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1894	*Yellow Book* founded	George du Maurier, *Trilby* Gissing, *In the Year of Jubilee* Kipling, *The Jungle Book* George Moore, *Esther Waters* Wilde, *A Woman of No Importance*
1895	Trial and imprisonment of Oscar Wilde Lord Salisbury prime minister	Grant Allen, *The Woman Who Did* Joseph Conrad, *Almayer's Folly* Corelli, *The Sorrows of Satan* Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage* Hardy, *Jude the Obscure* Max Nordau, *Degeneration* H. G. Wells, *The Time Machine*
1896	Alfred Austin Poet Laureate	A. E. Housman, *A Shropshire Lad* Arthur Morrison, *A Child of the Jago* Christina Rossetti, *Poems*, ed. W. M. Rossetti Wells, *The Island of Dr Moreau*
1897	Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies formed	Conrad, *The Nigger of the Narcissus* James, *What Maisie Knew* Kipling, *Captains Courageous* Bram Stoker, *Dracula* Wells, *The Invisible Man*
1898	Death of Gladstone	Hardy, *Wessex Poems* G. B. Shaw, *Plays Pleasant and Unpleasant* Wilde, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* Wells, *The War of the Worlds*
1899	Boer War begins	Yeats, *The Wind among the Reeds* James, *The Awkward Age* Kipling, *Stalky & Co.* Margaret Oliphant, *Autobiography* Wilde, *An Ideal Husband; The Importance of Being Earnest* (acted 1895)
1901	Death of Queen Victoria	Hardy, *Poems of the Past and Present* Kipling, *Kim*

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