READING LIST | American Authors by Era

Early American
Adams, Samuel
Baxter, Richard *
Bradford, William *
Bradstreet, Anne *
Brown, Charles Brockden
Brown, William Hill
Cook, Ebenezer *
Cotton, John *
Edwards, Jonathan
Eliot, John *
Foster, Hannah Webster
Franklin, Benjamin
Freneau, Philip
Higginson, Francis *
Hooker, Thomas *
Mather, Cotton
Matter, Increase
Morton, Thomas *
Odell, Jonathan
Otis, James
Paine, Thomas *
Rowson, Susanna *
Sedgwick, Catherine M.
Sewall, Samuel *
Shepard, Thomas *
Smith, John *
Trumbull, John
Winthrop, John *
Ward, Nathaniel *
Wiggesworth, Michael *
Williams, Roger *

19th Century
Alcott, Bronson
Alcott, Louisa May
Alger, Horatio
Baum, L. Frank
Bellamy, Edward
Bierce, Ambrose
Bryant, William Cullen
Burroughs, John
Cather, Willa
Channing, William Ellery
Child, Lydia Maria
Chopin, Kate
Coolidge, Susan
Cooper, James Fenimore
Crane, Stephen
Dickinson, Emily
Dos Passos, John
Emerson, Ralph Waldo
Flagg, Wilson
Freeman, Mary E. Wilkins
Fuller, Margaret
Gilman, Charlotte Perkins
Glasgow, Ellen
Harris, Joel Chandler
Harte, Bret
Hawthorne, Nathaniel
Hayne, Paul Hamilton
Holmes, Oliver Wendell
Howells, William Dean
Irving, Washington
James, Henry
Jewett, Sarah Orne
Lanier, Sidney
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth
Lowell, James Russell
Melville, Herman
Norris, Frank
O. Henry
Parker, Theodore
Poe, Edgar Allen
Ryan, Abram Joseph
Stowe, Harriet Beecher
Thoreau, Henry D.
Timrod, Henry
Twain, Mark
Whitman, Walt
Whittier, John Greenleaf

20th-21st Century
Abbey, Edward
Agee, James
Albee, Edward
Aldrich, Bess Streeter
Anderson, Sherwood
Angelou, Maya
Asimov, Isaac *
Auchincloss, Louis
Auel, Jean M.
Baldwin, James
Barth, John
Bell, Saul *
Bradbury, Ray
Bromfield, Louis
Buck, Pearl S.
Burck, Eugene
Caldwell, Erskine
Caldwell, Taylor *
Capote, Truman
Chabon, Michael
Chandler, Raymond
Cheever, John
Cleaver, Eldridge
Cook, Robin
DeLillo, Don
Didion, Joan
Doctorow, E.L.
Donaldson, Stephen R.
Dreiser, Theodore
DuBois, W.E.B.
Ellison, Ralph
Erdrich, Louise
Faulkner, William
Ferber, Edna
Fitzgerald, F. Scott
Flagg, Fannie
Franzen, Jonathan
Foer, Jonathan Safran
Frey, James
Garland, Hamlin
Gibson, William Hamilton
Grey, Zane
Haley, Alex
Heller, Joseph
Hemingway, Ernest
Herbert, Frank
Hurston, Zora Neale
Irving, John
Jackson, Shirley
Johnson, James Weldon
Kerouac, Jack
King, Stephen
Knowles, John
Lamb, Wally
Lee, Harper
Le Guin, Ursula
Leonard, Elmore
Lewis, Sinclair
London, Jack
Ludlum, Robert
Mailer, Norman
McBain, Ed
McCarthy, Cormac
McCullers, Carson
McMurtry, Larry
Michener, James
Millay, Edna St. Vincent
Miller, Arthur
Miller, Henry
Mitchell, Margaret
Morrison, Toni
Oates, Joyce Carol
O’Connor, Flannery
O’Hara, John
O’Neill, Eugene
Patterson, Richard North

*Authors who were not born in the United States, but whose writings were published primarily while living in America.