

“Tear-Jerkers”

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- 616.99 MAN Mann, Bruce W. Leukemia: a Family's Challenge. 7.5/7
Account of a family's struggle with leukemia, the cancer that eventually took the life of a daughter, Michelle.
- 813 POL Polacco, Patricia. Pink and Say. 3.8/1
Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, an African-American soldier, during the Civil War and their capture by Southern troops.
- 813 SIL Silverstein, Shel. The Giving Tree. 2.6/0.5
A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.
- 977.421 POL Polacco, Patricia. Betty Doll. 4.3/0.5
The author tells the story of her mother's handmade doll and the life it led through it's creator's ups and downs of living.
- 921 GUN Gunther, John. Death Be Not Proud: a Memoir. 8.0/8
A father's account of his teenage son's courageous fight for life during the fifteen months he was dying from a brain tumor.
- 921 KEH Kehret, Peg. Small Steps: the Year I Got Polio. 5.2/4
The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.
- 921 MAH Mah, Adeline Yen. Chinese Cinderella: the True story of an Unwanted Daughter. 5.7/8
Story of the author's painful childhood in China where her family considered her bad luck because her mother died after giving birth to her.
- 921 SAD Coerr, Eleanor. Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. 4.1/1
. Hospitalized with the atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races to fold one thousand paper cranes to fulfill the legend that a sick person will become healthy.
- FIC ALC Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women. 7.9/33
Chronicles the humorous and sentimental fortunes of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.
- FIC ALD Aldrich, Bess Streeter. A Lantern in Her Hand. 6.4/14
After marrying Will Deal and moving to Nebraska, Abbie endures frontier life and raises her children to pursue the ambitions that were once her own.
- FIC BLO Bloor, Edward. Tangerine. 4.3/13
Paul, who lives in the shadow of his brother Erik, fights to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that took his sight.
- FIC BUR Burnett, Frances Hodgson. A Little Princess. 6.0/11
Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London School, is left in poverty when her father dies, but is later rescued by a mysterious benefactor.
- FIC BUR Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden. 6.3/13
A boy who has lived as a spoiled invalid regains his health when he and his orphaned cousin restore a once-lovely garden.
- FIC BYA Byars, Betsy. The Summer of the Swans. 4.9/4
A teen-age girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother gets lost.
- FIC CON Conly, Jane Leslie. Crazy Lady! 3.8/5
As he comes to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.
- FIC CRE Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons. 4.9/9
After her mother leaves home, Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route and Sal tells the story of Phoebe, whose mother also left.

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Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963. 5.0/8

The everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family from Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they visit Alabama in the summer of 1963.

FIC DEA Deaver, Julie Reece. Say Goodnight, Gracie. 3.8/6

When a car accident kills her best friend Jimmy, seventeen-year-old Morgan must find her own way of coping with his death.

FIC DIC DiCamillo, Kate. Because of Winn-Dixie. 3.9/3

India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

FIC EDW Edwards, Julie. Mandy. 4.8/7

Lonely for a place of her own, a ten-year-old orphan creates a secret home in a deserted cottage.

FIC EVA Evans, Richard Paul. The Christmas Box. 5.4/2

The story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is all about.

FIC FLE Fletcher, Ralph J. Fig Pudding. 3.9/4

Cliff describes the excitement, conflict, and sudden tragedy experienced by his large and boisterous family during his eleventh year.

FIC GAR Gardiner, John Reynolds. Stone Fox. 4.0/1

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

FIC GIF Giff, Patricia Reilly. Nory Ryan's Song. 4.3/5

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

FIC GIP Gipson, Fred. Old Yeller. 5.0/5

In the late 1860's in the Texas hill country, a big yellow dog and a fourteen year-old boy form a close, loving relationship.

FIC GRE Greene, Constance C. Beat the Turtle Drum. 4.1/3

A young girl learns to cope with her feelings about her sister's accidental death.

FIC HIL Hilton, James. Goodbye, Mr. Chips. 6.5/3

A retired teacher reminisces about his years teaching, his happy marriage, and about the comic and tragic events in his life.

FIC HOL Holt, Kimberly Willis. My Louisiana Sky. 4.8/5

Growing up in 1950s Louisiana, Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her friend Jesse.

FIC KNI Knight, Eric Mowbray. Lassie Come-Home. 5.4/9

A collie undertakes a thousand-mile journey in order to once again meet her former master at the school gate.

FIC LOW Lowry, Lois. A Summer to Die. 5.3/5

Thirteen-year-old Meg envies her sister's beauty and popularity. Her feelings don't make it any easier for her to cope with Molly's strange illness and eventual death.

FIC MAC MacLachlan, Patricia. Baby. 4.0/2

Taking care of a baby left with them at the end of the tourist season helps a family come to terms with the death of their own infant son.

FIC MAG Magorian, Michelle. Good night, Mr. Tom. 4.8/12

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.

FIC MIK Mikaelsen, Ben. Petey. 4.8/6

In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; 60 years later he shares with a friend the joy of life.

FIC NAY Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Blizzard's Wake. 5.9/8

In March 1941, when a severe blizzard hits North Dakota, a girl saving her stranded father and brother also helps the man who killed her mother four years earlier.

- FIC OHA O'Hara, Mary. My Friend Flicka. 6.0/15
Through his devotion to a colt, a young boy in Wyoming begins to learn about responsibility and gain a better understanding of his brusque father.
- FIC PAR Park, Barbara. Mick Harte Was Here. 4.5/2
Phoebe recalls the death of her younger brother Mick in a bicycle accident, which might not have been fatal had he been wearing his helmet.
- FIC PAT Paterson, Katherine. The Great Gilly Hopkins. 4.6/5
An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.
- FIC PAT Paterson, Katherine. Jacob Have I Loved. 5.7/8
Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.
- FIC PAT Paterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia. 4.6/5
A boy in rural Virginia becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.
- FIC PEC Peck, Richard. Remembering the Good Times. 4.5/6
High school freshmen Trav, Kate, and Buck make up a trio, but their special friendship may not be enough to save Trav as he pressures himself to succeed.
- FIC PEC Peck, Robert Newton. A Day No Pigs Would Die. 4.4/4
To a Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns what has to be done regarding his pet pig.
- FIC POR Stratton-Porter. A Girl of the Limberlost. 6.1/18
Deeply wounded by her embittered mother's lack of sympathy for her aspirations, Elnora finds comfort in the nearby Limberlost Swamp.
- FIC RAW Rawls, Wilson. Summer of the Monkeys. 4.8/13
In the late 1800s, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
- FIC RAW Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. The Yearling. 5.0/19
A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.
- FIC RAW Rawls, Wilson. Where the Red Fern Grows. 4.9/11
The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.
- FIC ROC Rock, Gail. The House Without a Christmas Tree. 4.9/3
In 1946 a ten-year-old girl tries to understand and overcome her stern father's objections to having a Christmas tree in the house.
- FIC SEW Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty. 7.7/11
A horse in nineteenth-century England encounters many misfortunes until he finds the happiness and contentment he deserves.
- FIC SMI Smith, Doris Buchanan. A Taste of Blackberries. 4.0/2
A young boy recounts his efforts to adjust to the accidental death of his best friend.
- FIC SPA Sparks, Nicholas. A Walk to Remember. 5.8/8
As Landon comes to realize his true feelings for Jamie, he learns of a terrible secret that will take his love away from him forever.
- FIC SPI Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee: a Novel. 4.7/5
After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.
- FIC SPI Spinelli, Jerry. Stargirl. 4.2/6
In this story about popularity, nonconformity, and first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.
- FIC SPY Spyri, Johanna. Heidi. 8.2/16
An orphan sent to live with her grandfather learns to love him and the Swiss Alps and is homesick when she goes to the city to be a companion to an invalid.

FIC THE Thesman, Jean. Calling the Swan. 4.4/6

When Skylar goes to summer school and begins to make friends, she finally starts to get over the loss of her older sister and its effects on the family.

FIC TOL Tolan, Stephanie. Ordinary Miracles. 4.9/7

Tired of being a twin, Mark tries to spend more time away from his twin brother and meets a scientist who challenges some of Mark's long-held Christian beliefs about heaven, God, prayer, and death.

FIC WH White, Ruth. Memories of Summer. 4.7/4

Lyric finds her life changing when her family moves from Virginia to a town in Michigan and her older sister Summer begins descending into mental illness.

FIC WOO Wood, June Rae. The Man Who Loved Clowns. 5.1/7

Thirteen-year-old Delrita loves her uncle Punky but sometimes feels ashamed of his behavior because he has Down syndrome.

FIC YOL Yolen, Jane. The Devil's Arithmetic. 4.6/6

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.