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Year	Theme	Author	Selection
2004f	No Ordinary Time	Agee & Evans	Let Us Now Praise Famous Men
1981d	Modern Visions	Albee	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf
1965c	Eastern Religions	Anonymous	The Upanishads
1965e	Eastern Religions	Anonymous	The Teachings of the Compassionate Buddha
1980d	Man and the Sea	Apollonius of Rhodes	The Voyage of the Argo
1997d	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Aquinas	Treatise on Law Questions 90-97
2004c	No Ordinary Time	Arendt	Origins of Totalitarianism
1997b	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Aristophanes	Lysistrata; The Birds; The Clouds
1962e	Insights into Man	Aristotle	Physics
1967..	Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics	Aristotle	Nicomachean Ethics
1979a	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Aristotle	Nicomachean Ethics, Books VIII & IX
1997c	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Aristotle	Politics, Book I
1998a	??	Aristotle	Metaphysics: On Potency
1980f	Man and the Sea	Arnold	Dover Beach
1961d	War and Peace	Augustine	City of God, Part V
1969c	Perceiving the External World	Austin, J L	Sense and Sensibility
1969b	Perceiving the External World	Ayer	The Foundations of Empirical Knowledge
1984b	Mann's Journey	Barrett	Irrational Man
1998f	??	Basho	The Narrow Road to the Deep North
2001f	The Truth of Myth	Baudelaire	Flowers of Evil (Fleurs de Mal)
2000b	Utopia	Bellamy	Looking Backwards
1976a	Ways of Life	Benedict	Patterns of Culture
1986b	The Mind's I	Bergson	Laughter
1979e	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Bettelheim	The Empty Fortress
1957f	Great Issues	Bible	Gospel according to Matthew
1964e	Ethics	Bible	Deuteronomy
1989a	Looking Ahead	Bible	Ecclesiastes
1993a	Can the Truth Be Learned	Bible	Genesis
2000e	Utopia	Bible	Book of Revelation Chapters 20 & 21
2002f	??	Bishop	Poems
1989d	Looking Ahead	Bohm	Wholeness and the Implicate Order
1993f	Can the Truth Be Learned	Broch	The Death of Virgil
2008e	Morality of Self	Browning	"Andrea Del Sarto" & "Fri Lippo Lippi"
1957e	Great Issues	Buber	I and Thou
1958d	Modern Man & His Religion	Buber	Between Man and Man
1977a	Man's Quest	Buber	Between Man and Man
1979c	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Buber	I and Thou
1990e	Knowledge	Buber	Between Man and Man
2001a	The Truth of Myth	Buber	Images of Good and Evil
2006a	Deja Lu	Buber	I and Thou
2002b	??	Butler	The Way of All Flesh
1968e	The Outsider	Camus	The Stranger
1970c	Revolution	Camus	The Rebel
2000d	Utopia	Capek	R U R (Rossum's Universal Robots)
1984a	Mann's Journey	Capra	The Tao of Physics
1976d	Ways of Life	Carey	The Horse's Mouth
1980b	Man and the Sea	Carson	The Sea Around Us
1959f	??	Cassirer	Language and Myth
1962a	Insights into Man	Cassirer	Essay on Man
1972a	Man's Symbols	Cassirer	Mythical Thought
1973c	The World of Art	Cassirer	Mythical Thought
1978d	The Limits of Reason	Casteneda	A Separate Reality

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1963c	The Cardinal Virtues	Cervantes	Don Quixote
2005b	The Fool	Cervantes	Don Quixote
1976e	Ways of Life	Chardin	The Phenomenon of Man
1962b	Insights into Man	Chaucer	Canterbury Tales
2001d	The Truth of Myth	Cicero	Discussions at Tusculum
1966a	Crime and Punishment	Coleridge	Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner
1981f	Modern Visions	Comings e e	Poems
1982a	Communicating across Cultures	Condo & Seito	Communicating across Cultures for What?
1965d	Eastern Religions	Confucius	The Sayings
1968a	The Outsider	Conrad	Victory
1980a	Man and the Sea	Conrad	Typhoon
1963b	The Cardinal Virtues	Dante	Inferno
1996b	The Future is an Illusion	Dante	Inferno
2007b	Thresholds of Science	Darwin	Origin of Species & Descent of Man
1992d	A Different Voice	De Beauvoir	The Second Sex
1992a	A Different Voice	De Pissan	The Treasure of the City of Ladies
1995a	Democracy in America	De Toqueville	Democracy in America
2003a	Doubt and Belief	De Unamuno	Tragic Sense of Life
1994b	Solitude	Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
1998c	??	Descartes	Meditations I, II, III
1979f	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Dickinson	Poems
1999f	??	Dostoevsky	The Dream of a Ridiculous Man
1962d	Insights into Man	Dostoyevsky	Notes From the Underground
1966b	Crime and Punishment	Dostoyevsky	Crime and Punishment
1988d	Then and Now	Dostoyevsky	The Brothers Karamazov
2003b	Doubt and Belief	Dostoyevsky	The Brothers Karamazov (Selections)
1993c	Can the Truth Be Learned	Eiseley	The Immense Journey
1972c	Man's Symbols	Eliade	Myths, Dreams, and Mysteries
2008b	Morality of Self	Eliot	Middlemarch
1958a	Modern Man & His Religion	Eliot, T S	Ash Wednesday
1990f	Knowledge	Eliot, T S	Four Quartets
2000f	Utopia	Elliot T S	The Journey of the Magi
1996e	The Future is an Illusion	Ellison	The Invisible Man
1994c	Solitude	Emerson	Society and Solitude; The Transcendentalist
2001e	The Truth of Myth	Emerson	Fate
2005a	The Fool	Erasmus	Praise of Folly
1975e	In Search of Self	Erickson	Childhood and Society
1998e	??	Erickson	Identity and the Life Cycle
1959e	??	Falkner	The Bear
1970d	Revolution	Fanon	The Wretched of the Earth
1989c	Looking Ahead	Ferguson	The Aquarian Conspiracy
1979d	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Forster	A Passage to India
1987d	The Family	Forster	Howard's End
1995d	Democracy in America	Forster	Two Cheers for Democracy
1977b	Man's Quest	Frankl	Man's Search for Meaning
1963d	The Cardinal Virtues	Franklin	The Autobiography
1961g	War and Peace	Freud	Civilization and Its Discontents
1975c	In Search of Self	Freud	Introduction to Psychoanalysis
1990c	Knowledge	Freud	On the Interpretation of Dreams
1996d	The Future is an Illusion	Freud	The Future of an Illusion
1982e	Communicating across Cultures	Fugard	Boesman and Lena
1968d	The Outsider	Gide	Lafcadio's Adventures
1972d	Man's Symbols	Gide	Theseus
1977e	Man's Quest	Gilgamesh	The Epic of Gilgamesh

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1992e	A Different Voice	Gilligan	In a Different Voice
1971a	Counter-Culture	Ginsberg	Howl
1990b	Knowledge	Goethe	Faust, Part I
1981c	Modern Visions	Goffman	The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life
2004d	No Ordinary Time	Goldman	Anarchism & Other Essays
1976b	Ways of Life	Goodman	Communitas
1981a	Modern Visions	Halkl	The Hidden Dimension
1999c	??	Hallie	Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed
1978a	The Limits of Reason	Hamsun	Mysteries
1993d	Can the Truth Be Learned	Hegel	Introduction to the Philosophy of History
1988c	Then and Now	Heisenberg	Physics and Philosophy
2005d	The Fool	Heller	Catch 22
1973d	The World of Art	Hemingway	The Old Man and the Sea
1989f	Looking Ahead	Heraclitus	Fragments
1958e	Modern Man & His Religion	Hesse	Siddhartha
1968b	The Outsider	Hesse	Steppenwolf
1975d	In Search of Self	Hesse	Denian
2000c	Utopia	Hobbes	Leviathan Book I & II
1971b	Counter-Culture	Hoffman	Revolution for the Hell of It
		Hofstadter &	
1986d	The Mind's I	Dennet	The Mind's Eye
1961c	War and Peace	Homer	The Iliad
1957c	Great Issues	Hume	Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion
1964b	Ethics	Ibsen	An Enemy of the People
1966c	Crime and Punishment	Ibsen	Ghosts
1977d	Man's Quest	Ibsen	The Doll's House
2007f	Thresholds of Science	Ibsen	An Enemy of the People
2008c	Morality of Self	James	The Art of Writing
2002e	??	James Henry	The Pupil
1968c	The Outsider	James, Henry	The Beast in the Jungle
1995b	Democracy in America	James, Henry	Daisy Miller
1980c	Man and the Sea	James, William	Principles of Psychology
1978b	The Limits of Reason	Jaspers	Reason and Existenz
1959a	??	Jeffers	Night
2007d	Thresholds of Science	Jewett	The Country of the Pointed Firs
1973a	The World of Art	Joyce	Portrait of the Artist as a Young man
1958b	Modern Man & His Religion	Jung	Modern Man in Search of a Soul
1972e	Man's Symbols	Jung	Memories, Dreams and Reflections
1966d	Crime and Punishment	Kafka	The Trial
1977c	Man's Quest	Kafka	The Castle
2003e	Doubt and Belief	Kafka	The Investigations of a Dog
2006b	Deja Lu	Kafka	The Trial
1982b	Communicating across Cultures	Kang	The Grass Roof
1961e	War and Peace	Kant	Perpetual Peace
1964c	Ethics	Kant	Foundation of the Metaphysics of Morals
1983b	Fact and Fancy	Kant	Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics
1999b	??	Kant	Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals
1957d	Great Issues	Kierkegaard	Fear and Trampling
1993e	Can the Truth Be Learned	Kierkegaard	Philosophical Fragments
2007c	Thresholds of Science	Kuhn	The Structure of Scientific Revolutions
1983e	Fact and Fancy	Lagerkvist	The Sybil
1971d	Counter-Culture	Laing	The Politics of Experience
1987c	The Family	Laing	The Politics of the Family
1982f	Communicating across Cultures	Lal	The Farce of the Drunk Monk

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1965b	Eastern Religions	Lao Tzu	The Way of Life
2003f	Doubt and Belief	Larkin	Poems
1981b	Modern Visions	Lessing	Thye Marriages between Zones 3, 4, and 5
1982c	Communicating across Cultures	Levi-Strauss	Tristes Tropiques
1994d	Solitude	Lindbergh	Gift from the Sea
1959c	??	Malinowski	Magic, Science and Religion
1970b	Revolution	Malraux	Man's Fate
1984c	Mann's Journey	Mann	The Magic Mountain
1991c	Meeting One's Self	Marcus Aurelius	Meditations
1962c	Insights into Man	Marlowe	The Tragedy of Dr Faustus
1982d	Communicating across Cultures	Marquez	One Hundred Years of Solitude
2007e	Thresholds of Science	McKibbin	The End of Nature
2001b	The Truth of Myth	Melville	Moby Dick
1986a	The Mind's I	Meredith	An Essay on Comedy
1995c	Democracy in America	Miller	Death of a Salesman
1986c	The Mind's I	Moliere	The Misanthrope
1999a	??	Moliere	Tartuffe
1997e	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Montaigne	Good & Evil / Custom & Law / Ed of Children
1997e	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Montaigne	Pedantry / Cannibals / Folly-Truth & Error
1969a	Perceiving the External World	Moore	Some Main Problems of Philosophy
2000a	Utopia	Moore	Utopia
1987a	The Family	Murdock	Culture and Society
1972b	Man's Symbols	Neihardt	Black Elk Speaks
1964d	Ethics	Neitzsche	Beyond Good and Evil
1999d	??	Neitzsche	Beyond Good and Evil
2003d	Doubt and Belief	Neitzsche	Thus Spake Zarathustra
1981e	Modern Visions	Ogden & Richards	The Meaning of Meaning
1965f	Eastern Religions	Otto	Mysticism East and West
2009e	Art of War	Owens and Others	Poetry selections
1957b	Great Issues	Pascal	Pensees
		Pico della	
1996c	The Future is an Illusion	Mirandola	Oration on The Dignity of Man
1987e	The Family	Pinter	The Homecoming
1960a	The Republic	Plato	The Republic
1963a	The Cardinal Virtues	Plato	Protagoras
1975a	In Search of Self	Plato	Phado
1983a	Fact and Fancy	Plato	Dialogues (selections)
1985a	The Republic	Plato	The Republic
1988a	Then and Now	Plato	Symposium
1990a	Knowledge	Plato	Theaetetus
1993b	Can the Truth Be Learned	Plato	Timaeus
1996a	The Future is an Illusion	Plato	Phado
2006c	Deja Lu	Plato	Symposium
1998a	??	Plotinus	On Potentiality and Actuality
1998b	??	Pollack	Signs of Life
1998d	??	Porter	The Old Order
1991a	Meeting One's Self	Proust	Remembrance of Things Past
1994e	Solitude	Richards	Centering
1978c	The Limits of Reason	Rilke	The Notebooks of Malte Larids Brigge
2004a	No Ordinary Time	Roosevelt	Great Spechs
1971e	Counter-Culture	Roszak	The Making of a Counter-Culture
1997f	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Rousseau	Social Contract Books I & II
1957a	Great Issues	Russell	A Free Man's Worship
1969d	Perceiving the External World	Ryle	The Concept of Mind

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1958c	Modern Man & His Religion	Sartre	The Flies
1979b	Relationship: A Categorical imperative	Sartre	No Exit
2002a	??	Schopenhauer	The Wisdom of Life
1959d	??	Schrodinger	What is Life?
1974a	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	Henry V
1974b	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	As You Like It
1974c	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	Measure For Measure
1974d	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	Othello
1974e	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	King Lear
1974f	The World of Shakespeare	Shakespeare	The Tempest
1983d	Fact and Fancy	Shakespeare	A Midsummer Night's Dream
1991b	Meeting One's Self	Shakespeare	King Lear
1996f	The Future is an Illusion	Shakespeare	Sonnets 113 129 130 137 141 148
2001c	The Truth of Myth	Shakespeare	Coriolanus
2002c	??	Shakespeare	Henry IV Parts 1 & 2
2006d	Deja Lu	Shakespeare	The Tempest
1999e	??	Shaw	Major Barbara
2005e	The Fool	Singer	Gimple the Fool
1976c	Ways of Life	Skinner	Walden II
1983c	Fact and Fancy	Spenser	The Faerie Queen Book I
1989e	Looking Ahead	Spinne	The Universe is a Green Dragon
2008a	Morality of Self	Spinoza	Ethics, Part IV
2004b	No Ordinary Time	Steinbeck	Grapes of Wrath
1964a	Ethics	Stendhal	The Red and the Black
1973e	The World of Art	Stevens	Peter Quince at the Clavier
1994a	Solitude	Storr	Solitude
2008d	Morality of Self	Strachey	Eminent Victorians (General Gordon & Florence Nightingale)
1969e	Perceiving the External World	Strawson	Individuals
2009a	Art of War	Sun Tzu	The Art of War
1978e	The Limits of Reason	Suzukion	Manual of Zen Buddhism
1980e	Man and the Sea	Syngé	Riders to the Sea
1959b	??	Thomas	Do Not Go Gently into that Good Night
2007a	Thresholds of Science	Thoreau	Walden
1997a	The Unexamined Life is Not Worth Living	Thucydides	History of the Peloponnesian War
1958f	Modern Man & His Religion	Tillich	The Religious Situation
1988b	Then and Now	Tillich	The Dynamics of Faith
2009d	Art of War	Tim O'Brien	The Things They Carried
1983f	Fact and Fancy	Tolkein	Tree and Leaf
2009b	Art of War	Tolstoy	War and Peace
1971f	Counter-Culture	Toynbee	A Study of History
2005c	The Fool	Trenchard & Gordon	Cato's Letters (Selections)
1970a	Revolution	Trotsky	The Russian Revolution
1991d	Meeting One's Self	Turgenev	Fathers and Sons
1973f	The World of Art	Van Gogh and Stone	Dear Theo
1961a	War and Peace	Various	Community of Fear
1961b	War and Peace	Various	A World Without War
1992f	A Different Voice	Various	Poetry on a Different Voice
1987b	The Family	Verga	The House by the Medlar Tree
2009c	Art of War	Virginia Woolf	Three Guineas
1965a	Eastern Religions	Watts	Zen Flesh, Zen Bones
2004e	No Ordinary Time	Weisel	Night

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1970e	Revolution	Weiss	Marat-Sade
1973b	The World of Art	Weiss	The World of Art
1990d	Knowledge	Whitehead	The Aims of Education
1975b	In Search of Self	Whitman	Song of Myself
1994f	Solitude	Whitman	Song of Myself
2006f	Deja Lu	Whitman	Song of Myself
1989b	Looking Ahead	Wilder	The Skin of Our Teeth
1971c	Counter-Culture	Wolfe	The Electric Acid Kool-Aid Test
1992b	A Different Voice	Wollstonecraft	Vindication of the Rights of Woman
1991e	Meeting One's Self	Woolf	A Room of One's Own
1992c	A Different Voice	Woolf	To the Lighthouse
2006e	Deja Lu	Woolf	To the Lighthouse
1987f	The Family	Wordsworth	Intimations of Immortality
1977f	Man's Quest	Yeats	Lapis Lazulli
2000f	Utopia	Yeats	The Second Coming