

Novel Destinations!

Books and authors that best represent their states.

Alabama

Books:
To Kill a Mockingbird /
Harper Lee
*Fried Green Tomatoes at
the Whistle-Stop Café* /
Fannie Flagg
Southern Sisters mysteries
/ **Anne George**

Alaska

Books:
Great Alone / **Janet Daily**
Alaska / **James Michener**
Ashana / **E.P. Roesch**
Northern Lights /
Nora Roberts
Two Old Women /
Velma Wallis
Authors:
Dana Stabenow

Arizona

Books:
These Is My Words /
Nancy Turner
Filaree /
Marguerite Noble
Host / **Stephanie Meyer**
Bean Trees /
Barbara Kingsolver
Joanna Brady series /
J.A. Jance
Navajo Indian series /
Tony Hillerman
Authors:
Barbara Kingsolver
J.A. Jance

Arkansas

Books:
A Painted House /
John Grisham
Elkhorn Tavern /
Douglas C. Jones
Arly Hanks mysteries /
Joan Hess

California

Books:
*East of Eden; Grapes of
Wrath* / **John Steinbeck**
Calico Palace /
Gwen Bristow
Golden Days /

Carolyn See
Tales of the City /
Armistead Maupen
Joy Luck Club / **Amy Tan**
*Farewell My Lovely; Long
Goodbye* /
Raymond Chandler
Easy Rawlings series /
Walter Mosley
Daughter of Fortune /
Isabel Allende
Angle of Repose /
Wallace Stegner
Authors:
Robert Crais
Sue Grafton
T. Jefferson Parker

Colorado

Books:
Centennial /
James Michener
Plainsong; Tie That Binds
/ **Kent Haruf**
Tallgrass / **Sandra Dallas**
The Little Britches series /
Ralph Moody
Culinary mystery series /
Diane Mott Davidson
Charlie Moon mystery
series / **James D. Doss**
Authors:
Stephen White
Tony Hillerman

Connecticut

Books:
*A Connecticut Yankee in
King Arthur's Court* /
Mark Twain
Captain from Connecticut
/ **C.S. Forester**
*The Witch of Blackbird
Pond* /
Elizabeth George Speare
Outsiders / **Howard Fast**
*The Man in the Gray
Flannel Suit* /
Sloan Wilson
Authors:
Mark Twain
Wally Lamb
Stewart O'Nan
Thomas Tryon
Luanne Rice

Delaware

Books:
The Saint of Lost Things /
Christopher Castellani
Contents Under Pressure /
Lara Zeises

District of Columbia

Books:
District of Columbia /
John Dos Passos

Florida

Books:
*Their Eyes Were Watching
God* /
Zora Neale Hurston
Everglades: river of grass
/ **Marjorie Stoneman**
Douglas
Deep Blue Goodbye /
John D. MacDonald
The Arch McNally series /
Lawrence Sanders
Cross Creek; The Yearling
/ **Marjorie Kinnan**
Rawlings
A Land Remembered /
Patrick Smith
*Skinny Dip; Stormy
Weather* / **Carl Hiaasen**
Barefoot Mailman /
Theodore Pratt
Matthew Hope mysteries /
Ed McBain
Killing Mister Watson /
Peter Matthiessen
Red Grass River /
James Carlos Blake
Authors:
Carl Hiaasen
John D. MacDonald
Harry Crews

Georgia

Books:
Gone With The Wind /
Margaret Mitchell
Run With The Horsemen /
Ferrol Sams
Deliverance /
James Dickey
Cold Sassy Tree /

Olive Ann Burns
*Midnight in the Garden of
Good and Evil* /
John Berendt
Authors:
Eugenia Price
Karin Slaughter
Tina McElroy Ansa
Erskine Caldwell
Conrad Aiken
Flannery O'Connor
Kathy Hogan Trocheck
Mary Kay Andrews

Hawaii

Books:
Hawaii / **James Michener**
Primitive Secrets (Storm
Kayama series) / **Deborah**
Turrell Atkinson
Moloka'i / **Alan Brennert**
Mahu (Kimo Kanapa
mysteries) / **Neil Plakcy**
From Here to Eternity /
James Jones
Authors:
O.A. Bushnell

Idaho

Books:
Country Called Home /
Kim Barnes
Housekeeping /
Marilynne Robinson
Sheriff Bo Tully mysteries
/ **Patrick McManus**
Authors:
Pamela Aidan
Don Aslett
Vardis Fisher
Ernest Hemingway
(though he wasn't born in
Idaho, he called it home)
Anthony Doerr
Brady Udall
Kim Barnes
Carol Rylie Brink

Illinois

Books:
Dandelion Wine /
Ray Bradbury
The Jungle /
Upton Sinclair
Spoon River Anthology /

Edgar Lee Masters
Father Dowling mysteries
/ **Ralph McInerny**
Father Blackie Ryan
mysteries /
Andrew Greely
V.I. Warshawski
mysteries / **Sara Paretsky**
Ordinary People /
Judith Guest

Authors:
Raymond Chandler
William Diehl

Indiana

Books:
*The Magnificent
Ambersons* /
Booth Tarkington
Girl of the Limberlost /
Gene Stratton-Porter
The Friendly Persuasion /
Jessamyn West
Authors:
Gene Stratton-Porter
Booth Tarkington
Kurt Vonnegut
Michael Martone
James Alexander Thom
Theodore Dreiser

Iowa

Books:
*Bridges of Madison
County* /
Robert James Waller
Thousand Acres /
Jane Smiley
State Fair / **Phil Stong**
*Dewey: small town library
cat* / **Vicki Myron**
Little Heathens /
Mildred Kalish
The Girls From Ames /
Jeffrey Zaslow
Methland / **Nick Riding**
Deputy Sheriff Carl
Houseman mysteries /
Donald Harstad
Shoeless Joe /
W.P. Kinsella

Kansas

Books:
Dark Places / **Gillian Flynn**
Cottonwood; Ice Harvest;
Walkaway / **Scott Phillips**
Persian Pickle Club /
Sandra Dallas
In Cold Blood /
Truman Capote
The Learning Tree /

Gordon Parks
What Kansas Means to Me
/ **Thomas Fox Averill, ed.**
Virgin of Small Plains;
Scent of Rain and
Lightning /
Nancy Pickard
Wonderful Wizard of Oz /
L. Frank Baum

Kentucky

Books:
Jayber Crow /
Wendell Berry
Feather Crown /
Bobbie Ann Mason
Kentucky series /
Fern Michaels
Little Shepherd of
Kingdom Come /
John Fox
Authors:
Harriette Simpson Arnow
Janice Holt Giles
Harry M. Caudill
Wendell Berry
James Still
Jesse Stuart
Silas House
Barbara Kingsolver
Robert Penn Warren

Louisiana

Books:
All the King's Men /
Robert Penn Warren
Dave Robicheaux
mysteries /
James Lee Burke
Midnight Bayou /
Nora Roberts
Skip Langdon mystery
series / **Julie Smith**
Cane River /
Lalita Tademy
Plantation trilogy /
Gwen Bristow
Landry saga /
V.C. Andrews
Sookie Stackhouse series /
Charlaine Harris
A Streetcar Named Desire
/ **Tennessee Williams**

Authors:
Francis Parkinson Keyes
Anne Rice

Maine

Books:
Empire Falls /
Richard Russo
Country of the Pointed

Firs / **Sarah Orne Jewett**
Chronicles of Arundel
series / **Kenneth Roberts**
The Beans of Egypt,
Maine / **Carolyn Chute**
Peter Shandy mystery
series /
Charlotte MacLeod
Authors:
Stephen King

Maryland

Books:
Moon series; 43 Light
Street series /
Rebecca York
Chesapeake /
James Michener
Mary's Land /
Lucia St. Clair Robson
Authors:
Anne Tyler
Nora Roberts

Massachusetts

Books:
The Bostonians /
Henry James
House of the Seven Gables
/ **Nathaniel Hawthorne**
Little Women /
Louisa May Alcott
Ethan Frome /
Edith Wharton
April Morning /
Howard Fast
Asey Mayo Cape Cod
mystery series /
Phoebe Atwood Taylor
Three Sisters Island
trilogy / **Nora Roberts**
Rabbi David Small
mysteries /
Harry Kemelman
The Physick Book of
Deliverance Dane /
Katherine Howe
Authors:
Robert Parker
Alice Hoffman
Dennis Lehane

Michigan

Books:
Starvation Lake; The
Hanging Tree /
Bryan Gruley
A Superior Death; Wolf
Study / **Nevada Barr**
Stealing Buddha's Dinner
/ **Bich Manh Nguyen**
Anatomy of a Murder /

Robert Traver
The Cat Who series /
Lillian Jackson Braun
Ice Hunter; Woods Cop
series / **Joseph Heywood**
What Looks Like Crazy
On An Ordinary Day /
Pearl Cleage
Authors:
Elmore Leonard
William X. Kienzle

Minnesota

Books:
Main Street /
Sinclair Lewis
Prey series /
John Sandford
Night Sins / **Tami Hoag**
Hannah Swensen
mysteries / **Joanna Fluke**
Needlecraft mysteries /
Monica Ferris
The Emigrant novels /
Vilhelm Moberg
Authors:
Garrison Keillor
Jon Hassler

Mississippi

Books:
Mudbound /
Hillary Jordan
Black Boy /
Richard Wright
Sound and the Fury /
William Faulkner
Optimist's Daughter; short
stories / **Eudora Welty**
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof /
Tennessee Williams
Authors:
Mark Twain
John Grisham

Missouri

Books:
Voice of Bugle Ann /
MacKinlay Kantor
Winter's Bone /
Daniel Woodrell
Mrs. Bridge /
Evan S. Connell
The Adventures of
Huckleberry Finn /
Mark Twain
Missouri series /
Dorothy Garlock
Welcome to the World,
Baby Girl! / **Fannie Flagg**

Montana

Books:

Winter Wheat /

Mildred Walker

A River Runs Through It /

Norman Maclean

Calder series /

Janet Dailey

The Big Sky /

A.B. Guthrie

Blood Lure / Nevada

Barr

The Horse Whisperer /

Nicholas Evans

In the Moon of Red Ponies

/ James Lee Burke

The Surrounded /

D'Arcy McNickle

Authors:

Ivan Doig

Thomas McGuane

Dorothy M. Johnson

Nebraska

Books:

Prairie trilogy: O

Pioneers!; Song of the

Lark; My Antonia /

Willa Cather

Old Jules / Marie Sandoz

A Lantern in Her Hand /

Bess Streeter Aldrich

Echo Maker /

Richard Powers

Mystery of Hunting's End /

Mignon Eberhart

This Is Not the Tropics /

Ladette Randolph

Authors:

Loren Easley

John Neihardt

Nevada

Books:

The Ox-Bow Incident /

Walter Van Tilburg

Clark

Mr. Lucky / James Swain

Fear and Loathing in Las

Vegas /

Hunter S. Thompson

Roughing It /

Mark Twain

Authors:

James Swain

Will James

Frank Bergon

New Hampshire

Books:

A Separate Peace/

John Knowles

A Gathering of Days/

Joan Blo

Salem Falls / Jodi Picoult

Authors:

John Irving

Barbara Delinsky

Anita Shreve

New Jersey

Books:

Stephanie Plum series /

Janet Evanovich

The God Coast /

Nelson DeMille

Authors:

Harlan Coben

Wallace Stobry

Philip Roth

New Mexico

Books:

Death Comes for the

Archbishop /

Willa Cather

Bless Me Ultima /

Rudolfo Anaya

New York

Books:

Long Trail Winding: new

and collected upstate

stories /

Elisabeth Stevens

Last of the Mohicans /

James Fenimore Cooper

A Tree Grows In Brooklyn

/ Betty Smith

Authors:

Edith Wharton

North Carolina

Books:

Deborah Knott series /

Margaret Maron

Cold Mountain /

Charles Frazier

Mitford series /

Jan Karon

Authors:

Clyde Edgerton

Nicholas Sparks

Thomas Wolfe

Kaye Gibbons

Margaret Maron

Reynolds Price

North Dakota

Books:

Dakota series /

Debbie Macomber

Tales of Burning Love;

Tracks; Last Report on the

Miracles at Little No

Horse / Louise Erdrich

Sundown; Yellow Moon /

Larry Watson

Giants in the Earth /

Ole Edvart Rolvaag

Ohio

Books:

Winesburg, Ohio /

Sherwood Anderson

Awakening Land trilogy /

Conrad Richter

Beloved; Sula; Bluest Eye

/ Toni Morrison

Farm; Green Bay Tree /

Louis Bromfield

Embers / Laura Brickles

The Hollows /

Kim Harrison

M.C. Higgins the Great /

Virginia Hamilton

Uncle Tom's Cabin /

Harriet Beecher Stowe

Milan Jacowich mysteries

/ Les Roberts

Authors:

James Thurber

Toni Morrison

Virginia Hamilton

James Thurber

O. Henry

Rod Serling

R.L. Stine

Oklahoma

Books:

Outsiders / S.E. Hinton

Where the Heart Is /

Billie Letts

Cimarron / Edna Ferber

Long After Midnight /

Iris Johansen

Grapes of Wrath /

John Steinbeck

Johnny Osage /

Janice Hot Giles

Authors:

Larry McMurtry

Oregon

Books:

Hearts of Horses; Jump-

Off Creek / Molly Gloss

Lathe of Heaven /

Ursula LeGuin

Sometimes a Great Notion

/ Ken Kesey

Authors:

Craig Lesley

Pennsylvania

Books:

Rosato & Associates

mysteries /

Lisa Scottoline

Light in the Forest /

Conrad Richter

The Centaur /

John Updike

Amish series /

Beverly Lewis

Authors:

Pearl Buck

James Michener

David Poyer

Michael Chabon

Benjamin Franklin

Rhode Island

Books:

Ceremony /

Robert Parker

Shadows in the Darkness /

Elaine Cunningham

I, Roger Williams /

Mary Lee Settle

The Witches of Eastwick /

John Updike

Spartina; Compass Rose /

John Casey

Rogue Island /

Bruce DeSilva

Authors:

Ann Hood

Peter Pezzelli

South Carolina

Books:

Death on Demand

mysteries /

Carolyn G. Hart

Secret Life of Bees /

Sue Monk Kidd

Mama Day /

Gloria Naylor

Charleston /

Alexandra Ripley

The Carolinian /

Rafael Sabatini

Authors:

Pat Conroy Anne Rivers

Siddons

Dorothea Benton Frank

South Dakota

Books:

Giants in the Earth /

Ole Edvart Rolvaag

High Plains Tango /

Robert James Waller

Black Hills /

Nora Roberts

Tennessee

Books:

Ride the River /

Louis L'Amour

Hushed Were the Hills /

Millie McWhirter

A Summons to Memphis /

Peter Taylor

The Client /

Grisham

The Ballad of Frankie

Silver /

Sharon McCrumb

The Garden trilogy /

Nora Roberts

Authors:

Wilma Dykeman

Alex Haley

James Agee

Robert Penn Warren

Texas

Books:

Texas / **James Michener**

Last Picture Show /

Larry McMurtry

Goodbye to a River;

Hardscrabble /

John Graves

The Wind /

Dorothy Scarborough

Collected works of

folklore/ **J. Frank Dobie**

Utah

Books:

Riders of the Purple Sage

/ **Zane Grey**

Desert Solitude /

Edward Abbey

Vermont

Books:

Midwives; Water Witches

/ **Chris Bohjalian**

Northern Border;

Stranger in the Kingdom /

Howard Frank Mosher

Authors:

Robert Frost

Archer Mayor

Virginia

Books:

Prince Edward /

Dennis McFarland

Spencer's Mountain /

Earl Hamner

Wish You Well /

David Baldacci

Tidewater Blood /

William Hoffman

Fair & Tender Ladies;

Oral History; Family

Linen /

Lee Smith

To have and to hold /

Mary Johnston

The trail of the lonesome

pine /

John Fox, Jr.

The confessions of Nat

Turner /

William Styron

Chesapeake /

James Michener

The Ballad series /

Sharyn McCrumb

If I'd Killed Him When I

Met Him /

Sharyn McCrumb

Devil Amongst the

Lawyers; Jacob's Ladder /

Donald McCaig

Sneaky Pie Brown

mysteries /

Rita Mae Brown

Chesapeake Bay saga /

Nora Roberts

I Wish You Well /

David Baldacci

Williamsburg series /

Elsyth Thane

Follow the River /

James Alexander Thom

Authors:

Patricia Cornwell

Katherine Paterson

David Baldacci

Ellen Glasgow

Washington

Books:

Virgin River series /

Robyn Carr

The Living /

Anne Dillard

Snow Falling on Cedars /

David Guterson

Reservation Blues /

Sherman Alexie

Half Asleep in Frog

Pajamas /

Tom Robbins

The Brothers K /

David John Duncan

Desolation Angels /

Jack Kerouac

The Egg and I /

Betty McDonald

West of Here /

Jonathan Evison

Authors:

Debbie Macomber

Jayne Ann Krentz

West Virginia

Books:

Beulah quintet /

Mary Lee Settle

Ring of Fire /

Eric Flint

Missing May /

Cynthia Rylant

The Courage Tree /

Diane Chamberlin

Authors:

Homer Hickam

Keith Maillard

Breece D'J Pancake

Wisconsin

Books:

Little House in the Big

Woods /

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Caddie Woodlawn /

Carol Ryrie Brink

Driftless /

David Rhodes

Afraid /

J.A. Korrath

(Jack Kilborn)

Rascal /

Sterling North

The Island /

Gary Paulsen

Authors:

August Derleth

Jane Hamilton

Michael Perry

Wyoming

Books:

The Virginia /

Owen Wister

The Man Who Loved Cat

Dancing /

Marilyn Durham

My Friend Flicka /

Mary O'Hara

Something Borrowed /

Rebecca Hagan Lee

Wind River Reservation

mysteries /

Margaret Coel

Authors:

Annie Proulx

C.J. Box

Craig Johnson

Puerto Rico

Books:

Meaning of Consuelo /

Judith Ortiz Cofer

The Balthazar Marten

mysteries /

M. J. Adamson

U.S. Virgin Islands

Books:

Precipice /

Tom Savage

Rum and Razors /

Donald Bain (Murder She Wrote mystery)

Crimes of Jordan Wise /

Bill Pronzini.



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