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All the President's Men

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Formats: print, DVD, VHS

The true story of how Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein uncovered the White House involvement in the Watergate break in.

The Amityville Horror

Anson, Jay

Formats: print, DVD

Lutz family's supernatural torment by their strange house.

Animal Farm

George Orwell.

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD

Led by the pigs Snowball (Lenin) and Napoleon (Stalin), the animals of Manor Farm revolt against their human masters and attempt to create a utopian society. But, Napoleon gets a taste for power, drives out Snowball, and establishes a totalitarian regime as brutal and corrupt as any human society.

Apollo 13

Based on the book Lost Moon (629.454 L943L)

Formats: print, audio, DVD

In this true story, astronauts Jim Lovell, Fred Haise, and Jack Swigert are stranded 205,000 miles from Earth in a crippled spacecraft, fighting a desperate battle to survive, while the heroic ground crew at Mission Control race against time and the odds to bring them home.

Because of Winn-Dixie

DiCamillo, Kate

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), Spanish, DVD

The heartwarming 'tail' of a young girl whose life is changed by a scruffy, fun-loving pooch she names Winn-Dixie. The special bond between them works magic on her reserved dad and the eccentric townspeople they meet during one unforgettable summer.

Carrie

King, Stephen

Formats: print, DVD, audio (CD)

Carrie White is a shy young girl who doesn't make friends easily. After her classmates taunt her about her horrified reaction to her totally unexpected first period, one of them takes pity on her and gets Tommy Ross, her boyfriend and class hunk, to invite Carrie to the senior prom. But another girl, who has been banned from the prom, plans to embarrass Carrie in front of the whole school. What she doesn't realise is that Carrie is—gifted, and you really don't want to make her angry.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Dahl, Roald

Formats: print, audio (CD), DVD

Charlie and five others draw golden tickets from Wonka chocolate bars and win a guided tour of the legendary candy factory that no outsider has seen in 15 years. Dazzled by one amazing sight after another, Charlie is drawn into Wonka's fantastic world.

The Chosen

Potok, Chaim

Formats: print, CD, DVD

Set in New York toward the end of WWII, this is the story of two teenage Jewish boys, one the son of a Zionist, the other of a Russian Hassidic. They turn to each other in a fine show of male bonding.

The Chronicles of Narnia. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Lewis, C. S.

Formats: print, audio, CD, DVD

Lucy Pevensie, her older brothers Edmund and Peter, and her older sister Susan are sent to the country for safer keeping during the initial bombing raids of WW II. Playing hide-and-seek in the strange house of the mysterious professor who shelters them, they discover the mysterious wardrobe that is the portal to an entirely different world called Narnia, which has been locked in winter for over 100 years by "The White Witch."

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The color purple : a novel

Walker, Alice

Formats: print, DVD

An uneducated woman living in the rural American south, who was raped by her father, deprived of the children she bore him and forced to marry a brutal man she calls "Mister," is transformed by the friendship of two remarkable women, acquiring self-worth and the strength to forgive.

Contact

Sagan, Carl

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD, VHS

Astronomer Dr. Ellie Arroway receives an encrypted message, apparently from a solar system many lightyears away.

A Cry in the Wild

Based on the novel Hatchet

Paulsen, Gary

Formats: print, CD, VHS

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fiftyfour days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Dead Poets Society

Kleinbaum, N.H.

Formats: DVD, VHS

A charismatic teacher's emotionally charged challenge is met by his students with irrepressible enthusiasm—changing their lives forever

The Diary of Anne Frank

Based on book Diary of a Young Girl (J 921 Frank)

Frank, Anne

Formats: print, VHS, DVD

Based on a young girl's diary describing the lives of eight people who hide in an attic for two years to avoid arrest by the Nazis.

Election

Perrotta, Tom

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

Tracy Flick, a straight-A go-getter, is determined to be president of Carver High's student body. A popular teacher decides to derail Tracy's obsessive overachieving by recruiting an opposition candidate, never imagining that stopping Tracy is like trying to put toothpaste back in the tube.

Emma

Austen, Jane

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), VHS

Emma Woodhouse is a young woman who, having engineered the marriage of her companion, turns her attention toward making a match for the local vicar and her new protegee, Harriet Smith. Emma presides over the small provincial world of Highbury with enthusiasm, but she will find it is all too easy to confuse good intentions with self-gratification.

Field of Dreams

Based on the book Shoeless Joe

Kinsella , W. P.

Formats: print, audiocassette, VHS

Ray Kinsella hears a voice, followed by a brief vision of a baseball field. He believes that if he builds a baseball diamond in his cornfield, Shoeless Joe Jackson from the infamous 1919 Chicago "Black" Sox will return to play baseball. By being willing to take a chance, Ray gets a second time up at bat in life.

The Firm

Grisham, John

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

A brilliant and ambitious Harvard Law grad joins a small, prosperous law firm in Memphis, and is soon confronted by FBI agents with evidence of corruption and murder within the firm.

Gone With the Wind

Mitchell, Margaret

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

Focuses on the life and loves of the beautiful, selfish Scarlett O'Hara. The story begins at Tara, the O'Haras' Georgia plantation, in antebellum days and moves through the Civil War and Reconstruction.

The Grapes of Wrath

Steinbeck, John

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD, VHS

The story of the migration of the Joad family to California from their dust-bowl farm in Oklahoma during the Great Depression.

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Great Expectations

Dickens, Charles

Formats: print, audiocassette, CD, DVD, VHS

When a mysterious benefactor comes along, Pip begins the transformation from a blacksmith's son to society gentleman of great expectations.

The Great Santini

Conroy, Pat.

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD

Bull Meecham is all Marine — fighter pilot, king of the clouds, and absolute ruler of his family. Ben, his oldest, is a born athlete whose best never satisfies the big man. Ben's got to stand up, even fight back, against a father who doesn't give in—not to his men, not to his wife, and certainly not to his son.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Rowling, J. K.

Formats: print, CD, DVD

Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts is marked by the Quidditch World Cup and the Triwizard Tournament, in which student representatives from three different wizarding schools compete in a series of increasingly challenging contests. Meanwhile, Voldemort's Death Eaters are gaining strength and create the Dark Mark - giving evidence that the Dark Lord is ready to rise again.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Adams, Douglas

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD

This compilation contains all six episodes of the BBC's adaptation of a sci-fi fantasy about an unassuming Englishman and his outwardly average neighbor who is actually an alien from the vicinity of Betelgeuse.

I am the Cheese: a novel

Cormier, Robert.

Formats: print, VHS

A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.

Jane Eyre

Bronte, Charlotte

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), VHS

A Hollywood production of the Bronte novel in which a harshly treated orphan girl becomes a governess in a mysterious Yorkshire mansion with a brooding master.

Jurassic Park

Chrichton, Michael

Formats: print, VHS

A wealthy entrepreneur invites a top paleontologist, a paleobotanist, a mathematician/theorist, and his two eager grandchildren to visit his secret island theme park featuring living dinosaurs drawn from prehistoric DNA.

Lilies of the Field

Barrett, William E.

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

A free-spirited ex-G.I. stumbles upon five German refugee nuns in Arizona and helps them build a chapel.

Little Women

Alcott, Louisa May

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

Chronicles the humorous and sentimental fortunes of the four March sisters as they grew into young ladies during the harsh times of the Civil war.

Lord of the Flies

Golding, Sir William

Formats: print, DVD

Story about a group of English boys who are stranded on an uninhabited island when the plane that is evacuating them from a war-threatened England crashlands. Without adult control, the boys regress to savagery.

Much Ado About Nothing

Shakespeare, William,

Formats: print, CD, DVD

Young Claudio has fallen for the lovely heiress Hero. The path to the altar seems smooth, until the evil Don John decides to intervene.

Nanny McPhee

Based on the book Nurse Matilda

Brand, Christianna

Formats: print, DVD

Nanny McPhee can tame even the most unruly children with a tap of her magic walking stick. Her latest challenge is the bratty brood of a recent widower who is under pressure to find a new wife or lose his much-needed allowance from wealthy Aunt Adelaide.

The Natural

Malamud, Bernard

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD, VHS

Dreaming of baseball stardom, 14-year old Roy Hobbs fashions a baseball bat from an oak tree, and soon impresses major league scouts with his ability. His talent also catches the eye of a sportswriter who becomes instrumental in Hobbs' career, but the appearance of a mysterious woman shatters his dream. Years later, Hobbs reappears as a rookie for the New York Knights and has an opportunity to share in their race for the pennant.

October Sky

Based on the book Rocket boys
by Homer H. Hickam, Jr.

Formats: print, DVD

True story of a young boy growing up in Coalwood, West Virginia during the 1950's, who dreams of building rockets.

Of Mice and Men

Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968.

Formats: print, CD, DVD, VHS

In Depression-era California, two migrant workers dream of better days on a spread of their own until an act of unintentional violence leads to tragic consequences.

Oliver Twist

Dickens, Charles

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), VHS, DVD

A slightly darker version of the classic Charles Dickens tale. After living in poor conditions, Oliver runs away to the streets of London. There he meets a gang of pickpockets and soon Oliver's life is changed forever.

Ordinary People

Guest, Judith.

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD, VHS

The "ordinary" existence of an upper middle class family is shattered with the death of the older son and the struggle of the younger son against guilt and suicide.

The Outsiders

Hinton, S. E.

Formats: print, DVD

On the streets of 1966 Tulsa, teenagers come two ways. If you're from the right side of the tracks, you are a "soc", with everything—money, cars, girls, and a future. But if you're an outsider, a "greaser," you've got nothing but your friends...and a dream that someday, somehow, you'll finally belong.

Pride and Prejudice

Austen, Jane

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

The story of lively and rebellious Elizabeth, one of five unmarried daughters living in the countryside of 19th century England, in a world where an advantageous marriage is a woman's sole occupation.

The Princess Bride

Goldman, William

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

As a grandfather reads his grandson a bedtime story, the action comes alive in a classic tale of love and adventure.

Rebecca

Du Maurier, Daphne

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

A classic tale of romance, suspense and jealousy, set in elegant Monte Carlo and dramatic Cornwall in the 1930's. When Maxim de Winter brings his young second wife home to ancient and magnificent Manderley, it soon becomes evident that the shadow of his first wife Rebecca, who drowned, is all-pervasive. Before long, the new Mrs. de Winter begins to uncover the darkness of the past that taints the present and threatens to haunt her future.

A River Runs Through It

Maclean, Norman

Formats: print, audio, DVD, VHS

Growing up, two boys rebel against their stern minister father. While Norman channels his rebellion into writing, Paul descends a slippery path to self-destruction.

Romeo and Juliet

Shakespeare, William

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

About two teenagers who fall in love, encounter opposition from their families, and take their lives.

Sense and Sensibility

Austen, Jane

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

Tells of the Dashwood sisters, sensible Elinor and passionate Marianne, whose chances at marriage seem doomed by their family's sudden loss of fortune.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Brashares, Ann

Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD

A story about a special summer in the lives of four lifelong friends who are separated for the first time. The young women find a pair of jeans that fits each of them perfectly and they decide to use the pants as a way of keeping in touch.

Stand by Me*Formats: print, audiocassette, DVD*

Based on the novella *The Body* by Stephen King in a book titled *Different Seasons*. This story about friendship and the indelible experiences of growing up takes place in a small Oregon town as four boys set out on a two-day search for a missing teenager's body, a search that turns into an odyssey of self-discovery.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Lee, Harper

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), DVD, VHS

Lawyer Atticus Finch defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic, Pulitzer Prize-winning novel—a black man charged with the rape of a white woman. Through the eyes of Atticus's children, Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930's.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Smith, Betty

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), VHS

The story of a young girl in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn who adores her charming but irresponsible father and resents her mother who tries to hold the family together.

War of the Worlds

Wells, H. G.

Formats: print, audio (cassette and CD), VHS, DVD

Ray Ferrier, a working class man living in New Jersey, has become estranged from his family and his life isn't in order. His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive intruders—aliens which have come up from the ground, en masse, to destroy Earth and all the humans living on it. As the aliens plow through the country in a wave of mass destruction and violence, Ray must put aside thoughts of himself and come to the defense of his children.

Watership Down

Adams, Richard

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Whale Rider

Ihimaera, Witi Tame

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

Eight-year-old Kahu, a member of the Maori tribe of Whangara, New Zealand, fights to prove her love, her leadership, and her destiny.

White Fang

London, Jack,

Formats: print, DVD, VHS

Seen through the eyes of White Fang—who is half dog, half wolf—the story follows the creature as he is forced to endure a series of harsh environments that turn him from his youthful innocence to mad-dog cruelty. That is, until a young man comes along and offers kindness and friendship, something that White Fang doesn't understand.

Zathura

Van Allsburg, Chris

Formats: print, audio (CD), DVD

Twisting the key of an old science fiction game unleashes a localized meteor shower and wrenches Danny's house into orbit around a distant ringed planet, with his brother and sister Lisa also inside. The only way the kids can return their house to its proper spacetime coordinates is to finish the game.