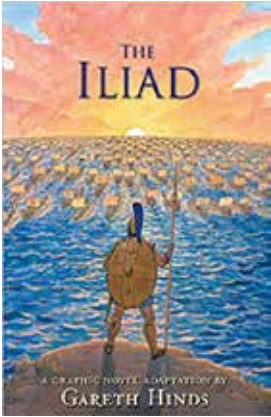
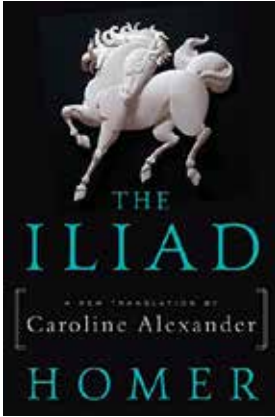

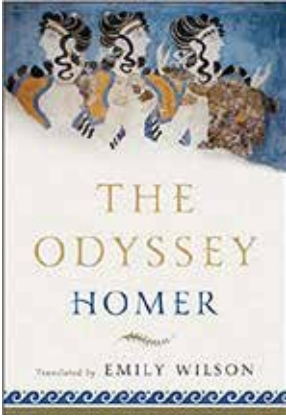
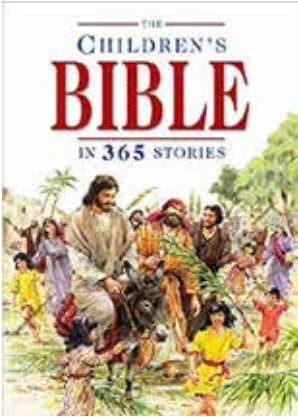
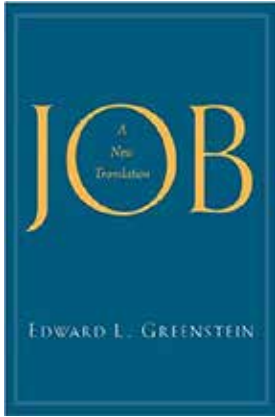
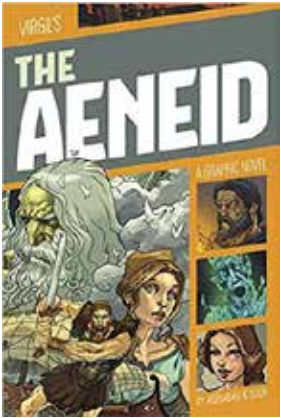

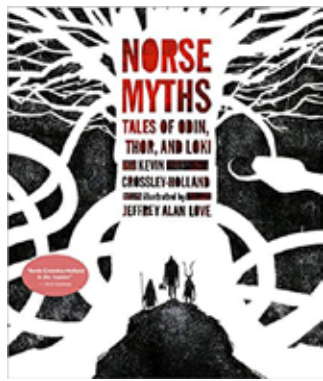
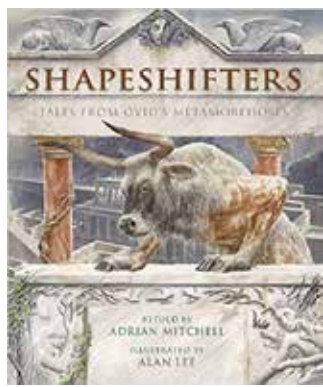
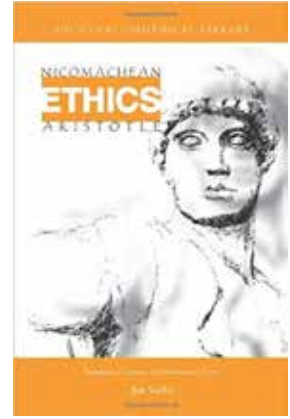
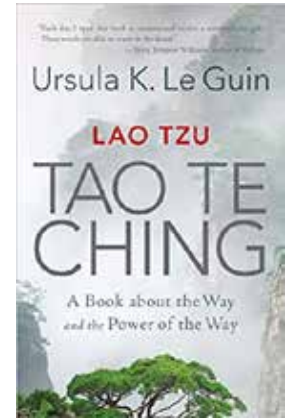


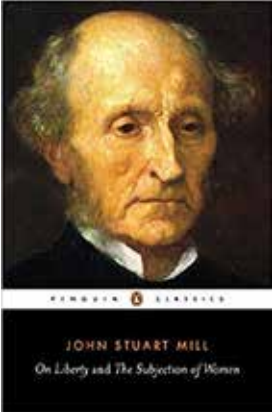
Great Books For Real People

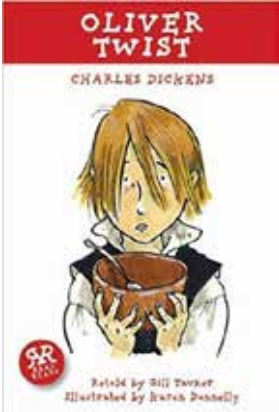

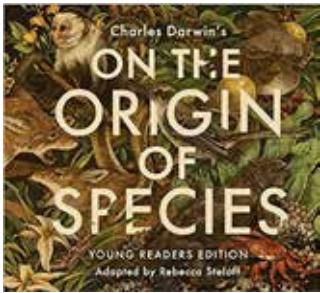
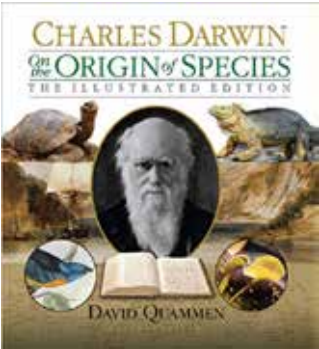

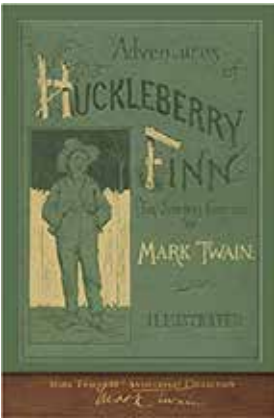
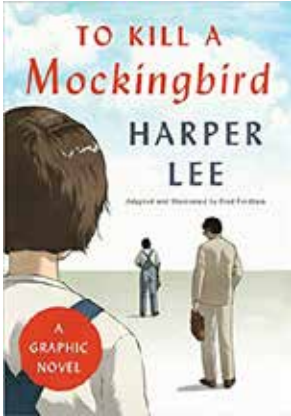
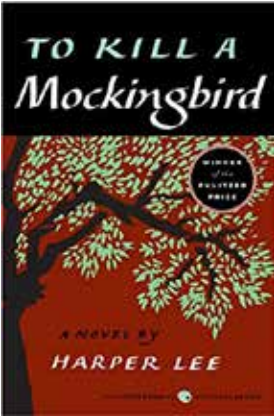
An abbreviated Great Books list with retellings and originals in the best, most modern translations. Read the retellings first in most cases, then in high school, head for the originals.

	Retelling	Great Translation
Illiad by Homer	 <p>The Illiad by Gareth Hinds. In graphic novel format with excellent illustrations.</p>	 <p>The Illiad by Homer, Caroline Alexander translation. One of the Greek foundational myths and the first story of western literature.</p>
Odyssey by Homer	 <p>The Odyssey by Gareth Hinds. Graphic novel retelling of the second of the great Greek epics.</p>	 <p>The Odyssey by Homer, Emily Wilson translation. There is also an excellently well done audiobook of this translation!</p>
Job (Old Testament)	 <p>The Children's Bible in 365 Stories by Mary Batchelor. Look for "The Story of Job" within this volume.</p>	 <p>Job, translated by Edward L. Greenstein. A timeless book about human pain.</p>
Aeneid by Virgil	 <p>The Aeneid by Diego Agrimbau and Marcelo Sosa. Graphic novel format!</p>	 <p>The Aeneid by Virgil, David Ferry translation. Epic myth about the founding of Rome.</p>

	Retelling	Great Translation
Prose Edda	 <p>Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland and Jeffrey Alan Love.</p>	 <p>Prose Edda by Snorri Sturluson, Jean I. Young translation. A major source of the Norse myths.</p>
Metamorphoses by Ovid	 <p>Shapeshifters by Adrian Mitchell and Alan Lee. Uses many of the tales from Ovid like the story of Icarus. Gorgeous illustrations.</p>	 <p>Metamorphoses by Ovid, Charles Martin translation. This is the source of many of the Greek myths.</p>
Ethics by Aristotle	 <p>The Philosophy Book by DK. Look for the chapter on Aristotle.</p>	 <p>Nichomachean Ethics by Aristotle, Joe Sachs translation. What makes life worth living?</p>
Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu	 <p>The Philosophy Book by DK. Look for the chapter on Laozi. We also like <i>The Tao of Pooh</i> by Benjamin Hoff, but it is best for high school as well.</p>	 <p>Tao Te Ching by Lao Tzu, Ursula K. LeGuin translation. Far eastern thought about philosophies of life.</p>

	Retelling	Great Translation
The Art of War by Sun Tzu	 <p>The Art of War: A Graphic Novel by Sun Tzu, illustrated by Pete Katz.</p>	 <p>The Art of War by Antony Cummins. Takes the 1910 translation by Giles and explains it step by step with pictures.</p>
Canterbury Tales by Chaucer	 <p>Chaucer's Canterbury Tales by Marcia Williams. Illustrated like a comic book, this includes some of the tales. Still bawdy, but toned down for kids.</p>	 <p>The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer, Gerald J. Davis translation. Some of the tales are bawdy, be warned!</p>
Midsummer Night's Dream by Shakespeare	 <p>Midsummer Night's Dream for Kids by Lois Burdett. This is a retelling in story format, rather than play format.</p>	 <p>Midsummer Night's Dream The Graphic Novel by Shakespeare and John McDonald. Original text, with comic book illustrations.</p>
Hamlet by Shakespeare	 <p>Tales From Shakespeare: Hamlet by Timothy Knapman. A retelling of the story in plain English.</p>	 <p>No Fear Shakespeare: Hamlet by Shakespeare. This has the original text of the play side by side with modern language.</p>

	Retelling	Great Translation
Social Contract by Rousseau	 <p>The Philosophy Book by DK. Look for the chapter on Jean-Jacques Rousseau.</p>	 <p>The Major Political Writings of Jean-Jacques Rousseau by Rousseau, John T. Scott translation. Just read the "Social Contract" portion, western democracy is based on these ideas.</p>
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen	 <p>Pride & Prejudice: The Graphic Novel by Jane Austen and Laurnce Sach. Uses Austen's own words, but pared down into only the character's actual words and a bit of setting.</p>	 <p>Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. This needs no translation, read it in Austen's own words. One of the finest novels in English.</p>
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo	 <p>Les Miserables: A Graphic Novel by Victor Hugo and Luciano Saracino. This version is cut way down but preserves the essentials of the story.</p>	 <p>Les Miserables by Victor Hugo, Julie Rose translation. Classic story with deep themes. If you skip the descriptions of Waterloo, we won't tell.</p>
On Liberty by John Stuart Mill	 <p>The Philosophy Book by DK. Look for the chapter on John Stuart Mill.</p>	 <p>On Liberty and the Subjection of Women by John Stuart Mill, Penguin edition. Everything should be allowed except that which does harm to another.</p>

	Retelling	Great Translation
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens	 <p>Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens and Gill Taver.</p> <p>This is retold and abridged, but the characters and themes are all there.</p>	 <p>Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens, Penguin edition.</p> <p>Deep social commentary disguised with characters like the Artful Dodger and Mr. Bumble.</p>
On the Origin of Species by Charles Darwin	 <p>On the Origin of Species: young Reader's Edition by Rebecca Stefoff.</p> <p>Adapted from Darwin in much simpler language and with illustrations.</p>	 <p>On the Origin of Species: Illustrated Edition by Charles Darwin.</p> <p>Darwin's original words, but with lots of illustrations.</p>
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain	 <p>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, adapted by Roland Mann.</p> <p>This is a graphic novel and is abridged, but retain the flavor and story of the original.</p>	 <p>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain.</p> <p>Look for the original, unabridged and uncensored.</p>
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee	 <p>To Kill A Mockingbird: A Graphic Novel by Harper Lee and Fred Fordham.</p> <p>Pared down to dialogue with excellent illustrations.</p>	 <p>To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee.</p> <p>A book about the deep kind of courage we all need once in a while.</p>