

Fiction February 2008

Author	Title	Annotation
	21 Proms	Short stories by 21 authors on the subject of prom
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Half of a Yellow Sun	Adichie recreates a seminal moment in modern African history - Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria during the 1960s.
Anderson-Dargatz, Gail	Turtle Valley	Kat, lonely and exhausted in her marriage to a man who has been brain damaged by a stroke, returns to the family home in Turtle Valley to help her elderly parents prepare to evacuate from a raging forest fire. As she sorts through her parents' belongings and wrestles with the terrible question of what to save and what to leave behind, Kat finds in her grandmother's precious carpet bag a clue to a decades-old family mystery
Behrens, Peter	The Law of Dreams	The story follows Fergus O'Brien from Ireland to Liverpool and Wales during the Great Potato Famine of 1847, and then beyond -- to a harrowing Atlantic crossing to Montreal. On the way, Fergus loses his family, discovers a teeming world beyond the hill farm where he was born, and experiences three great loves.
Choyce, Lesley	Wave Warrior	FOR RELUCTANT READERS Ben meets Ray, a surfing veteran from California who promises to teach him to surf - and to face his inner demons. As Ben becomes more comfortable on his board he learns to face his fears and prove that he has what it takes to become a Wave Warrior.
Clancy, Tom	Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell: Fallout	A radical Islamic leader who dreams of the past will do anything in his power to ensure that the future is destroyed-by hitting the technological world where it hurts: oil.
Coupland, David	The Gum Thief	Over the course of several months, two retail workers at an office supply superstore--Roger, a

		divorced, middle-aged "aisles associate" at Staples, and his young co-worker, Bethany, an early twenty-something, former Goth-- strike up a unique epistolary friendship.
Denman, K.L.	Battle of the Bands	FOR RELUCTANT READERS Jay's band, the Lunar Ticks, hopes to win an upcoming battle of the bands where the first prize is a full day in a recording studio. Going up against Indigo Daze, a band from another school, Jay finds himself falling for Rowan, the leader of the other band. When Rowan's guitar is trashed right before the contest The Lunar Ticks are the prime suspects.
Doyle, Arthur Conan	The Return of Sherlock Holmes	Short stories from the famous Sherlock Holmes
Farooki, Roopi	Bitter Sweets	Henna, an illiterate 13-year-old Calcutta shopkeeper's daughter, is passed off as the educated 17-year-old daughter of a successful businessman in order to marry her into one of the city's best families. The lie reverberates through three generations of Henna's family
Gerrold, David	The Martian Child	An autobiographical novel of a difficult and troubled adoption of a boy who thinks he's a Martian
Grazer, Gigi Lavangie	The Starter Wife	When Gracie's semi-famous husband unceremoniously dumps her by cell phone, she soon finds refuge with all the wrong people, including a mysterious hunk who saves her from drowning, and her ex-husband's boss, one of Tinseltown's better-known womanizers.
Greene, Graham	Brighton Rock	A gang war rages through the dark underworld of Brighton. Pinkie has killed a man. Believing he can escape retribution, he is unprepared for the courageous, life-embracing Ida Arnold, who is determined to avenge a death.
Gruen, Sara	Water for Elephants	The novel, told in flashbacks by nonagenarian Jacob Jankowski, recounts the wild and wonderful period he spent with a traveling circus he joined during the Great

		Depression
Hamid, Mohsin	The Reluctant fundamentalist	Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America living in New York His infatuation with elegant, beautiful Erica promises entry into Manhattan society at the same exalted level once occupied by his own family back in Lahore. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his position in his adopted city suddenly overturned, and his budding relationship with Erica eclipsed by the reawakened ghosts of her past. And Changez's own identity is in seismic shift as well, unearthing allegiances more fundamental than money, power, or love.
Herman, Hank	In the Zone	FOR RELUCTANT READERS Having the same name as the NBA superstar but possessing few of his talents, young Michael Jordan nevertheless realizes that he has a knack for game strategy and tries to prove himself to the Branford Bulls
Hyland, M.J.	Carry Me Down	Eleven-year-old John can tell when people are lying and hopes that one day his gift can guarantee entry into the "Guinness Book of World Records". Until then he must navigate the powerful and destructive undercurrents of his loving but fragile family.
James P.D.	The Children of Men	The story begins in England in 2021, in a world where all human males have become sterile and no child will be born again. The final generation has turned twenty-five, and civilization is giving way to strange faiths and cruelties, mass suicides and despair.
King, Stephen	Cell	Graphic artist Clay Riddell was in the heart of Boston on that brilliant autumn afternoon when hell was unleashed before his eyes. Without warning, carnage and chaos reigned. Ordinary people fell victim to the basest, most animalistic destruction. And the apocalypse began with the ring of a cell phone...

Klause, Annette Curtis	Blood and Chocolate	Sixteen-year-old Vivian Gandillon is trying to fit in to her new home in the suburbs, which isn't easy since she and her family are werewolves. When she falls in love with a human, she must sort out her loyalties.
Lansens, Lori	The Girls	Rose and Ruby Darlen are closer than most twin sisters as they have spent their twenty-nine years on earth joined at the head. Now approaching 30, Rose decides to write their shared story.
Lawson, Mary	The Other Side of the Bridge	At the story's poles are Arthur Dunn, a stolid, salt-of-the-earth farmer, and his brother, Jake, a handsome, smooth-talking man, whose lifelong mutual resentments and betrayals end in a battle over the beautiful Laura.
Lee, Laurie	Cider with Rosie	This novel is a charming memoir of Laurie Lee's childhood in a remote Cotswold village. In this idyllic pastoral setting, unencumbered by the callous father who so quickly abandoned his family responsibilities, Laurie's adoring mother becomes the centre of his world as she struggles to raise a growing family against the backdrop of the Great War.
Mac, Carrie	Crush	EASY READING Because of a moment of indiscretion, Hope's parents send her to New York to spend the summer with her sister while they travel to Thailand. Miserable, Hope ends up meeting Nat, and developing a powerful crush. The only problem is that Nat is a girl. Hope is pretty sure she isn't gay. Or is she?
Mantel, Hilary	Beyond Black	Troubles spiral out of control when a psychic and her assistant move to a suburban wasteland in what was once the English countryside and take up with a spirit guide and his drowned therapist in this darkly comic, unorthodox novel.
McClintock, Norah	Snitch	EASY READING Moving in with his brother from a group home, Josh is sent to a class designed to teach him to deal with

		his anger. Framed for a crime he didn't commit, it will take all of his new-found strength to keep his cool - and his freedom
McClintock, Norah	Bang	EASY READING Quentin learns JD has a gun and when they are caught in a robbery JD uses the gun—with deadly results. Trying to cover up the crime and escape detection, Quentin gets in even deeper than he expected and learns that the only person he can trust is himself. Especially when his freedom—and his future—is at stake.
McEwan, Ian	Atonement	A domestic crisis becomes a crime story centered around an event that changes the lives of half a dozen people in an upper-middle-class country home on a hot English summer's day in 1935.
Nemirovsky, Irene <i>Nemirovsky died in the Holocaust but the manuscript of this novel was found in her belongings but only published in 2007.</i>	Fire in the Blood	Silvio lives alone on his small farm in pre-WWII rural France, committed to his permanent bachelorhood. But as he watches the affairs of young people around him, he recalls his early love life and the dying embers in his spirit start to glow again.
Picoult, Jodi	My Sister's Keeper	This novel is about a teen who was conceived as a bone marrow match for her sister Kate, and what happens when she begins to question who she really is.
Rook, Sebastian	Vampire Plagues, London 1850	London, 1850. An enormous ship has just reached port. From its hull, a flock of bats ascends and disappears into the streets. Jack Harkett intends to board the ship, in search of food or money. Instead, he encounters a boy his own age -- running for his life! The boy recounts horrific tales about a vampire plague that's killed the entire crew. With no one to turn to but each other, the two boys vow to stop these horrors from continuing. Their pledge will take them on dangerous adventures from London to Paris and finally to Mexico, to confront the beast who started all this destruction....

Ryan, Darlene	Saving Grace	<p>EASY READING</p> <p>Evie was pregnant and forced to give up the baby. But she can't just leave the child with strangers, especially when she thinks the baby is being neglected. With her boyfriend waiting in the truck, Evie snatches the baby and convinces him to drive her to Montreal where she plans to start a new life with her child. But when the baby won't eat and she and Justin argue, she ends up alone in a small town. As the baby becomes sicker, Evie must decide whether to admit her mistake and turn herself in, or to keep running.</p>
Selvadurai, Shyam	Swimming in the Monsoon Sea	<p>When his cousin comes from Canada to visit him during a hot Sri Lankan summer, 14 year old Amrith makes discoveries about himself and his family's past.</p>
Sinha, Indra	Animal's People	<p>Chronicles the relationship between Animal, an extraordinary street boy forced to go about on all fours after his back is twisted beyond repair during the devastating chemical plant accident in Bhopal, India, and Elli Barber, the young American doctor who has come to the area to open a free clinic for the suffering inhabitants of the region</p>
Snicket, Lemony	Bad Beginning	<p>After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune</p>
Snicket, Lemony	The Wide Window	<p>Catastrophes and misfortune continue to plague the Baudelaire orphans after they're sent to live with fearful Aunt Josephine who offers little protection against Count Olaf's treachery.</p>
Spanogle, Joshua	Isolation Ward	<p>A young doctor is desperate to stop a terrifying epidemic before it is too late....</p>

Sparks, Nicholas	Dear John	Two lives change forever after the tragedy of 9/11. Returning home from war, John must come to grips with the fact that Savannah, now married, is still his true love--and face the hardest decision of his life.
Steel, Danielle	Sisters	Their mother is killed and their sister blinded in a motor vehicle accident. Suddenly, four sisters who have been fervently pursuing success and their own lives - on opposite sides of the world - reunite to share one New York brownstone, to support each other and their father, and to pick up the pieces while one sister struggles to heal her shattered body and soul.
Steel, Danielle,	H.R.H.	Returning to the kingdom after four years spent studying in America, Princess Christianna chafes under the duties of royalty. Determined to make a difference in the world, she persuades His Royal Highness, her father, to let her volunteer for the Red Cross in East Africa where she meets the handsome Doctor Williams.
Tiffany, Carrie	Everyman's Rules for Scientific Living	It is 1934 and aboard the 'Better Farming Train', an earthy romance develops between an idealistic scientist and a talented young seamstress. The unlikely couple settle in an impoverished part of Australia with the ambition of proving that science can transform the land. But with failing crops and another world war looming, they are forced to confront each other and the fragile earth around them
Tomasi, Guiseppe	The Leopard	In the spring of 1860, Fabrizio, the charismatic Prince of Salina, still rules over thousands of people, including his own numerous family members, in mingled splendour and squalor. Then comes Garibaldi's landing in Sicily & the Prince must decide whether to resist the forces of change or come to terms with them
Urquhart, Jane	A Map of Glass	This novel weaves two parallel stories, one set in contemporary Toronto and Prince Edward County, the other in the 19th century on the northern shores of Lake Ontario.

Walters, Eric	House Party	EASY READING When Casey's parents leave town for the weekend, her friend suggests she have a house party. They invite a few people and then a few more, using MSN and text messaging. Hundreds of people show up and things get out of hand. Casey is in more trouble than she thought possible and now she must decide whether-and how-to do the right thing.
Warner, Rex	Aerodrome	Tells of the invasion of a village by a neo-fascist air force and typically deals with the theme of an individual facing authority.