

Classic American Novels: an Annotated Booklist*



Crane, Stephen. **The Red Badge of Courage** - Bullets scream overhead ... a young Civil War recruit looks down the torn, wavering line of battle in terror. Will he be a coward, or will he stay to fight, perhaps to die? (*eBook available for download in NHS Library catalog*)

Faulkner, William. **As I Lay Dying** - Describes a family's struggle to get their mother properly buried, while they encounter catastrophes of flood and fire, as well as the chaos of their own feelings.

Hemingway, Ernest. **Farewell to Arms** - An American ambulance driver serving on the Austro-Italian front becomes entangled with an English nurse and deserts to join her after the retreat of Caparetto.

O'Brien, Tim. **The Things They Carried** - Contains a collection related fiction short stories with recurring characters, interwoven plot and themes told by a foot soldier retelling his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Salinger, J. D. **Catcher in the Rye** - After leaving prep school Holden Caulfield spends three days on his own in New York City.

Walker, Alice. **The Color Purple** - Life wasn't easy for Celie, but she knew how to survive, needing little to get by. Then her husband's lover, a flamboyant blues singer, barreled into her world and gave Celie the courage to ask for more.

Wright, Richard. **Native Son** - Trapped in the poverty-stricken ghetto of Chicago's South Side, a young African-American man finds release only in acts of violence.

*Summary annotations from NHS Destiny Library catalog