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Sacred Rage: The Wrath of Militant Islam
Robin Wright
Mona in the Promised Land
Gish Jen
*Hateship, Friendship,
Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*
Alice Munro
The Peppered Moth
Margaret Drabble
Rubyfruit Jungle
Rita Mae Brown
Cold Comfort Farm
Stella Gibbons
Breathing Lessons
Anne Tyler
In the Family Way
Lynne Sharon Schwartz

2004

Blacklist
Sara Paretsky
*Reading Lolita in Tehran**
Azar Nafisi
Easter Island
Jennifer Vanderbes
The Great Fire
Shirley Hazzard
*The Beecher Sisters**
Barbara A. White
Brick Lane
Monica Ali
Moments of Being
Virginia Woolf
Borrowed Finery
Paula Fox
Zami: A New Spelling of My Name
Audre Lorde
Paula
Isabel Allende
The Namesake
Jhumpa Lahiri
Desirable Daughters
Bharati Mukherjee

2005

The Jane Austen Book Club
Karen Joy Fowler
Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire
Amanda Foreman
*Gilead and Housekeeping**
Marilynne Robinson
*The Death of the Heart and
The House in Paris*
Elizabeth Bowen
*The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who
Ignited American Romanticism**
Megan Marshall
My Heart is My Own:
The Life of Mary Queen of Scots
John Guy
Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom
Catherine Clinton
Pearl: A Novel
Mary Gordon

*The Last Samurai**
Helen DeWitt

*Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and
the Women Who Created Her*
Melanie Rehak

2006

The Crimson Petal and the White
Michel Faber
Small Island
Andrea Levy
*Begums, Thugs and White Mughals:
The Journals of Fanny Parkes*
Ed. William Dalrymple
North and South
Elizabeth Gaskell
Memories of Marbacka
Selma Lagerlof
Cosima
Grazia Deledda
Kristin Lavransdatter
Sigrid Undset
Burger's Daughter
Nadine Gordimer
Wonderful, Wonderful Times
Elfriede Jelinek
Intuition
Allegra Goodman
March
Geraldine Brooks

2007

*The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's
Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World**
Lucette Lagnado
The Grass is Singing and The Golden Notebook
Doris Lessing
Special Topics in Calamity Physics
Marisha Pessl
*The Heart is A Lonely Hunter and The Ballad of
the Sad Café*
Carson McCullers
Sisters: the Lives of America's Suffragists
Jean H. Baker
*Champions for Peace: Women Winners
of the Nobel Peace Prize**
Judith Hicks Stiehm
*Middlemarch and Daniel Deronda**
George Eliot
Gabriela Mistral: Selected Poems
Ed. Ursula K. LeGuin
Nelly Sachs: Collected Poems 11
Nelly Sachs
Monologue of a Dog
Wisława Szymborska

2008

*Persepolis**
Marjane Satrapi
The Fig Eater
Jody Shields
The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart
Alice Walker
Vindication: A Life of Mary Wollstonecraft
Lyndall Gordon
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Amy Tan
July's People
Nadine Gordimer
Their Eyes Were Watching God
Zora Neale Hurston
An Unsuitable Job for a Woman
P. D. James
Burn Marks
Sara Paretsky
*Possession: A Romance**
A. S. Byatt
Anywhere But Here
Mona Simpson
*A Thousand Acres**
Jane Smiley

1992

A Chorus of Stones: The Private Life of War
Susan Griffin
Women of Sand and Myrrh
Hanan Al-Shaykh
The Living
Annie Dillard
Turtle Moon
Alice Hoffman
Dreaming in Cuban
Cristina Garcia
Sugar Cane
Connie May Fowler
Crossing Blood
Nanci Kincaid
Jane Eyre
Charlotte Brontë
Wide Sargasso Sea
Jean Rhys

1993

Beloved
Toni Morrison
The Robber Bride
Margaret Atwood
The Holder of the World
Bharati Mukherjee
Love Medicine
Louise Erdrich
Woman of Valor: Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement in America
Ellen Chesler
Fair and Tender Ladies
Lee Smith
The Shipping News
E. Annie Proulx

1994

Behind a Mask
Louisa May Alcott
Written on the Body
Jeanette Winterson
*In the Time of the Butterflies**
Julia Alvarez
The House on Mango Street
Sandra Cisneros
The Face of an Angel
Denise Chavez
When I was Puerto Rican
Esmeralda Santiago
Breath, Eyes, Memory
Edwidge Danticat
The Volcano Lover
Susan Sontag
*The Stone Diaries**
Carol Shields
Ségu
Maryse Condé
*A Map of the World**
Jane Hamilton

1995

Persuasion
Jane Austen
Open Secrets
Alice Munro
The Matisse Stories
A.S. Byatt
House of Splendid Isolation
Edna O'Brien
The Left Hand of Darkness
Ursula K. Le Guin
Choices
Mary Lee Settle
The Fatigue Artist
Lynne Sharon Schwartz
*Stones from the River**
Ursula Hegi
Familial Heat
Mary Hood

1996

Regeneration
Pat Barker
We Were the Mulvaney
Joyce Carol Oates
Pearl S. Buck: A Cultural Biography
Peter Conn
The House of Mirth
Edith Wharton

Brown Girl, Brownstones
Paule Marshall
The Country of the Pointed Firs
Sarah Orne Jewett
Out of Africa
Isak Dinesen
Herland
Charlotte Perkins Gilman
Quicksand and Passing
Nella Larsen

1997

Le Divorce
Diane Johnson
*The God of Small Things**
Arundhati Roy
*Alias Grace**
Margaret Atwood
Marjory Stoneman Douglas: Voice of the River
with John Rothchild
A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard
Laurel Thatcher Ulrich
*The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi**
Jacqueline Park
Across New Worlds: Nineteenth-Century Women Travellers and Their Writings
Shirley Foster
Mrs. Dalloway
Virginia Woolf

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Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table
Ruth Reichl
Paradise
Toni Morrison
The Bookshop
Penelope Fitzgerald
*The Poisonwood Bible**
Barbara Kingsolver
The Murder of Helen Jewett: The Life and Death of a Prostitute in Nineteenth-Century New York
Patricia Cline Cohen
Charming Billy
Alice McDermott
My Home is Far Away
Dawn Powell
New York Mosaic
Isabel Bolton
The Song of the Lark
Willia Cather

1999

The Secret Names of Women
Lynne Barrett
The Awakening
Kate Chopin
The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B.
Sandra Gulland
Ahab's Wife: Or, the Star Gazer
Sena Jeter Naslund
Eleanor Roosevelt, Vols. 1 and 2
Blanche Wiesen Cook

The Orchid Thief
Susan Orlean
Daughter of Earth
Agnes Smedley
Iola Leroy
Frances Watkins Harper
Women in Their Beds
Gina Berriault

2000

*Girl With a Pearl Earring**
Tracy Chevalier
Girl in Hyacinth Blue
Susan Vreeland
The Music Lesson
Katharine Weber
The Blind Assassin
Margaret Atwood
White Teeth
Zadie Smith
Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers: A Critical Reader
Karen Kilcup, Ed.
Niccolò Rising
Dorothy Dunnett

2001

Test Pattern
Marjorie Klein
The Map of Love
Ahdaf Soueif
The Bonesetter's Daughter
Amy Tan
Caucasia
Danzy Senna
Daughter of Fortune
Isabel Allende
*The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse**
Louise Erdrich
So Long a Letter
Mariama Ba
Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay
Nancy Milford

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A Woman's Education
Jill Ker Conway
The Gastronomical Me
M.F.K. Fisher
The Back Room
Carmen Martín Gaité
The Last Life
Claire Messud
The Mortal Storm
Phyllis Bottome
Three Guineas
Virginia Woolf
The Lovely Bones
Alice Sebold
Not So Quiet
Helen Zenna Smith
The Face of War
Martha Gellhorn