

From Book to Big Screen: *Books that Inspired Movies*



A Selection

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Novels

About a Boy

Nick Hornby

F H814a

VC 4334/DVD A156

Will, a 36-year-old, terminally hip North Londoner may have discovered the key to dating success: single mothers--bright, attractive, available women--thousands of them, all over London. And he wouldn't let the fact that he was not a father himself hold him back. A fictional two-year-old named Ned wouldn't be the first thing he had invented. And it seemed to go quite well at first, until he meets an actual twelve-year-old named Marcus and his troubled mother, who together prove more than Will had bargained for.

About Schmidt

Louis Begley

F B4171ab

VC 4183

Albert Schmidt, a retired lawyer, copes with the boredom of retirement, the devastating loss of his wife, and his Ivy League daughter's fiancé, until an unexpected new love brings the promise of new life.

The Accidental Tourist

Anne Tyler

F T981a

VC 659

Follows the budding romance between a hapless writer of travel guides and an eccentric, spirited veterinarian.

The Age of Innocence

Edith Wharton

F W553a

VC 1939

Newland Archer begins to question the values of high society in Victorian New York when he finds himself torn between two very different women--his proper young fiancée and her exotic cousin.



All Quiet on the Western Front

Erich Maria Remarque

F R384a

VC 920

The testament of Paul Baumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I, illuminates the savagery and futility of war.

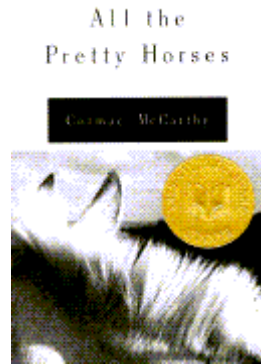
All the Pretty Horses

Cormac McCarthy

F M1232a

VC 3517

Cut off from the life of ranching he has come to love by his grandfather's death, John Grady Cole flees to Mexico, where he and his two companions embark on a rugged and cruelly idyllic adventure.



And Then There Were None (Ten Little Indians)

Agatha Christie

M C555and

VC 2728

A killer stalks a group of ten total strangers on an isolated island off the Devon coast, in a suspenseful story of murder and retribution, set to a sinister nursery rhyme.

Anna Karenina

Leo Tolstoy

F T654a 1877

VC 541

The story of rebellious Anna and her ill-fated romance with Count Vronsky amid the turmoil of nineteenth-century Russia.

Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz

Mordecai Richler

F R531a

VC 2261

A young, likeable Jewish hustler, member of the third generation of a Jewish immigrant family in Montreal, struggles to prosper despite his zany family and, in the process, learns about life.



Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions

Daniel Wallace

F W1883b 1998

DVD B592

Edward Bloom is dying, and his son William does not truly know him, until William arrives at Edward's deathbed, but since Edward shows no interest in talking to him, William makes up stories that recreate his father's life in heroic proportions.

Bourne Identity

Robert Ludlum

F L945b

VC 4200

A shooting victim, suffering from amnesia, finds himself with a Swiss bank account in the name of Jason Bourne, a professional assassin being manipulated by a top-secret American government organization to kill his archrival, the dreaded Carlos.

Breakfast at Tiffany's: A Short Novel and Three Stories

Truman Capote

F C246b

VC 486

The tale of a fun-loving, amoral playgirl in New York City is accompanied by three stories.



The Bridge on the River Kwai

Pierre Boulle

F B764 Stacks

VC 662

An historical novel re-creating the building of the Japanese supply bridge over the River Kwai during World War II by British prisoners of war.

The Bridges of Madison County

Robert James Waller

F W1982b

VC 2354

On assignment shooting the covered bridges in Iowa, photographer Robert Kincaid falls in love with Iowa native Francesca Johnson during four days of love, magic, and beauty.

Bridget Jones' Diary

Helen Fielding

F F4592b

VC 3829

Chronicles a year in the life of Bridget Jones, a single, thirty-something woman on a perpetual quest for self-improvement, as she struggles to cope with relationships, weight control, and other baffling complexities of modern life.

Captain Corelli's Mandolin

Louis De Bernières

F D2861c

VC 3854

During World War II an Italian soldier is billeted at the house of a doctor on the Greek island of Cephalonia. The fiancé of the doctor's daughter is in the resistance and before long the working of the eternal triangle seems inevitable.

Catch-22

Joseph Heller

F H477c

VC 2865

Depicts the struggles of a U.S. airman attempting to survive the lunacy and depravity of a World War II base.

Chocolat

Joanne Harris

F H3142c 1999 GPB

VC 1603/DVD C545

When the beautiful and mysterious Vianne moves to Lansquenet and opens a chocolate shop across from the church, the inhabitants of the tiny village find themselves torn between the solemn law of religion and the joyful rewards of Vianne's confections.

The Cider House Rules

John Irving

F I725c

VC 3328

The practices of Dr. Wilbur Larch--obstetrician, orphanage director, ether addict, and abortionist--are hindered, abetted, and continued, in turn, by his favorite orphan, Homer Wells.

Circle of Friends

Maeve Binchy

F B612c

VC 2269

Two friends who grew up together in a small Irish village attend college in Dublin, where their lives become intertwined with the beautiful Nan Mahon and Jack Foley, the handsome son of a doctor.

Clear and Present Danger

Tom Clancy

F C5873cL

VC 2069

The assassinations of the U.S. ambassador and the visiting head of the FBI by Colombian drug lords trigger a mysterious covert response and an investigation into U.S. and Colombian intrigue by Jack Ryan.

The Client

John Grisham

F G8692c

VC 2034

Witness of the suicide of a New Orleans defense attorney, a young boy hires a lawyer to protect himself, sharing with her the dead attorney's shocking last words and hiding from her some dangerous information.



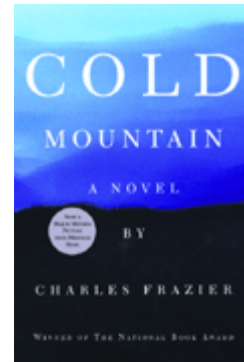
Cold Mountain

Charles Frazier

F F8483c

VC 4407/DVD C688

Inman, a wounded Confederate soldier, walks away from the front during the Civil War to make his way across a disintegrating South to return to his sweetheart, Ada, who is desperately working to revive a struggling farm.



The Color Purple

Alice Walker

F W177c

VC 773

The lives of two sisters--Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a southern woman married to a man she hates--are revealed in a series of letters exchanged over thirty years.

Dances with Wolves

Michael Blake

F B636

VC 1268

Lieutenant John Dunbar, the only soldier at an army outpost deep in Indian territory, befriends the local Comanche tribe and learns their ways from the beautiful Comanche woman whose life he saved.

Different Seasons

Stephen King

F K54di

The Shawshank Redemption **VC 2141/DVD S537**

Stand By Me **VC 1790**

Hope Springs Eternal: Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption -- Summer Of Corruption: Apt Pupil -- Fall From Innocence: The Body -- A Winter's Tale: The Breathing Method.

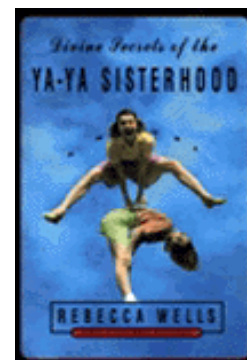
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood

Rebecca Wells

F W455d

VC 4497

At thirty-nine, Sidda Lee Walker has escaped her Louisiana hometown to become a theatrical director, but as she gathers old letters, photos, journals, and souvenirs from the Ya-Ya Sisterhood to assist in writing a play about women's friendships, she yearns to revisit her childhood.



Doctor Zhivago

Boris Pasternak

F P291d

VC 495

Epic novel of post-revolutionary Russia focuses on the torments and dreams of a doctor-poet who attempts to avoid the struggles of his turbulent era.

The English Patient

Michael Ondaatje

F O583e

VC 2634

Three individuals--nurse Hana, thief Caravaggio, and Kip--are brought together in an abandoned Italian villa at the end of World War II by a nameless hideously burned English patient.

Father of the Bride

Edward Streeter

F S915f

VC 1503

The Banks household erupts in a frenzy of activity as the wedding of daughter Kay approaches.

The Firm

John Grisham

F G8692

VC 1862

Mitch McDeere, a Harvard Law graduate, becomes suspicious of his Memphis tax firm when mysterious deaths, obsessive office security, and the Chicago mob figure into its operations.

The First Wives Club

Olivia Goldsmith

F G622

VC 2456

Three faithful, middle-aged wives, who have been abandoned for "trophy wives"--younger, blonder, and sexier models--by their successful husbands, plot their sweet revenge.

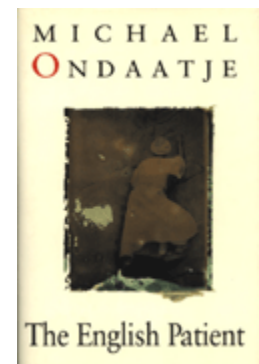
Frankenstein

Mary W. Shelley

F S5452

VC 1933

The monster was supposed to be man's benefactor, but, scorned for his ugliness, he swears revenge on his creator and the human race.



Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle-Stop Café

Fannie Flagg

F F574f

VC 1572

Mrs. Threadgoode's tale of two high-spirited women of the 1930s, Iddie and Ruth, helps Evelyn, a 1980s woman in a sad slump of middle age, to begin to rejuvenate her own life.

Girl With a Pearl Earring

Tracy Chevalier

F C5272g 2000

DVD G5251

A poor seventeenth-century servant girl knows her place in the household of the painter Johannes Vermeer, but when he begins to paint her, nasty whispers and rumors circulate throughout the town.



The Godfather

Mario Puzo

F P994g

VC 978

An evocative portrait of a Mafia family focuses on the life and times of patriarch Don Vito Corleone, a Sicilian-American godfather, and his sons.

Gone with the Wind

Margaret Mitchell

F M682

VC 556

The story of the tempestuous romance between Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara is set amid the drama of the Civil War.

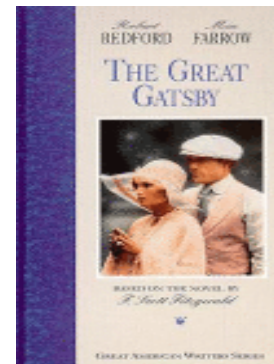
Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald

F F553g

VC 4205

Tells the story of a young man, newly rich, who tries to recapture the past and win back his former love, despite the fact that she has married.



High Fidelity

Nick Hornby

F H814hi GPB

VC 3573

Follows the love affairs and belated growing up of a "Generation X" pop music fanatic and record storeowner.

The Horse Whisperer

Nicholas Evans

F E928h

VC 3117

After her teenage daughter and the girl's horse are injured in a tragic accident, Annie Graves journeys across the continent in search of Tom Booker--the Horse Whisperer--in the hope that he can use his ancient gift to help both the horse and the maimed girl.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Arthur Conan Doyle

M D754h

VC 2243

Warned that death awaits him if he claims his inheritance of a cursed ancestral manor, Sir Henry Baskerville calls on Sherlock Holmes for assistance.

The Hours

Michael Cunningham

F C9732h 1998

VC 4359/DVD H841

In a novel of love, family inheritance, and desperation, the author offers a fictional account of Virginia Woolf's last days and her friendship with a poet living in his mother's shadow.

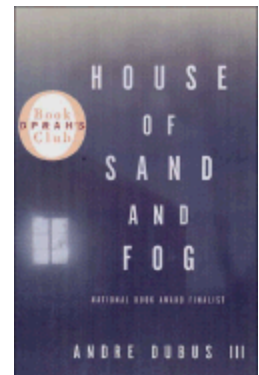
House of Sand and Fog

Andre Dubus III

F D8215h 1999

VC 4475/DVD H842

When a former colonel of the Iranian Air Force and his family purchase a small California home at auction, they are faced with a great conflict as the former owner and her police officer boyfriend fight to get it back at any cost.



Howards End

E.M. Forster

F F733h

VC 1733

A strong-willed and intelligent woman refuses to allow the pretensions of her husband's smug English family to ruin her life.

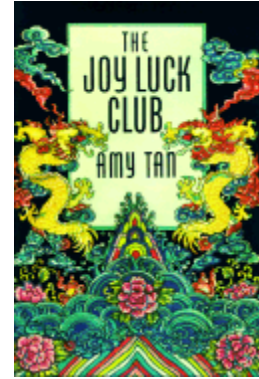
Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan

F T161

VC 1936

Encompassing two generations and a rich blend of Chinese and American history, the story of four struggling, strong women also reveals their daughters' memories and feelings.



Jurassic Park

Michael Crichton

F C928j

VC 2013

A breakthrough in genetic engineering leads to the development of a technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA, a method that brings about the creation of Jurassic Park, a tourist attraction populated by creatures extinct for eons.

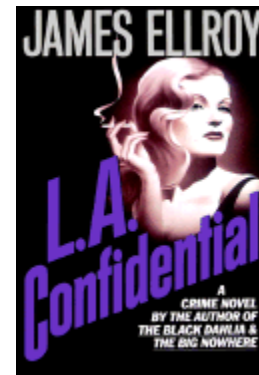
L.A. Confidential

James Ellroy

M E473L

VC 4011

Three troubled cops--Ed Exley, desperately seeking glory; vengeful Bud White, a witness to his mother's murder by his father; and Jack Vincennes, a shakedown artist with a dark secret--tread a fine line between right and wrong in 1950s Los Angeles.



The Last of the Mohicans

James Fenimore Cooper

F C777L

VC 4004

Hawkeye and his two Mohican companions join two sisters on a perilous trek through the wilderness near Lake Champlain to join their father at Fort William Henry during the French and Indian War.

The Legend of Bagger Vance : a Novel of Golf and the Game of Life

Steven Pressfield

F P935L 1999 GPB

VC 3504

An allegory about the search for the inner self is set on a Georgia golf course in 1931, where a caddie uses his mysterious powers to affect the game and the fate of the players.

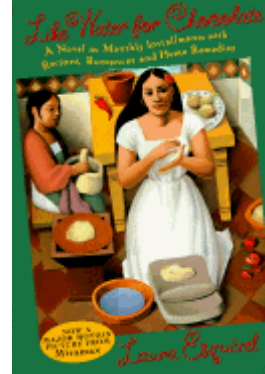
Like Water for Chocolate

Laura Esquivel

F E77

VC 1947/DVD L727

Despite the fact that she has fallen in love with a young man, Tita, the youngest of three daughters born to a tyrannical rancher, must obey tradition and remain single and at home to care for her mother.



Lord of the Flies

William Golding

F G619L

VC 614

The story of a group of British schoolboys who abandon social norms, and revert to barbarism and murder after they are marooned on a desert island.

The Lord of the Rings

J.R.R. Tolkien

F T649Lo GPB

The Fellowship of the Ring **VC 4119/4125**

The Two Towers **VC 4217**

The Return of the King **VC 4379**

In the mythical world of Middle Earth, young Hobbit Frodo Baggins is entrusted with the One Ring of the Dark Lord Sauron, which possess the ultimate source of destructive power. With a fellowship of eight others, he embarks on a quest to destroy it.



Master and Commander

Patrick O'Brian

F O136m GPB

DVD M423

The first volume of the Aubrey/Maturin novels introduces Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and intelligence agent, in the age of the Napoleonic wars.

Les Misérables

Victor Hugo

F H895m

VC 1327(1935)/2784 (1995)

Trying to forget his past and live an honest life, escaped convict Jean Valjean risks his freedom to take care of a motherless young girl during a period of political unrest in Paris.

Moby Dick: Or, the White Whale

Herman Melville

F M531m

VC 2503

A young seaman joins the crew of the whaling ship Pequod, led by the fanatical Captain Ahab in pursuit of the white whale Moby Dick.

Mystic River

Dennis Lehane

M L522m 2001

VC 4397

Sean Devine must confront the world of violence and pain he tried to forget when his childhood friend's daughter is murdered, and the investigation brings him face-to-face with a vigilante killer and a man with a dangerous secret.

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck

F S819o

VC 1694

The tragic story of the friendship between two migrant workers, George and mentally retarded Lenny, and their dream of owning a farm.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Ken Kesey

F K42o

VC 878

McMurphy, a criminal who feigns insanity, is admitted to a mental hospital where he challenges the autocratic authority of the head nurse.

Patriot Games

Tom Clancy

F C5873p

VC 1624

While vacationing in London, CIA analyst Jack Ryan saves the Prince and Princess of Wales from a terrorist attack and gains the gratitude of a nation and the enmity of its most dangerous men.

Pay it Forward

Catherine Ryan Hyde

F H9934p 1999

VC 3705

A life-affirming tale of the goodness implicit in everyone follows twelve-year-old Trevor, a boy from a troubled family, who develops a plan as part of a school project that starts people doing good things for each other.



The Pelican Brief

John Grisham

F G8692p

VC 1977

When the Supreme Court's most liberal and conservative justices are murdered in cold blood, Tulane University law student Darby Shaw prepares a wildly speculative brief that could make her career--and end her life.

The Portrait of a Lady

Henry James

F J27p 1996

VC 3763 (1968)/3651 (1996)

Follows the story of American heiress Isabel as she visits Europe to find her own destiny, is pursued by suitors, and ultimately must make a tragic choice.

The Power of One

Bryce Courtenay

F C8632

VC 1576

A young boy becomes an inspiring symbol for black and white as he experiences an odyssey through pro-Nazi South Africa during World War II.

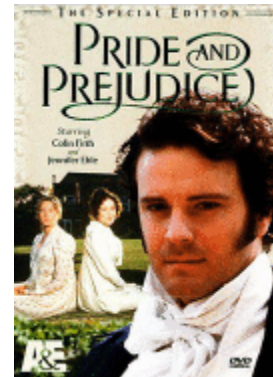
Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

F A933p

VC 653 (1940)/2359 (1995)/4005 (1980)

Elizabeth Bennet's chances of happiness are endangered by the foibles of human nature in this classic nineteenth-century novel.



Prince of Tides

Pat Conroy

F C7542p

VC 1551

Interweaves the events of Tom Wingo's summer in New York and his relationship to Susan Lowenstein, his sister Savannah's beautiful psychiatrist and the complex history of the South Carolinian Wingo family, from World War II, through Vietnam.

Prizzi's Honor

Richard Condon

F C746p

VC 886

When Charley Partanna, the Prizzi family's enforcer, and beautiful ex-mob courier Irene Walker fall in love, they are caught in a web of conflicting loyalties.

The Quiet American

Graham Greene

F G799q

DVD Q6

An eager American envoy is mysteriously assigned to Saigon during the French occupation of Indochina.

Rebecca

Daphne Du Maurier

F D8862r

VC 405 (1940)/3067 (1996)

At the great Cornwall estate of Manderley, Maxim de Winter and his frightened new wife try to live with the haunting legacy of Maxim's first wife, the beautiful and cold Rebecca, who died in a sailing accident.

The Remains of the Day

Kazuo Ishiguro

F I795

VC 1946

Stevens, an impeccable, quintessential English butler, embarks on a motoring trip through the West Country, on an odyssey that evokes disturbing memories of his thirty years of service to Lord Darlington and of the housekeeper, Miss Kenton.

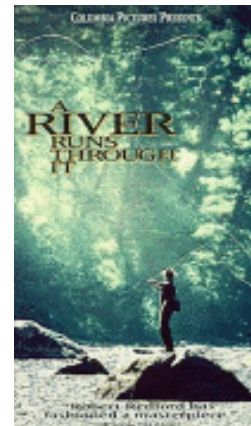
A River Runs Through It, and Other Stories

Norman Maclean

F M1632r

VC 1735

Two novellas and one short story, based on the author's own experiences, center on a young man's discovery of life and art, and of their proximities, in the woods of western Montana.



A Room With a View

E.M. Forster

F F733r

VC 392

A young British woman falls in love with an expatriate while on vacation in Italy, much to the chagrin of her stuffy guardians, who have already chosen the appropriate man for her.

Schindler's List

Thomas Keneally

F K33s GPB

VC 1989

Provides a fictional recreation of the activities and courage of Oskar Schindler, a Catholic German industrialist who gambled everything to save as many Jews as possible from the Nazi death camps.

Sense and Sensibility

Jane Austen

F A933s 1992

VC 2427 (1995)/4422 (1981)

Two sisters, one practical and conventional and the other emotional and sentimental, find that only through compromise of their mutual differences can they get along.

Shining Through

Susan Isaacs

F I73s

VC 1526

The ordinary life of legal secretary Linda Voss explodes into passion with her handsome boss and into danger as an OSS spy caught in the heart of Nazi Germany

The Shipping News

Annie Proulx

F P9682s GPB

VC 4152

Surprising transformations take place when a newspaperman's elderly aunt and two daughters decide to move back to their family home on the coast of Newfoundland.



Shoeless Joe [Field of Dreams]

W.P. Kinsella

F K56s

Field of Dreams **VC 885/4457**

Ray Kinsella's fanatic love of baseball drives him to build a baseball stadium in his corn field and kidnap the author, J.D. Salinger, and bring him to a baseball game.

The Sum of All Fears

Tom Clancy

F C5873s

VC 4120

One terrible act plunges the world into an instant nuclear crisis, and with the American president accused of incompetence, Jack Ryan calls on FBI head Dan Murray to help him avert disaster.

The Sweet Hereafter

Russell Banks

F B2185s

VC 2931

Following a tragic school bus accident, the people of a small town try to come to terms with the deaths of their children.

The Tailor of Panama

John Le Carré

F L456ta

VC 3721

In a novel about global politics and the fate of truth in modern times, Harry Pendel, a tailor in Panama City who can claim politicians, presidents, crooks, and conmen among his customers, becomes an unlikely spy for British intelligence.



The Talented Mr. Ripley

Patricia Highsmith

M H638t GPB

VC 3393

A young man on the make is sent to Italy to retrieve a tycoon's errant son, whose idyllic life inspires in him a daring scheme of duplicity, lies, and murder.

Terms of Endearment

Larry McMurtry

F M168t

VC 546

Fiercely independent and idiosyncratic, Aurora Greenway is used to the world revolving around her, but her daughter's hasty marriage and subsequent struggle with cancer cause Aurora to rethink her life.

The Three Musketeers

Alexandre Dumas

F D886th

VC 1958 (1948)/2213 (1993)

A young Gascon nobleman sets off for Paris in hopes of joining the Musketeers. He proves himself fighting with them and earns a place in their ranks. The three preserve the honor of the king and thwart the schemes of Cardinal Richelieu. D'Artagnan, an impetuous young man determined to join the King's Musketeers, inadvertently faces duels with three of the group's finest swordsmen.

The Time Machine

H. G. Wells

SF W454ti

VC 4212

A time traveler voyages into the future to find the world has been divided into two races.

2001: A Space Odyssey

Arthur C. Clarke

SF C597tw

VC 1138

Two astronauts find their journey into space and their very lives jeopardized by the jealousy of an extraordinary computer named Hal.

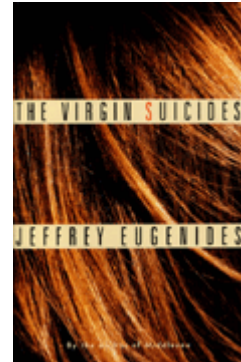
The Virgin Suicides

Jeffrey Eugenides

F E87 GPB

VC 4149

The narrators and his friends piece together the events that led up to suicides of the Lisbon girls, brainy Therese, fastidious Mary, ascetic Bonnie, libertine Lux, and saintly Cecilia.



Waiting to Exhale

Terry McMillan

F M1676w

VC 2358

Four African-American women console and support one another in a complex friendship that helps each of them face the middle of their lives as single women.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape?

Peter Hedges

F H453

VC 2161

Gilbert Grape, a resident of provincial Endora, Iowa, endures the eccentricities of his family and neighbors--including his mother, who is eating herself to death; his Elvis-fanatic sister; his retarded brother; and his married lover.

Where the Heart Is

Billie Letts

F L6515w

VC 4138

Pregnant, overweight, and convinced about her inherent bad luck, Novalee Nation hopes for a new life in a new state with her boyfriend but is dumped along the way in Oklahoma, where she finds her spirit renewed.



White Oleander

Janet Fitch

F F545w 1999

VC 4118

The struggle to build an authentic identity lies at the heart of Astrid's life as a foster child in Los Angeles after her poet mother, who has kept Astrid isolated from the world, is imprisoned for murder.

Wonder Boys

Michael Chabon

F C428w

VC 3476

In a story exploring the theme of the artist's isolation, Grady, an obese, aging writer who has lost his way, and debauched editor Tripp struggle to rekindle their friendship, a sense of adventure, and purpose in their lives.



The World According to Garp

John Irving

F I725w

VC 1271

T. S. Garp, a man with high ambitions for an artistic career and with obsessive devotion to his wife and children, and Jenny Fields, his famous feminist mother, find their lives surrounded by an assortment of people including teachers, whores, and radicals.

Wuthering Heights

Emily Brontë

F B869 1994

VC 156 (1939)/1074 (1953)

Against a background of English moors in the 18th century, the lives of two families become intertwined through marriage, passion, and the force of a man called Heathcliff.

True Stories

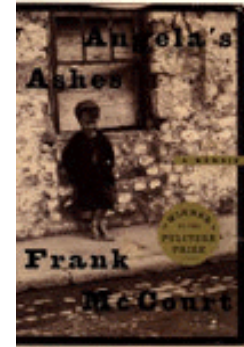
Angela's Ashes: A Memoir

Frank McCourt

92 M131 1996

VC 3643

A boy grows up amidst squalor and poverty in Depression-era Ireland.



Awakenings

Oliver Sacks

616.83206 S121

VC 1262

A Beautiful Mind

Sylvia Nasar

92 N251n 1998

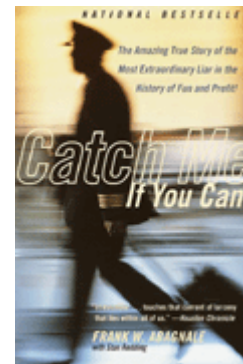
VC 3924/DVD B384

Catch Me If You Can: the Amazing True Story of the Youngest and Most Daring Con Man in the History of Fun and Profit

Frank W. Abagnale

364.163 A116

VC 4262



A Civil Action

Jonathan Harr

346.73038 H296 1995

VC 3180

The true story of an epic courtroom showdown in which two corporations stand accused of causing the deaths of children.

The City of Joy

Dominique Lapierre

954.14 L313

VC 1617

Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States

Helen Prejean

364.660973 P924 1993

VC 2713

Girl, Interrupted

Susanna Kaysen
616.8914 K234
VC 3628



My Left Foot

Christy Brown
92 B8775
VC 808



Not Without My Daughter

Betty Mahmoody
92 M215
VC 1510



Orchid Thief

Susan Orlean
635.934 O71
VC 4260

Out of Africa

Karen Blixen
916.762 D583
VC 407

The story of Karen Blixen, her philandering husband, her struggles with a coffee plantation in Kenya, and her love for the mysterious safari leader.

The Pianist: the Extraordinary Story of One Man's Survival in Warsaw, 1939-45

Wladyslaw Szpilman
364.151 S998
VC 4380/DVD P581

Tells the story of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew and talented musician who escapes after his family is rounded up for deportation by the Nazis, to live in the ruins of Warsaw.

Seabiscuit : an American Legend

Laura Hillenbrand
798.4 H651
VC 4268

Searching for Bobby Fischer: the World of Chess, Observed by the Father of a Child Prodigy

Fred Waitzkin
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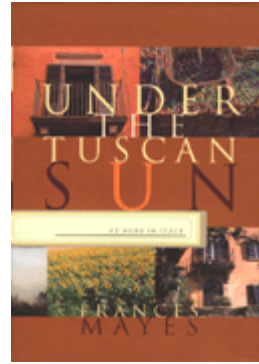
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