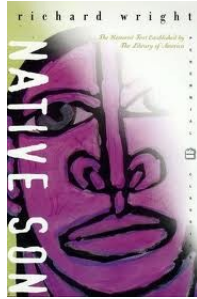


Native Son

by Richard Wright

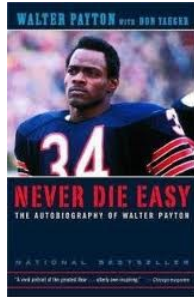
Trapped in the poverty-stricken ghetto of Chicago's South Side, a young African-American man finds release only in acts of violence.



Never Die Easy: the Autobiography of Walter Payton

by Walter Payton & Dan Yaeger

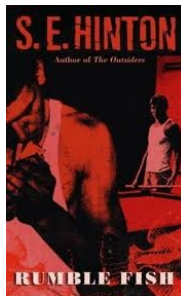
An autobiography written in the last weeks of Walter Payton's life, in which the celebrated running back for the Chicago Bears discusses his childhood in Mississippi, his college years, his extraordinary football career, his business and charity endeavors and his devotion to his family.



Rumble Fish

by S. E. Hinton

A junior high school boy idolizes his older brother, the coolest, toughest guy in the neighborhood, and wants to be just like him.



Switched

by Amanda Hocking

When Wendy Everly was six years old, her mother was convinced she was a monster and tried to kill her. It wasn't until eleven years later that Wendy discovers her mother might have been right. With the help of Finn Holmes, Wendy finds herself in a world she never knew existed — a world that's both beautiful and frightening, and Wendy's not sure she wants to be a part of it.



War

by Sebastian Junger

A combat narrative based on journalist Sebastian Junger's experiences in Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008, during which he spent time intermittently embedded with a platoon of the 173rd Airborne brigade in Korengal Valley.



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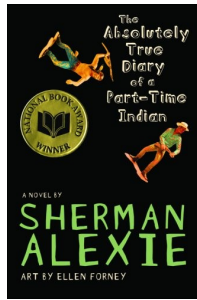
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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

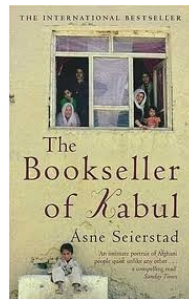
Budding cartoonist Junior, leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.



The Bookseller of Kabul

by Asne Seierstad

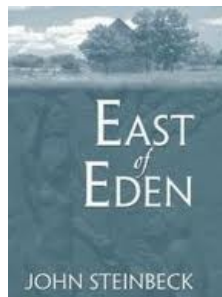
Asne Seierstad recounts the experiences she had while staying with a bookseller named Sultan Khan and his family in Afghanistan just after the fall of the Taliban, describing what it was like for families in Afghanistan to adjust to a new way of life and a new government.



East of Eden

by John Steinbeck

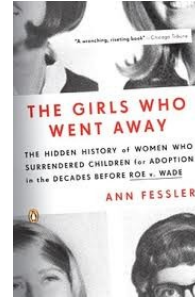
A symbolic recreation of the biblical story of Cain and Abel woven into a history of California's Salinas Valley. Spanning the period between the Civil War and the end of WWI, the novel highlights the conflicts of two generations of brothers.



The Girls Who Went Away: the Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade

by Ann Fessler

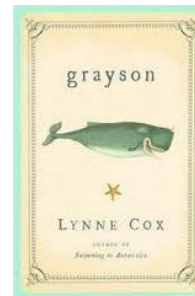
Describes the experiences of single women pressured into giving babies up for adoption between 1945 and 1973, drawing from interviews from more than 100 women to discuss social attitudes of the time, the shaming and confinement women in this situation faced, and the impact the experience had on the rest of their lives.



Grayson

by Lynne Cox

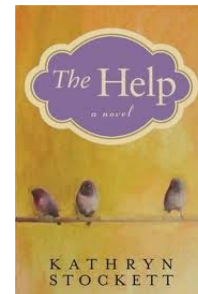
While training for a long-distance swim off the coast of California, the author encounters a baby gray whale that has become separated from its mother.



The Help

by Kathryn Stockett

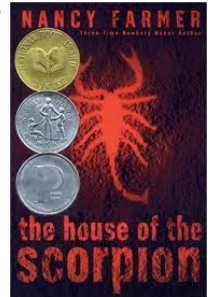
Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households.



The House of the Scorpion

by Nancy Farmer

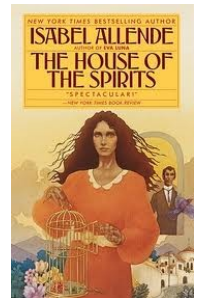
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.



The House of the Spirits

by Isabel Allende

The author weaves a luminous tapestry of three generations of the Trueba family, revealing both triumphs and tragedies. This is one of the most important and beloved Latin American works of the 20th century.



Maus I: a Survivor's Tale

by Art Spiegelman

The story, in comic book form, of the author's parents' experiences as Jews in Poland prior to and during World War II. Illustrations portray Jews as mice and Nazis as cats.

