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Orphaned as a teen, Carol Milford grew up in a city in Minnesota. Already a compassionate person, Carol's time studying in college and grad school exposed her to diverse, radical ideas and lifestyles, which she learned to either accept or tolerate. After college, Carol earns a position as a librarian in the state capital city, yet finds the work to be unsatisfying. This is why she agrees when her new husband, a doctor named Will, asks if they can move to his small hometown. However, soon after Will and Carol arrive in the rural town, Carol finds herself immensely disappointed in the scenery and culture. The architecture of the town is ugly and bland, and is decorated to match. Meanwhile, its occupants hold a high level of snooty conservatism, and immediately disapprove of Carol for being a working woman. Because Carol loves her husband and loves to help, she becomes determined to lead a reform for the town by cleaning up the streets and educating the people. However, as Carol attempts to start progressive clubs and tries to make friends, every idea she has is disregarded and disrespected by the town's prominent cliques. Still, Carol is persistent, and tries to overcome each obstacle they throw at her, dedicated to inspiring the town to adopt a more accepting and informed culture. Sinclair Lewis' *Main Street* is

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ranked among the one hundred best English-language novels of the 20th century by Modern Library. With immense detail, wit, and emotion, *Main Street* certainly earns this honor. Through the strong depiction of a working-class woman and the inclusion of themes such as love, maturity, feminism, social change, and culture clashes, Lewis addresses important issues and encourages reflection and debate. This edition of *Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis features a new, eye-catching cover design and is printed in an easy-to-read font. With these accommodations, this edition restores *Main Street* to modern standards while preserving its original heart and mastery.

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The classic novel of a small Minnesota town—and of one school teacher who calls it home. This utterly charming, deeply poignant debut remains perhaps the signature achievement of beloved novelist Jon Hassler—once hailed by *The New York Times* as “a writer good enough to restore your faith in fiction.” It’s the story of a week in the life of Miles Pruitt, a thirty-five-year-old bachelor who teaches high school English in Staggerford, Minnesota. And though it is only a week, it’s an extraordinary week, filled with the poetry of living, the sweetness of expectation, and the glory of surprise that can change a life forever. Praise for *Staggerford*: “Witty, intelligent, compassionate . . . an absolutely smashing first novel.”—*The Plain Dealer* “You’ll remember it for a long time.”—*The Minneapolis Tribune* “One of the year’s truly freshly conceived and carried out novels, one whose not always so gentle ironies address themselves to a broader range of life than is to be found in Staggerford, Minnesota.”—*The Kansas City Star* “A thoroughly convincing X-ray vision of small-town life . . . so sincere, so true, so honest with itself, and so very, very funny that a reader often has to wipe the tears out of the corners of his eyes before he can—as he must—read on.”—*The Houston Post* “Very entertaining . . . [Miles is] one of the most likable protagonists of modern fiction.”—*The Pittsburgh Press* “*Staggerford, Minnesota*, is a town out of control. It is as weird and convoluted as any lover of comic fiction

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could wish.”—Boston Herald American

A travel and reference guide to literary landmarks, sites, and settings associated with American authors from the 18th through the early 20th centuries.

Includes section "Bibliography. Articles on the history of New England in periodical literature.

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How does one keep classic books alive for young people today and teach them that literature is instructional and delightful? How does the teacher foster a

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classroom environment that encourages student participation and promotes enjoyment so that teenagers learn to appreciate literary study? More specifically, how can teachers cover centuries of American literature with students who don't appreciate why they should read material written centuries ago about people and issues that appear to be irrelevant to life today in a language that seems esoteric? The author of this series of high school teaching guides addresses these issues. *How to Teach American Literature: A Practical Teaching Guide* provides a detailed resource for teachers or anyone interested in an in-depth study of the subject. This second book in the series covers American literature from the Puritan era to contemporary works. Included are suggestions for cultivating a love for literature, teaching techniques, detailed analyses of each work, questions for review and test questions with suggested responses, essay topics, audiovisual aids, classroom handouts, and recommended books that enhance teaching. The author emphasizes two basic reasons for teaching literature: it is instructional and delightful. This book provides a comprehensive methodology for teaching the subject that a teacher could apply to one year's lesson plans without further investment in time. Elizabeth McCallum Marlow has developed quality comprehensive guides for the teaching community based on her thirty-five years of experience and her passion for literature. Teaching

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professionals will find her tried and true practices to be invaluable. Johnathan Arnold, MBA, M.Ed, D.Ed.Min Headmaster Covenant Christian Academy, Cumming, GA

Through extensive reading and reflection, Abraham Lincoln fashioned a mind as powerfully intellectual and superlatively communicative as that of any other American political leader. Reading with Lincoln uncovers the how of Lincoln's inspiring rise to greatness by connecting the content of his reading to the story of his life. At the core of Lincoln's success was his self-education, centered on his love of and appreciation for learning through books. From his early studies of grammar school handbooks and children's classics to his interest in Shakespeare's Macbeth and the Bible during his White House years, what Lincoln read helped to define who he was as a person and as a politician. This unique study delves into the books, pamphlets, poetry, plays, and essays that influenced Lincoln's thoughts and actions. Exploring in great depth and detail those readings that inspired the sixteenth president, author Robert Bray follows Lincoln's progress closely, from the young teen composing letters for illiterate friends and neighbors to the politician who keenly employed what he read to advance his agenda. Bray analyzes Lincoln's radical period in New Salem, during which he came under the influence of Anglo-American and French Enlightenment thinkers such as Thomas Paine, C. F. Volney, and Voltaire, and he investigates Lincoln's appreciation of nineteenth-century lyric poetry, which he both read and wrote. Bray considers Lincoln's fascination with science, mathematics, political economics, liberal social philosophy, theology, and the Bible, and devotes special attention to Lincoln's enjoyment of American humor. While striving to arrive at

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an understanding of the role each subject played in the development of this remarkable leader, Bray also examines the connections and intertextual relations between what Lincoln read and how he wrote and spoke. This comprehensive and long-awaited book provides fresh insight into the self-made man from the wilderness of Illinois. Bray offers a new way to approach the mind of the political artist who used his natural talent, honed by years of rhetorical study and practice, to abolish slavery and end the Civil War.

"Main Street" tells the tale of a big-city girl who marries a physician and settles in a small town in the Midwest, only to fall victim to the narrow-mindedness and unimaginative natures of the town's residents. Introduction by Thomas Mallon. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

"A blue print on the steps that must be taken to make America great again."--Page viii.

This volume describes the greatest achievements in American literature, from the earliest times to the present. Special attention has been paid to the individual works of great authors, but also to literary movements, ideals, and animating principles, and the relation of all these to English literature. The author hopes this book will inspire students to investigate for themselves the remarkable American record of spirituality, initiative, and democratic accomplishment contained in our national literature.

A textbook tracing the development of American literature from 1500 to the present. Argues that after the American Revolution lawyers replaced clergy as the dominant intellectual force, and looks at how legal educations affected the aesthetics of early American writers

An irreverent, brilliant, and outspoken collection of essays by the Hugo and Nebula

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Award-winning author of *Strange Wine*. At the beginning of the 1980s, Harlan Ellison agreed to write a regular column for the *L.A. Weekly* on the condition that they published whatever he wrote with no revisions and no suggestions for rewrites. What resulted was impassioned, persuasive, abusive, and hilarious. Part essay, part conversation, all Ellison—these pieces provide a glimpse into a great mind, at ease in tackling both grand ideas and the minutiae of the day to day. Collected here in *An Edge in My Voice*, these works also open a window to a decade when a newspaper would accept such a risky venture from such a powerful voice,

C.S. Lewis has influenced countless Christians in their preaching and evangelical witness from the pulpit today, and he is the most quoted Christian across several Protestant denominations, known for his wit, insight, and perspectives on Christian issues from life to death and beyond. In *Lessons from C. S. Lewis*, author and professor Harvey E. Solganick presents C. S. Lewis from an evangelical perspective concerning his stand on philosophical and ethical issues relevant to evangelical Christians today. First providing a compelling history of Lewis's youth and spiritual maturation, Dr. Solganick also considers some of the unexplored tenets of C. S. Lewis's literary, philosophical, and theological legacy, focusing especially on the implications of Lewis's work for evangelism and discipleship. How did this one man influence so many readers of all ages and backgrounds, from the most highly educated to the common layperson? How did this man, his life, and his writings help atheists, agnostics, humanists, reluctant

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converts, mystics, and anti-Christians to seek Christ? Explore in Lessons from C. S. Lewis an answer, and perhaps be surprised by joy and inspired by Lewis to find your soul, be saved, evangelize others, and grow in Christian discipleship.

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