40 Classic Books & Why You Should Read Them

Brighton Rock (1938) Graham Greene Well, what makes a classic book? My eight-year-old asked this very question after spending several days with her nose buried in Charlotte's Web. “Errr - I think it's a very good book liked by lots people that stands the test of time,”.



Classic Fiction (in no particular order)

- [ ] Lord of the Flies (1954) by William Golding
- [ ] Jamaica Inn (1936) by Daphne du Maurier
- [ ] Treasure Island (1883) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [ ] Charlotte’s Web (1952) by E.B. White
- [ ] Moonfleet (1898) by J. Meade Falkner
- [ ] A Tale of Two Cities (1859) by Charles Dickens
- [ ] The Mayor of Casterbridge (1886) by Thomas Hardy
- [ ] Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland (1865) by Lewis Carroll
- [ ] To Kill a Mockingbird (1960) by Harper Lee
- [ ] Animal Farm (1945) by George Orwell
- [ ] Of Mice and Men (1937) by John Steinbeck
- [ ] Heidi (1880) by Johanna Spyri
- [ ] One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1962) by Ken Kesey
- [ ] Lorna Doone (1869) by R.D. Blackmore
- [ ] Kidnapped (1886) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [ ] The Call of the Wild (1903) by Jack London
- [ ] The Wind in the Willows (1908) by Kenneth Grahame
- [ ] Oliver Twist (1838) by Charles Dickens
- [ ] Brideshead Revisited (1945) by Evelyn Waugh
- [ ] Don Quixote (1605) by Cervantes
- [ ] The Picture of Dorian Gray (1891) by Oscar Wilde
- [ ] Nineteen–Eighty Four (1949) by George Orwell
- [ ] Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (1974) by John le Carré
- [ ] Anne of Green Gables (1908) by L.M. Montgomery
- [ ] The Children of the New Forest (1847) by Frederick Marryat
- [ ] For Whom the Bell Tolls (1950) by Ernest Hemingway
- [ ] Fahrenheit 451 (1953) by Ray Bradbury

- [ ] The Illustrated Man (1951) by Ray Bradbury
- [ ] Brighton Rock (1938) by Graham Greene
- [ ] The Secret Garden (1911) by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Classic Non-Fiction Books (again, in no particular order)

- [ ] Cider with Rosie (1959) by Laurie Lee
- [ ] In Cold Blood (1966) by Truman Capote
- [ ] Bitter Lemons (1957) by Lawrence Durrell
- [ ] Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1971) Hunter S. Thompson
- [ ] Homage to Catalonia (1938) by George Orwell
- [ ] Goodbye to All That (1929) by Robert Graves
- [ ] Seven Pillars of Wisdom (1922) by T.E. Lawrence
- [ ] Never Cry Wolf (1963) by Farley Mowat
- [ ] Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes (1879) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [ ] Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West (1970) by Dee Brown

Make and Share Free Checklists
checkli.com