# Coming-of-Age Novels of growing up



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#### Early 20th Century to 1950

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow Daddy Was a Numbers Runner by Louise Meriwether Go Tell it on the Mountain by James Baldwin World's Fair by E.L. Doctorow To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee A Separate Peace by John Knowles The Chosen by Chaim Potok Martha Quest by Doris Lessing The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay Atonement by Ian McEwan Red Sky at Morning by Richard Bradford The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

# **Postwar America**

The Cheerleader by Ruth Doan McDougall The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy The Risk Pool by Richard Russo A Boy's Own Story by Edmund White

#### **The Sixties**

**Crazy in Alabama** by Mark Childress **Portnoy's Complaint** by Philip Roth

# The Seventies

**Ellen Foster** by Kaye Gibbons **The Little Friend** by Donna Tartt **Breath** by Tim Winton

# **The Eighties**

**The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros **Black Swan Green** by David Mitchell **Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit** by Jeanette Winterson **The Last Samurai** by Helen DeWitt

# **The Nineties**

**Rule of the Bone** by Russell Banks **The Way I Found Her** by Rose Tremain **Purple Hibiscus** by Chimamanda Adichie

# <u> 2000 – Present</u>

**The Story of Edgar Sawtelle** by David Wroblewski **The Highest Tide** by Jim Lynch

# The Near Future...

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess Lord of the Flies by William Golding

You may also want to try:

Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson Of Human Bondage by W. Somerset Maugham On the Road by Jack Kerouac This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce