as the “Best Books They’ve Ever Read”

## Fiction Titles

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women	1
Atwood, Margaret	Cat’s Eye	1
Atwood, Margaret	The Blind Assassin	1
Austen, Jane	Persuasion	1
Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice	7
Bohjalian, Christopher	Midwives	1
Bradbury, Ray	Fahrenheit 451	1
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre	3
Brooks, Geraldine	Year of Wonders	1
Byatt, A. S.	Possession	2
Capote, Truman	A Christmas Memory	1
Cather, Willa	My Antonia	2
Chacon, Dulce	The Sleeping Voice	1
Clements, Andrew	Frindle, The School Story, No Talking, Lunch Money, The Report Card (Juvenile)	1
Coehlo, Paulo	The Alchemist	1
Coetzee, J. M.	Disgrace	1
Coetzee, J. M.	Foe	1
Danielewski, Mark Z.	House of Leaves	1
Di Lampedusa, Guisepe	The Leopard	2
Diamant, Anita	The Red Tent	2
Dickens, Charles	A Christmas Carol	1
Doctorow, E. L.	The March	1
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	Crime & Punishment	1
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	The Brothers Karamazov	1
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	The Complete Sherlock Holmes	1
Dreiser, Theodore	An American Tragedy	1
Du Maurier, Daphne	Rebecca	3
Eugenides, Jeffrey	Middlesex	1
Fergus, Jim	One Thousand White Women	1
Foer, Jonathan Safran	Everything Is Illuminated	1
Forster, E. M.	A Passage to India	1
Funke, Cornelia Caroline	Inkheart, Inkspell, Inkdeath (Juvenile)	1
Gallico, Paul	The Snow Goose	1
García Márquez, Gabriel	One Hundred Years of Solitude	1
Ghosh, Amitav	The Hungry Tide	1
Godwin, Gail	Evensong	1
Golding, William	Lord of the Flies	1

Gordimer, Nadine	The Pickup	1
Greene, Graham	Graham Greene Collection	1
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Among the Hidden, Double Identity (Juvenile)	1
Haddon, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	1
Hegi, Ursula	Stones from the River	1
Hesse, Hermann	Siddhartha	2
Hilton, James	Lost Horizon	1
Hornby, Nick	How to Be Good	1
Hosseini, Khaled	The Kite Runner	1
Hosseini, Khaled	A Thousand Splendid Suns	1
Jakes, John	Kent Family Chronicles (The Bastard, The Rebels, The Seekers, The Furies, The Titans, The Warriors, The Lawless, The Americans)	1
Jakes, John	The North and South Trilogy (North and South, Love and War, Heaven and Hell)	1
Jewett, Sarah Orne	The Country of Pointed Firs	1
Jones, Lloyd	Here at the End of the World, We Learn to Dance	1
Joyce, James	Ulysses	1
Kafka, Franz	The Trial	1
Kerouac, Jack	On the Road	1
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees	2
King, Stephen	Bag of Bones	1
Kingsolver, Barbara	Prodigal Summer	1
Kingsolver, Barbara	The Poisonwood Bible	5
Lahiri, Jhumpa	Interpreter of Maladies	1
Lahiri, Jhumpa	Unaccustomed Earth	1
Lamb, Wally	I Know This Much Is True	2
Lawrence, D. H.	Lady Chatterley's Lover	1
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	4
Liss, David	The Whiskey Rebels	1
Lockridge, Ross	Raintree County	1
Lombard, Jenny	Drita, My Homegirl (Juvenile)	1
Lowry, Lois	The Giver (YA)	1
Mahfouz, Najib	Midaq Alley	1
Marshall, Catherine	Christy	1
Martel, Yann	Life of Pi	1
Mathiessen, Peter	At Play in the Fields of the Lord	1
McCall Smith, Alexander	The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency	1
McCullough, Colleen	The Thorn Birds	1
McMurtry, Larry	Lonesome Dove	1
Milne, A. A.	Winnie the Pooh (Juvenile)	3
Mitchell, Margaret	Gone with the Wind	2
Montgomery, L. M.	Anne of Green Gables	1
Murdoch, Iris	The Unicorn	1
O'Brien, Tim	The Things They Carried	1

Oates, Joyce Carol	We Were the Mulvaney's	1
Patchett, Ann	Bel Canto	1
Picoult, Jodi	My Sister's Keeper	1
Pilcher, Rosamund	Coming Home	1
Plain, Belva	Evergreen	1
Potok, Chaim	The Chosen	1
Powell, Anthony	A Dance to the Music of Time	1
Proulx, Annie	The Shipping News	1
Rand, Ayn	Atlas Shrugged	1
Ray, Jeanne	Eat Cake	1
Ray, Jeanne	Julie and Romeo Get Lucky	1
Robinson, Marilynne	Gilead	1
Roth, Philip	The Plot Against America	1
Rushdie, Salman	The Satanic Verses	1
Russo, Richard	Empire Falls	1
Russo, Richard	Mohawk	1
Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de	The Little Prince	1
Salinger, J. D.	The Catcher in the Rye	1
Saramago, José	Blindness	1
Shaara, Michael	The Killer Angels	1
Shaffer, Mary Ann & Annie Barrows	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	1
Smiley, Jane	A Thousand Acres	1
Smith, Betty	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	1
Sparks, Nicholas	Message in a Bottle	1
Stegner, Wallace	Angle of Repose	4
Stegner, Wallace	Crossing to Safety	2
Steinbeck, John	The Grapes of Wrath	2
Strout, Elizabeth	Amy & Isabelle	1
Styron, William	Sophie's Choice	2
Tolkien, J. R. R.	The Lord of the Rings	1
Tolkien, J. R. R.	The Silmarillion	1
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina	2
Travers, P.L.	Mary Poppins books (Juvenile)	1
Tsukiyama, Gail	The Samurai's Garden	1
Tyler, Anne	The Accidental Tourist	1
Updike, John, Ed.	Best American Short Stories of the Century	1
Vonnegut, Kurt	Slaughterhouse-five	1
Waller, Robert James	Border Music	1
Waller, Robert James	The Bridges of Madison County	1
Wharton, Edith	Age of Innocence	1
White, E. B.	The Trumpet of the Swan (Juvenile)	1
Wolfe, Tom	The Bonfire of the Vanities	1
Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief	1

## Non-Fiction Titles (Include Poetry and Plays)

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Allende, Isabel	Paula	1
Ban Breathnach, Sarah	Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy	1
Beck, Martha	Finding Your Own North Star: Claiming the Life You Were Meant to Live	1
Calkins, Darrell	Re:	1
Calvino, Italo	Six Memos for the Next Millenium	1
Covey, Stephen	Seven Habits of Highly Effective People	1
Cummings, e. e.	The Collected Poems of e. e. Cummings	1
Dante Alighieri	The Divine Comedy	1
Day, Laura	The Circle: How the Power of a Single Wish Can Change Your Life	1
Frank, Anne	The Diary of Anne Frank	1
Friedman, Thomas	The World Is Flat	1
Fromm, Erich	Fear of Freedom	1
Gawain, Shakti	Living in the Light	1
Graham, Katharine	Personal History	1
Greenblatt, Stephen	Will in the World: How Shakespeare Become Shakespeare	1
Habegger, Alfred	My Wars Are Laid in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson	1
Halberstam, David	The Best and the Brightest	1
Hall, Donald	Seasons at Eagle Pond (poems)	1
Heaney, Seamus (translator)	Beowulf	1
Hillenbrand, Laura	Seabiscuit: An American Legend	1
Hiss, Tony	The Experience of Place	1
Junger, Sebastian	The Perfect Storm	1
Junior League of Oregon	Savor the Flavor of Oregon	1
Kidder, Tracy	Mountains Beyond Mountains	2
King James version	The Bible	1
Krupp, Charla	How Not to Look Old	1
Lamott, Anne	Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life	1
Lindbergh, Anne Morrow	Gift from the Sea	1
Lukas, J. Anthony	Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families	1
Mathiessen, Peter	The Snow Leopard	2
May, Rollo	The Courage to Create	1

Moehringer, J. R.	The Tender Bar	1
Mortenson, Greg	Three Cups of Tea	1
Nachmanovitch, Stephen	Free Play: Improvisation in Life and Art	1
Neruda, Pablo	The Captain's Verses: Love Poems	1
Nietzche, Friedrich	Thus Spoke Zarathustra	2
Oriah Mountain Dreamer	The Invitation, The Dance	1
Read, Piers Paul	Alive	1
Rombauer, Irma S. and Marion Rombauer	The Joy of Cooking	1
Russell, Bertrand	Unpopular Essays	1
Sartre, Jean- Paul	No Exit	1
Schlissel, Lillian	Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey	1
Scott, Robert Lee Scott	God Is My Co-pilot	1
Shakespeare, William	King Lear	1
Shakespeare, William	Othello	1
Walls, Jeanette	The Glass Castle	1