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AGEE, JAMES	LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS MEN
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DIDION, JOAN	THE WHITE ALBUM
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EDWARDS, JONATHAN	A FAITHFUL NARRATIVE
EMERSON, RALPH WALDO	"NATURE" (ESSAYS: FIRST SERIES)
EMERSON, RALPH WALDO	"SELF-RELIANCE" (ESSAYS: FIRST SERIES)
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FULLER, SARAH MARGARET	WOMAN IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY
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HELMAN, LILLLIAN	AN UNFINISHED WOMAN
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·	"I HAVE A DREAM" (TESTAMENT OF HOPE: THE ESSENTIAL WRITINGS AND
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LINCOLN, ABRAHAM	GETTYSBURG ADDRESS
LOCKE, JOHN	ESSAY CONCERNING HUMAN UNDERSTANDING
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PAINE, THOMAS	THE AGE OF REASON
POPE, ALEXANDER	ESSAY ON MAN
PRATT, MARY LOUISE	IMPERIAL EYES: TRAVEL WRITING AND TRANSCULTURATION
ROWLANDSON, MARY	CAPTIVITY
STANTON, ELIZABETH CADY	EIGHTY YEARS AND MORE: REMINISCENCES
THOREAU, HENRY DAVID	"WHERE I LIVED AND WHAT I LIVED FOR"(IN COLLECTED ESSAYS AND POEMS)
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THOREAU, HENRY DAVID	"SUCCESSION OF FOREST TREES" (IN COLLECTED ESSAYS AND POEMS)
THOREAU, HENRY DAVID	WALKING
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THOMPSON, HUNTER S.	HELL'S ANGELS
TWAIN, MARK	LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI
TWAIN, MARK	ROUGHING IT

TWAIN, MARK	"HOW TO TELL A STORY"(IN COMPLETE ESSAYS OF MARK TWAIN)
WOLFE, TOM	THE ELECTRIC KOOL-AID ACID TEST
WOOLF, VIRGINIA	MOMENTS OF BEING
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WRIGHT, RICHARD	BLACK BOY
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CABEZA	THE NARRATIVE OF ALVAR NUNEZ CABEZA DE VACA

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ALLISON, DOROTHY	TWO OR THREE THINGS I KNOW FOR SURE
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BARNES, KIM	IN THE WILDERNESS: COMING OF AGE IN THE UNKNOWN COUNTRY
BARTOK, MIRA	THE MEMORY PALACE
BEARD, JO ANN	THE BOYS OF MY YOUTH
BOTTOMS, GREG	ANGELHEAD
BOTTOMS, GREG	COLORFUL APOCALYPSE
BURROUGHS, AUGUSTEN	RUNNING WITH SCISSORS
CASTRO, JOY	THE TRUTH BOOK
COFER, JUDITH ORTIZ	THE LATIN DELI
COFER, JUDITH ORTIZ	SILENT DANCING: A PARTIAL REMEMBRANCE OF A PUERTO RICAN CHILDHOOD
CONROY, FRANK	STOP-TIME
CREWS, HARRY	CHILDHOOD: A BIOGRAPHY OF A PLACE
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DIDION, JOAN	BLUE NIGHTS
DANIELL, ROSEMARY	FATAL FLOWERS
DILLARD, ANNIE	AN AMERICAN CHILDHOOD
DOTY, MARK	DOG YEARS
DOTY, MARK	FIREBIRD
DOTY, MARK	HEAVEN'S COAST
DUBUS, ANDRE	BROKEN VESSELS: MEDITATIONS FROM A MOVING CHAIR
DUBUS, ANDRE	MEDITATIONS FROM A MOVEABLE CHAIR
EARLEY, TONY	SOMEHOW FORM A FAMILY
ELLROY, JAMES	MY DARK PLACES
ERLICH, GRETEL	A MATCH TO THE HEART: ONE WOMAN'S STORY OF BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
EGGERS, DAVE	A HEARTBREAKING WORK OF STAGGERING GENIUS
FOSTER, PATRICIA	ALL THE LOST GIRLS: CONFESSIONS OF A SOUTHERN DAUGHTER
FOX, PAULA	BORROWED FINERY
GATES, HENRY LOUIS	COLORED PEOPLE
GORNICK, VIVIAN	FIERCE ATTACHMENTS
GREALY, LUCY	AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A FACE
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HARRISON, KATHRYN	THE KISS
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HEMLEY, ROBIN	DO-OVER
HORNBACHER, MARYA	WASTED: A MEMOIR OF ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA
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KARR, MARY	THE LIAR'S CLUB
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KINGSTON, MAXINE HONG	WOMAN WARRIOR
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LOTT, BRET	FATHERS, SONS, BROTHERS: THE MEN IN MY FAMILY
LORDE, AUDRE	THE CANCER JOURNALS
MCCARTHEY, MARY	MEMORIES OF A CATHOLIC GIRL
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MCCOURT, FRANK	TEACHER MAN
MCCLANAHAN, REBECCA	THE RIDDLE SONG AND OTHER REMEMBERINGS
MARTIN, LEE	TURNING BONES
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MINER, VALERIE	THE LOW ROAD: A SCOTTISH FAMILY MEMOIR
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SANDERS, SCOTT RUSSELL	A PRIVATE HISTORY OF AWE
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SILVERMAN, SUE WILLIAM	LOVE SICK
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SPRENGNETHER, MADELON	CRYING AT THE MOVIES
STEINKE, DARCY	EASTER EVERYWHERE
THOMAS, ABIGAIL	SAFEKEEPING
WIDEMAN, JOHN EDGAR	BROTHERS AND KEEPERS
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MOORE, DINTY	THE ACCIDENTAL BUDDHIST

PERELMAN, S.J.	MOST OF THE MOST OF S.J. PERELMAN
SEDARIS, DAVID	NAKED
THURBER, JAMES	MY LIFE AND HARD TIMES

	THE ESSAY
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ACKERMAN, DIANE	A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE SENSES
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MERNISSI, FATIMA	DREAMS OF TRESPASS
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STEWART, RORY	THE PLACES IN BETWEEN: A WALK ACROSS AFGHANISTAN
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BROX, JANE	CLEARING LAND
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CHATWIN, BRUCE	IN PATAGONIA
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DILLARD, ANNIE	TEACHING A STONE TO TALK
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ERLICH, GRETEL	THE SOLACE OF OPEN SPACES
ERLICH, GRETEL	THIS COLD HEAVEN: SEVEN SEASONS IN GREENLAND
FRAZIER, IAN	THE GREAT PLAINS
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KRAKAUER, JON	INTO THIN AIR
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LOPEZ, BARRY	ARCTIC DREAMS: IMAGINATION AND DESIRE IN A NORTHERN LANDSCAPE
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BORICH, BARRIE JEAN	MY LESBIAN HUSBAND: LANDSCAPES OF A MARRIAGE
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HAYDEN, TOM	IRISH ON THE INSIDE: IN SEARCH OF THE SOUL OF IRISH AMERICA
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GOLDBERG, NATALIE	WRITING DOWN THE BONES
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O'KEEFE, GEORGIA	SOME MEMORIES OF DRAWING
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OZICK, CYNTHIA	ART AND ARDOR
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