Classic American Fiction

New books are fun, but nothing beats the classics. Check out these early American writers and experience life from their perspectives.

Willa Cather (1873-1947)
Writer of American realism and frontier literature

*My Antonia* (FIC Cat)
*O Pioneers!* (FIC Cat)

Kate Chopin (1851-1904)
Noted for her essays, psychological novels during the local color movement

*The Awakening* (PB FIC Cho)
*A Vocation and a Voice: stories* (PB FIC Cho)

James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851)
Writer of adventure fiction, travel literature, historical novels, novels of manners, and sea stories during the American Romanticism movement

*The Deerslayer* (FIC Coo)
*The Last of the Mohicans* (FIC Coo)

Stephen Crane (1871-1900)
Works considered to a part of the genre literary impressionism and American naturalism

*The Red Badge of Courage* (FIC Cra)

Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)
American novelist known for his writing during the romanticism era and the American literary renaissance

*The House of the Seven Gables* (FIC Haw)
*The Scarlet Letter* (FIC Haw)

O. Henry (1862-1910)
Humorous fiction as well as poetry and short stories

*Collected Stories* (FIC Hen)

Henry James (1843-1916)
Works are of a social, realistic persuasion; sometimes novels of manners

*The Portrait of a Lady* (FIC Jam)
*The Turn of the Screw* (PB FIC Jam)

Jack London (1876-1916)
Best known for his adventure fiction and animal tales

*The Call of the Wild* (PB FIC Lon)
*The Sea Wolf* (FIC Lon)

Herman Melville (1819-1891)
Master of sea stories as well as adventure and psychological fiction

*Moby Dick* (FIC Mel)
*Billy Budd* (FIC Mel)

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)
Literary career composed of mystery and detective fiction, gothic novels, and short stories.

*Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* (818.309 Poe)
*Tales of Edgar Allan Poe* (FIC Poe)

Mark Twain (1835-1910)
The works of this literary giant are scattered throughout the canon of American literature. His works can be described in general as satire, travel literature, and adventure fiction.

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (FIC Twa)
*Life on the Mississippi* (Biog Twain)