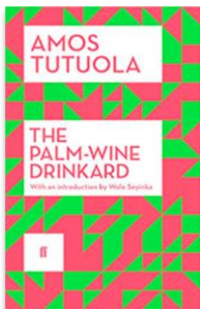


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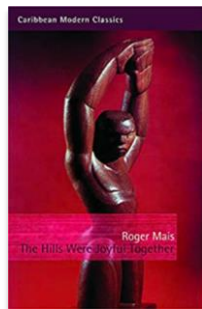
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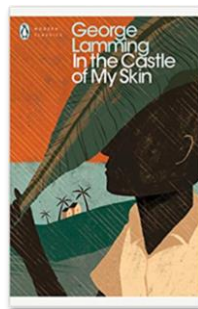
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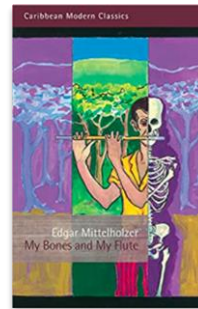
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Nigeria



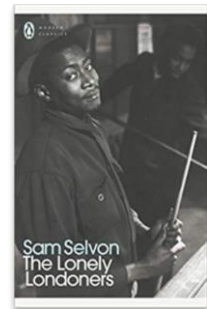
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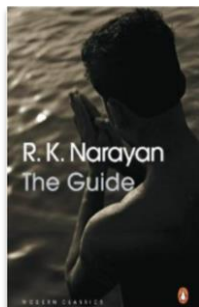
George Lamming
[In the Castle of My Skin](#)
1953
Barbados



Edgar Mittelholzer
[My Bones and My Flute](#)
1955
Guyana



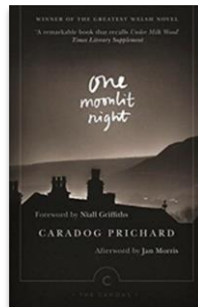
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1956
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1958
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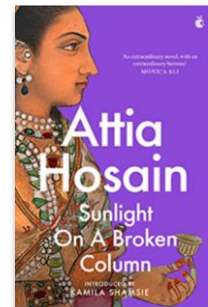
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[One Moonlit Night](#)
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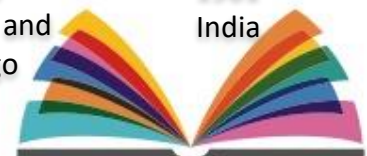
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1961
Trinidad and Tobago



Attia Hosain
[Sunlight on a Broken Column](#)
1961
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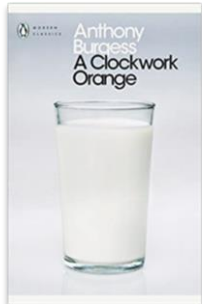
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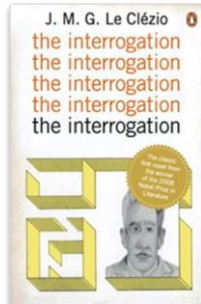
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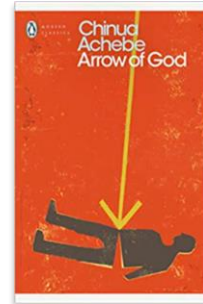
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1962
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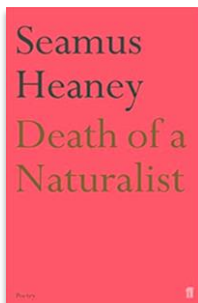
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[The Interrogation](#)
1963
Mauritius



Muriel Spark
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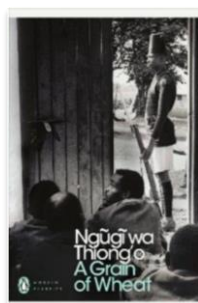
Chinua Achebe
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1964
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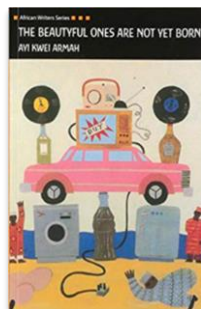
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Dominica



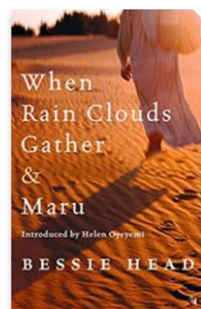
Ngugi Wa Thiong'o
[A Grain of Wheat](#)
1967
Kenya



Joan Lindsay
[Picnic at Hanging Rock](#)
1967
Australia



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[The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born](#)
1968
Ghana



Bessie Head
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Botswana



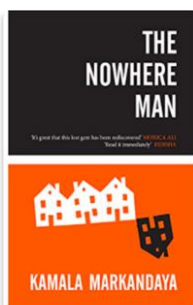
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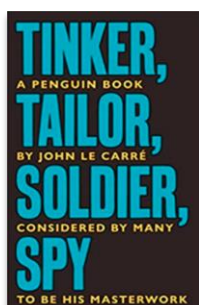
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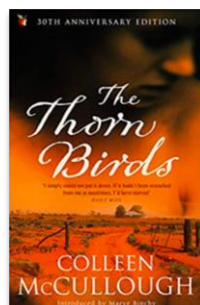
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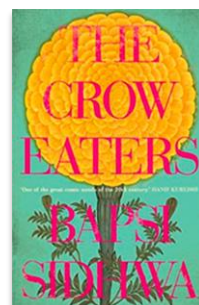
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 1972
 India



John Le Carré
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 1974
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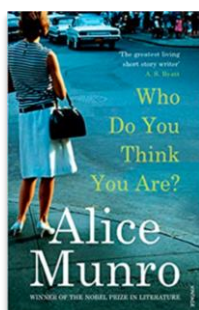
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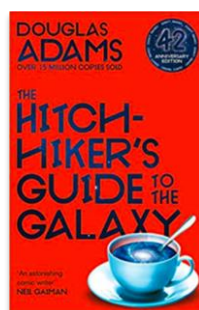
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 Pakistan
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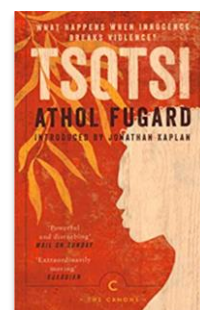
Iris Murdoch
[The Sea, The Sea](#)
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Alice Munro
[Who Do You Think You Are?](#)
 1978
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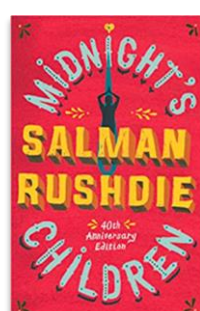
Douglas Adams
[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)
 1979
 England, UK



Athol Fugard
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 1980
 South Africa



Anita Desai
[Clear Light of Day](#)
 1980
 India



Salman Rushdie
[Midnight's Children](#)
 1981
 India



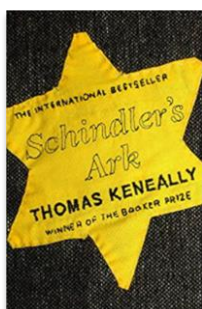
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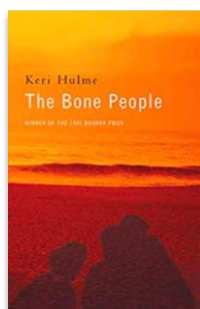
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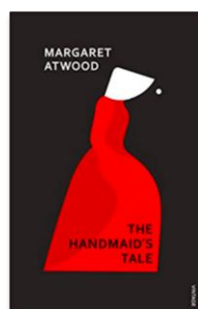
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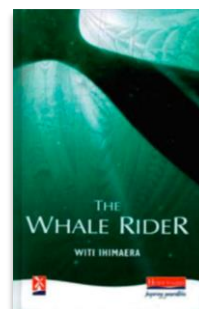
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1982
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Keri Hulme
[The Bone People](#)
1984
New Zealand

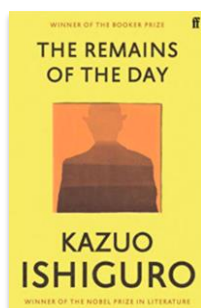


Margaret Atwood
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1985
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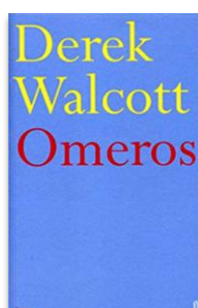


Witi Ihimaera
[The Whale Rider](#)
1987
New Zealand

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Kazuo Ishiguro
[The Remains of the Day](#)
1989
England, UK



Derek Walcott
[Omeros](#)
1990
Saint Lucia



Jackie Kay
[The Adoption Papers](#)
1991
Scotland, UK



Tim Winton
[Cloudstreet](#)
1991
Australia



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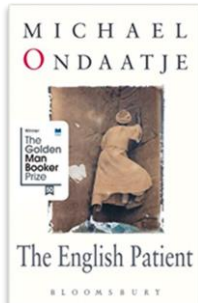
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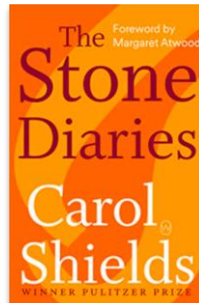


Michael Ondaatje
[The English Patient](#)

1992

Sri Lanka

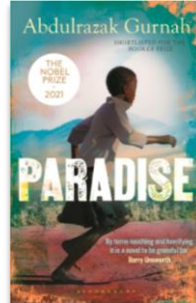
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Carol Shields
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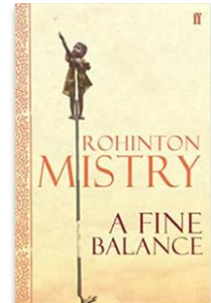
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Abdulrazak Gurnah
[Paradise](#)

1994

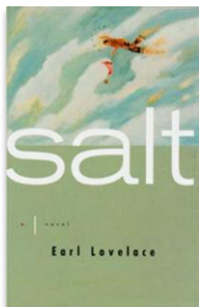
Tanzania



Rohinton Mistry
[A Fine Balance](#)

1995

India



Earl Lovelace

[Salt](#)

1996

Trinidad and Tobago

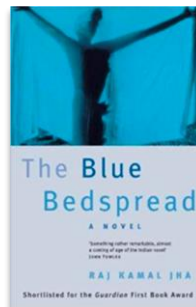


Arundhati Roy

[The God of Small Things](#)

1997

India

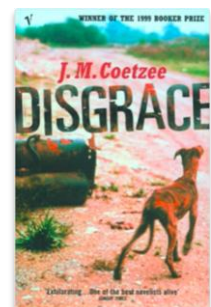


Raj Kamal Jha

[The Blue Bedspread](#)

1999

India

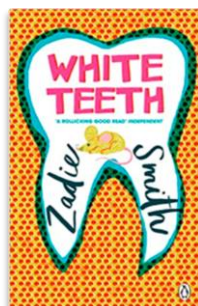


J M Coetzee

[Disgrace](#)

1999

South Africa

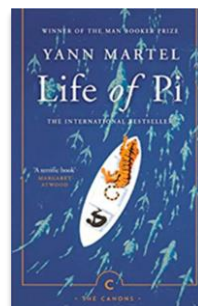


Zadie Smith

[White Teeth](#)

2000

England, UK



Yann Martel

[Life of Pi](#)

2001

Canada



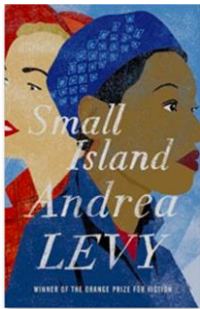
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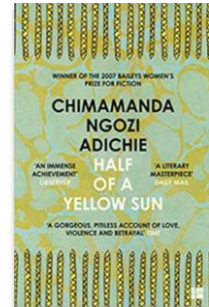
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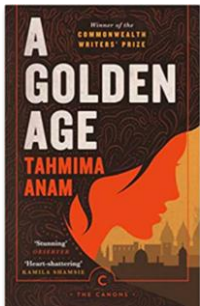
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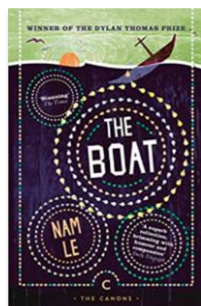
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Australia



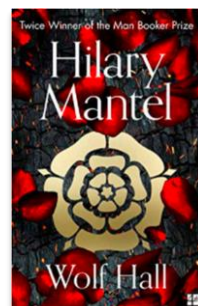
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Nigeria



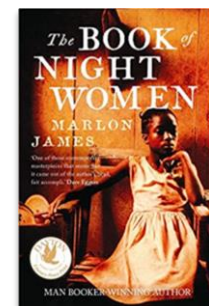
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[A Golden Age](#)
2007
Bangladesh



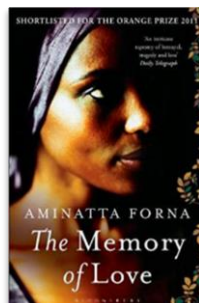
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Australia



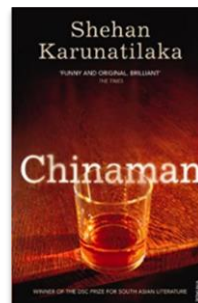
Hilary Mantel
[Wolf Hall](#)
2009
England, UK



Marlon James
[The Book of Night Women](#)
2009
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Aminatta Forna
[The Memory of Love](#)
2010
Sierra Leone



Shehan Karunatilaka
[Chinaman](#)
2010
Sri Lanka



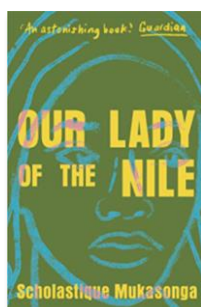
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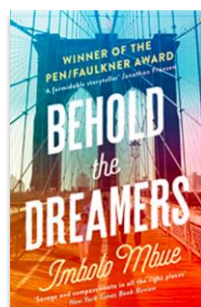
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Scholastique Mukasonga
[Our Lady of the Nile](#)
2012
Rwanda



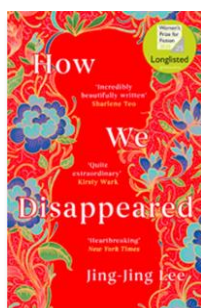
Eleanor Catton
[The Luminaries](#)
2013
New Zealand



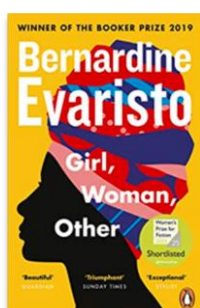
Imbolo Mbue
[Behold the Dreamers](#)
2016
Cameroon



Jacob Ross
[The Bone Readers](#)
2016
Grenada



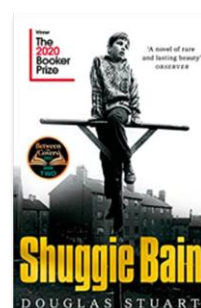
Jing-jing Lee
[How We Disappeared](#)
2019
Singapore



Bernardine Evaristo
[Girl, Woman, Other](#)
2019
England, UK

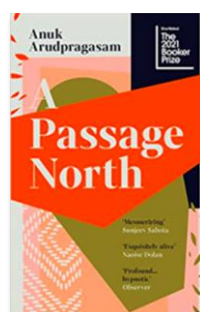


Yangsze Choo
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2019
Malaysia



Douglas Stuart
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2020
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Anuk Arudpragasam
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2021
Sri Lanka



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