Aldridge, James  The true story of Spit MacPhee  F ALD:J
Young Spit lives a hand to mouth existence with his eccentric grandfather, Fyfe MacPhee, in an old shanty on the banks of the Murray River. The townspeople think Spit would be better cared for in a Boys’ Home - and when old Fyfe dies, a fierce battle to decide Spit's destiny begins.

Alexander, Lloyd  The black cauldron  F ALE:L
Taran, the assistant pig-keeper, is given his longed-for opportunity to seek adventure and heroism when Hen Wen, the magical pig, disappears. Taran and his friends become involved in a struggle against the Horned King and his dark forces, which threaten to overrun the land of Prydain.

Armstrong, William H  Sounder  F ARM:W
Set in the South in the era of sharecropping and segregation, this succinct tale describes the courage of a father who steals a ham to feed his undernourished family; the determination of the eldest son, who searches for his father despite the apathy of prison authorities; and the devotion of a coon dog named Sounder.

Ballentyne, R M  Coral island  F BAL:R
Ralph, Jack and Peterkin are shipwrecked on a South Sea island with only a telescope and an axe between them. The island seems a paradise of lagoons and coral reefs - until the arrival of pirates and cannibals ...

Blackman, Malorie  Noughts and Crosses  F BLA:M
Summary: Callum is a nought - a second-class citizen in a world run by the ruling Crosses. Sephy is a Cross, daughter of one of the most powerful men in the country. In their world, Noughts and Crosses simply don't mix. And as hostility turns to violence, can Callum and Sephy possibly find a way to be together?

Boldrewood, Rolf  Robbery under arms  F BOL:R
One of the best-known adventure stories of the Australian bush. It has insight into the life on the goldfields, and the tales of bushranging - the best ever written. It features the Marston boys, and Captain Starlight.

Carmody, Isobelle  Obernewtyn  F CAR:I
A post-apocalypse story, when all new discoveries are outlawed by the all-powerful and ruthless Council. Elspeth is one of a new breed of mind thinkers, and seeks the truth of her strange powers. A search inevitably leads to the sinister and mysterious Obernewtyn.

Carroll, Lewis  Alice’s adventures in Wonderland  F CAR:L
This edition of the classic story of Alice’s adventures was published in 1894.

Carter, Peter  The Sentinels  F CAR:P
John Spencer commandeered into the Royal Navy ends up serving on the West African Squadron, the anti-slavery patrol. One man, Lyapo, a farmer, taken as a slave is bought by the slave trader Kimber aboard the "Phantom". Lyapo and John meet in a desperate struggle for survival.

Cervantes, Miguel de  Don Quixote  F CER:M
The famous tale of Don Quixote, an elderly Spanish gentleman, who reads one too many chivalric romances, and decides to become a knight errant, accompanied by his faithful 'squire' Sancho Panza. He sets off on his travels through sixteenth-century Spain to right wrongs and rescue damsels in distress.

Chesterton, G K  Father Brown: selected stories  F CHE:G
Father Brown, one of the most quirkily genial and lovable characters to emerge from English detective fiction, first made his appearance in 1911. That first collection of stories established G.K. Chesterton's kindly cleric in the front rank of eccentric sleuths.

Clarke, Marcus  For the term of his natural life  F CLA:M
Murder, shipwreck, brutal tortures, cannibalism amongst escaping convicts - this novel brings to life all the horror and suffering of the settlement at Port Arthur and the system under which countless convicts disappeared without trace. The survival of Rufus Dawes is amazing in itself.

Cooper, Susan  The dark is rising  F COO:S
Five brilliant fantasy books in one; starting with Will Stanton's discovery that he is the last of the Old Ones, wielders on Earth of the giant powers of good and evil.

Dickens, Charles  A Christmas Carol  F DIC:C
The story of Scrooge, a rich London businessman during the last century. With old age, Scrooge has become very unpleasant and miserly. But he receives a visit from the ghost of his dead friend Marley, who then sends other ghosts to show Scrooge that it is important to be happy in our lives.

Dickinson, Peter  The blue hawk  F DIC:P
When the gods command Tron, a temple boy, to overturn the sacrifice of a blue hawk, the destiny of the kingdom is in his hands. Hunted by temple assassins, Tron and his hawk flee into the blazing desert, where they are helped by an ambitious young king with dark secrets of his own.

Do, Anh  The happiest refugee: the extraordinary true story of a boy's journey from starvation at sea to becoming one of Australia's best loved comedians  920 DO
The laugh-out-loud, reach-for-your-hanky story of one of Australia's best-loved comedians. Anh Do nearly didn't make it to Australia. His entire family came close to losing their lives on the sea as they escaped from war-torn Vietnam in an overcrowded boat. But nothing - not murderous pirates, nor the imminent threat of death by hunger, disease or dehydration as they drifted for days - could quench their desire to make a better life in the country they had dreamed about. Life in Australia was hard, an endless succession of back-breaking work, crowded rooms, ruthless landlords and make-do everything. But there was a loving extended family, and always friends and play and something to laugh about for Anh, his brother Khoa and their sister Tram.

Doyle, Arthur Conan  The adventures of Sherlock Holmes  F DOY:A
This volume contains some of Sherlock Holmes' most famous cases, in which his eagle eye and brilliant brain is stretched to their limits.

Ekman, Kerstin  The dog  F EKM:K
In the heart of the tranquil countryside, a young puppy leaves his home to follow his mother and master. But away from the safe haven of the farm, the puppy soon becomes lost and is left to struggle for survival in the wild. The puppy becomes wild himself, trusting no human and furiously fighting the hunting dogs that enter his domain. But one man is intrigued by the now-unruly dog and very slowly begins to gain his trust.

Eliot, George  
Silas Marner  
Wrongly accused of a heinous theft, the gentle linen weaver Silas Marner goes into exile to become a miserly recluse. In the rustic village of Raveloe he finds redemption and spiritual rebirth through his unselfish love for an abandoned child who appears mysteriously one day in his isolated cottage.

Ende, Michael  
The neverending story  
A boy named Bastian becomes so engrossed in reading a book about young Atreyu's quest to find a cure for the ailing Empress of Fantasiana, that he enters the book himself, saves Fantasiana, and sets off on his own adventures.

Forbes, Esther  
Johnny Tremain  
Johnny Tremain is one of a group of conspirators preparing for the famous Boston Tea Party which sparked off the American Revolution.

Frank, Anne  
The diary of a young girl  
The story of a Jewish girl (Anne Frank) during the Second World War in the Netherlands. She and her family went into hiding in the sealed-off back rooms of an Amsterdam office building in 1942. For two years they remained safe. In August 1944 they were betrayed. Anne died in the ghastly concentration camp at Belsen. All the others perished too, except her father. Anne's astonishingly intimate diary was found by accident and it remains timeless in its appeal.

Frank, Rudolf  
No hero for the Kaiser  
The story of a 14-year-old Polish boy who acts as a scout in WWI and through the horrors of war becomes a pacifist.

Fraser, Antonia  
Robin Hood  
A classic brought to light by the skilful retelling of Antonia Fraser, Robin Hood is packed with adventure, romance and excitement. It also contains betrayal and blackmail, while the Sheriff tries to get the upper hand.

Gaarder, Jostein  
Sophie’s world: a novel about the history of philosophy  
One morning Sophie Amundsen, a 14-year-old Norwegian schoolgirl, finds a piece of paper in her mailbox. On it is written: "Who are you?" and "Where did the world from?" An interesting and thought-provoking mystery that is also an introduction to philosophy and philosophers.

Garfield, Leon  
The Golden Shadow  
This book creates an original and enthralling version of the Greek myths that told of the making of man and of the conflicts among the Gods. Heracles is the dazzling figure who dominates the tales of the Homeric scene.

Garner, Alan  
The owl service  
Three teenagers, Alison, Roger, and Gwyn discover that the Welsh valley where they are spending their holiday is the original site of the myth of LLeu, Gronw and Glodeuwedd. A curse on the set of
owl-decorated dishes found by Gwyn, Alison and Roger turns the two boys against each other and threatens Alison's life.

Gee, Maurice  The fat man  F GEE:M
Colin Potter is a skinny boy, hungry for chocolate. Herbert Muskie is enormously fat, hungry for revenge. A dramatic encounter down at the creek forges an unhappy alliance between the vindictive man and the fearful child. But who is the fat man and why does he hate the people of Loomis?

Grahame, Kenneth  The wind in the willows  F GRA:K
In this perennial classic, Ratty, Mole and Toad battle the weasels and stoats that have taken over Toad Hall.

Haggard, H. Rider  King Solomon’s mines  F HAG:R
There were diamond mines and chests full of uncut stones as large as pigeon's eggs. But it was not for them that the three Englishmen made their perilous expedition north of Durban. They went in search of a man ...

Heaney, Seamus  Beowulf  829.3 BEO:H
Composed towards the end of the first millennium of our era, the Anglo-Saxon poem “Beowulf” is one of the great Northern epics and a classic of European literature. It is a tale of its hero’s triumphs as a young warrior and his fated death as a defender of his people.

Hemingway, Ernest  The old man and the sea  F HEM:E
The old fisherman Santiago had only one friend in the village, the boy Manolin. Everyone else thought he was unlucky because he had caught no fish in a long time. At noon on the eighty-fifth day of fishing, he hooked a huge swordfish, which he fought for three days and nights.

Hope, A  The prisoner of Zenda  F HOP:A
Little more than idle curiosity and a penchant for travel took Rudolf Rassdyll to Ruritania to witness the coronation of its king. There he was astonished to meet his exact double - the King of Ruritania! When the king is kidnapped, there seemed only one way to avert disaster: Rudolf must impersonate the king.

Howker, Janni  The nature of the beast  F HOW:J
Something is roaming the moors above Haverston, something dangerous and frightening that kills sheep with a savage ferocity that shocks even the toughest local farmers. But in the town, faced with massive unemployment, the stories of the 'Beast' are dismissed as gossip. Only Bill Howard knows the terrifying truth.

Hugo, Victor  Les Miserables  F HUG:V
In the political unrest that pervaded France in the 1800s after the failure of the revolution, one man, Jean Valjean journeys from depravity and corruption to grace and redemption. This retelling of Hugo's epic novel has language more accessible to twenty-first century readers.

Jinks, Catherine  Pagan’s vows  F JIN:C
Pagan and Lord Roland become novices at an Abbey. But Pagan soon finds out neither humility nor blind obedience come easily to him. While Roland sets his eyes firmly on the face of God, the worldlier Pagan discovers just how corrupt and dangerous life in a monastery can be.

Kelleher, Victor  Master of the grove  F KEL:V
Crippled Derin searches the war-torn land for his father, pursued by both soldiers and sinister bowmen, their life force sucked away to make them into living dead. Vivid scenes of physical encounter on the plains and in the mountains make this a fast moving fantasy.

Konigsburg, E L  From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler  F KON:E
Claudia isn't the type to rough it when she runs away from home. She takes her brother (along with his money) and "moves in" - to the Museum of Art in New York.

Le Guin, Ursula  The wizard of Earthsea  F LEG:U
In this, the first volume of the Earthsea trilogy, young Ged, studying the art of wizardry, accidentally conjures up a terrifying creature that threatens the existence of the entire world of Earthsea.

Lewis, C.S.  The chronicles of Narnia (series)  F LEW:C
Polly and Digory, live next door to one another in a street of old tall London houses. Exploring on a wet cold afternoon, they discover a little door in an attic which leads to along dark corridor connecting their two homes. That is how they stumble on to the secret workroom of Digory's scientific uncle.

Lister, Robin; Homer  The Odyssey  F HOM:L
A modern rendering of Homer’s great epic poem.

Lowry, Lois  The giver  F LOW:L
A perfect world - without conflict, poverty, inequality. Conformity and happiness are a way of life. However, for Jonas, things are different. While his friends are selected to be doctors or teachers, Jonas is sent to an old, tired, man - THE GIVER - where he begins to discover the dark secrets that lie beneath the surface of his world.

London, Jack  White Fang  F LON:J
From the beginning White Fang was different from his brothers and sisters. White Fang was pure wolf, body and soul. This is his story - how he learnt about the world, and about man. White Fang soon found out how harsh a man's rule can be. And eventually, how to build a bond of trust and affection with man.

Magorian, Michelle  Goodnight Mister Tom  F MAG:M
The story of a young city boy evacuated during WWII to live with a lonely old countryman. Willie, who is beaten and repressed by his mother, is evacuated to the home of "Mister Tom", an old recluse.
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When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Orwell, George  Animal farm  F  ORW:G
At farmer Jones's farm, the pigs lead a revolt to drive out the humans and put themselves in charge of the new totalitarian state, in this classic satire of communism.

Paterson, Katherine  Bridge to Terabithia  F  PAT:K
A thoughtful book dealing with the friendship of two unlikely youngsters, a boy and a girl. They invent Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where they are rulers and the sole human inhabitants.

Pyle, Howard  The story of King Arthur and his knights  F  PYL:H
A collection of stories which describe the perilous and thrilling adventures of King Arthur and his knights in a glorious age of chivalry and honour.

Pullman, Philip  Northern lights  F  PUL:P
When Lyra's friend Roger disappears, she and her daemon determine to find him. The ensuing quest leads them to the bleak splendour of the North, where armoured bears rule the ice and witch-queens fly through the frozen skies - and where a team of scientists is conducting experiments too horrible to be spoken about.

Richter, Hans Peter  Friedrich  F  RIC:H
Friedrich had a good home and enough money when many in the Germany of the 1930's did not. But when Hitler came to power all this changed because Friedrich was Jewish.

Riordan, James  Sweet clarinet  F  RIO:J
Billy thinks growing up in wartime is fun – falling bombs, fiery skies. That is, until a bomb falls on him. From that moment on, Billy’s life will never be the same again. Horribly burned, Billy longs for death, but the precious gift he receives might just give him something to live for, and some hope for the future.

Rowling, J K  Harry Potter and the philosopher’s stone  F  ROW:J
Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy – until he is rescued by an owl, taken to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel. The reason: Harry Potter is a wizard!

Rutgers van der Loeff, A.  Children on the Oregan Trail  F  RUT:A
This book is based on the true-life story of thirteen-year-old John Sager, who, with his family, was part of a covered-wagon band of settlers who set out for the Far West of America in the summer of 1844.

Saint-Exupery, Antoine  The little Prince and Letter to a hostage  F  SAI:A
The story of a little boy who lives alone on a planet not much bigger than himself. One day he
leaves behind the safety of his childlike world to travel around the universe where he is introduced to the vagaries of adult behaviour through a series of extraordinary encounters.

Seraillier, Ian  
**The silver sword**  
F SER:I
This is a war story, based upon fact, about a family in Poland. When the Nazis came, men and women were carried off to prison camps and children left alone, homeless, to fend for themselves.

Solzhenitsyn, Alexander  
**One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich**  
F SOL:A
This brilliant novel describes a single prisoner's day in a remote Siberian labour camp. The depravation and hardship is hard to comprehend.

Swift, Jonathan  
**Gulliver's travels**  
F SWI:J
The story of Gulliver tells of his fantastic adventures among all the strange creatures and their peculiar customs.

Southall, Ivan  
**To the wild sky**  
F SOU:I
Six children are stranded in the Australian outback when their pilot dies and the plane crashes.

Stevenson, Robert Louis  
**Treasure Island**  
F STE:R
When Jim Hawkins discovers a map he little guesses of the danger and excitement which lie ahead. Joining the crew of the Hispaniola, Jim sets sail for Treasure Island in search of Captain Flint's treasure. But soon mutiny is in the air and Jim must draw on all his resources to survive.

Stow, Randolph  
**Midnite: the story of a wild colonial boy**  
F STO:R
Midnite who is an orphan with five animals is not very clever. So his Siamese cat takes control of his future and turns him into a bushranger who charms and outwits the Law and Establishment.

Tolkien, J R R  
**The Hobbit**  
F TOL:J
The adventures of hobbit Bilbo Baggins, who joins a band of dwarfs led by Gandalf the Wizard. Together they seek to recover the stolen treasure that is hidden in Lonely Mountain and guarded by Smaug the Dragon.

Tolkien, J R R  
**The Lord of the rings trilogy**  
F TOL:J
Frodo, is bequeathed a magical ring from his Uncle Bilbo and learns that he must take it into the land of the Dark Lord, Sauron, there to cast it into the Cracks of Doom.

Trease, Geoffrey  
**Cue for treason**  
F TRE:G
An Elizabethan adventure story of two young people who join a traveling theatre company and are taken in as apprentices by William Shakespeare.

Twain, Mark  
**The adventures of Tom Sawyer**  
F TWA:M
One of the world’s favourite books, this is the rollicking tale of a boy, a river and adventures both hilarious and suspenseful. Filled with unforgettable scenes and characters, it is also a depiction of life in the Southern States of America before the Civil War.

Ullman, James Ramsey  
**Banner in the sky**  
F ULL:J
The thrilling story of a boy's determination to conquer a challenging Swiss mountain.

Verne, Jules  
**20,000 leagues under the sea**  
F VER:J
The prisoners of Captain Nemo travel the oceans under ice, around wrecks, and through underwater forests and encounter horrific octopuses and sharks until it seems there is really no escape from the amazing, self-sufficient submarine, Nautilus.

White, T.E. The sword in the stone F WHI:T
Merlyn the sorcerer teaches young King Arthur about magic and history. This story and its sequel, The Witch in the Wood, were revised to become the first two parts of The Once and Future King.

Wren, Percival C Beau Geste F WRE:P
Michael, Digby and John Geste become prime suspects when a famous sapphire is stolen. One by one they flee to join the French Foreign Legion, but even in the heart of Africa the sapphire continues to dominate their lives, until extraordinary events reveal the identity of the thief.

Wyndham, John The day of the Triffids F WYN:J
The Triffids are a monstrous species of stinging plant. The narrator of this superb novel wakes up in hospital to find that, by missing the end of the world as he knew it, he has survived to witness a terrifying new world…