



PULITZER PAIRINGS

#OwnVoices http://www.zoramquynh.com/bipoc-pulitzer-book-list/	Beloved, Elbow Room, House Made of Dawn, Interpreter of Maladies, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, The Color Purple, The Known World, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love, The Nickel Boys, The Sympathizer, The Underground Railroad, The Night Watchman
Native Americans Portrayals	The Night Watchman, House Made of Dawn, Tinkers, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters, Lonesome Dove, The Way West
Slavery	Beloved, The Keepers of the House, The Known World, The Underground Railroad
Abolition	Gilead, March
Civil War	Andersonville, The Killer Angels
Abject Post-Slavery Racism	Rabbit is Rich, The Color Purple, The Nickel Boys, The Night Watchman, The Netanyahus
Interracial marriage	Gilead, Elbow Room
WW2	All the Light We Cannot See, Guard of Honor, Tales of the South Pacific, The Caine Mutiny
Vietnam War	American Pastoral, A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain, Elbow Room, The Sympathizer
Displacement from Homeland (AKA Diaspora)	A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love, The Sympathizer, The Netanyahus
Oppressive Foreign Government	The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, The Fixer, The Mambo Kings Sing Songs of Love, The Orphan Master's Son, The Sympathizer
Epic Systemic Fail	Advise and Consent, Andersonville, Guard of Honor, The Edge of Sadness, The Executioner's Song, The Fixer, The Nickel Boys, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Netanyahus
Prison	Andersonville, The Fixer, The Executioner's Song, Flowering Judas/The Collected Stories of Katherine Anne Porter

Survival	The Color Purple, The Orphan Master's Son, The Overstory, The Old Man and the Sea, The Road, The Night Watchman
Dying white guy lookback	Angle of Repose, Gilead, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love, Tinkers
Death Magnet	A Death in the Family, Breathing Lessons, The Optimist's Daughter
Epistolary-ish (written as letters or lots of letters)	Angle of Repose, Gilead, The Color Purple, The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters
Literary Launchpad	A Thousand Acres, March, The Hours
Intellectual Yammering	Advise and Consent, A Confederacy of Dunces, Humboldt's Gift, The Stone Diaries, The Netanyahus
LOL	A Confederacy of Dunces, Less, The Netanyahus
Inspired by Actual Events	Beloved, The Confessions of Nat Turner, The Executioner's Song, The Nickel Boys, The Night Watchman, The Netanyahus
Inspired by Journals	Angle of Repose, The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters
Search for Identity	The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Middlesex, Empire Falls, The Stone Diaries, The Shipping News, The Netanyahus
Coming of Age	Middlesex, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, The Goldfinch, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters, To Kill a Mockingbird
Kids Doing the Right Thing	The Nickel Boys, Empire Falls, The Old Man and the Sea
Aging	A Visit from the Goon Squad, Rabbit at Rest, Olive Kitteridge, The Old Man and the Sea, A Summons to Memphis
Much Younger Woman	Gilead, The Optimist's Daughter, A Summons to Memphis, Humboldt's Gift, The Stone Diaries, The Mambo Kings Sing Songs of Love
Distressed Woman with Cattle or Farm	A Thousand Acres, American Pastoral, Lonesome Dove
Major Bitch/Bastard	A Thousand Acres, Empire Falls, Humboldt's Gift, The Caine Mutiny, The Optimist's Daughter, The Shipping News
Kids Who Break the System	American Pastoral, Empire Falls, The Goldfinch, The Nickel Boys



Intense Relationships

Mother/Son	A Confederacy of Dunces, Breathing Lessons, Olive Kitteridge
Father/Son	The Road, Independence Day, Rabbit Is Rich, Rabbit at Rest, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters
Father/Daughter	American Pastoral, Empire Falls, The Shipping News
Brothers	Empire Falls, Humboldt's Gift, The Mambo Kings Sing Songs of Love
Sisters	A Thousand Acres, A Summons to Memphis, The Color Purple
Mentors	Old Man and the Sea, Humboldt's Gift
Religion	Edge of Sadness, Gilead, The Netanyahus
Crime/Legal/Thriller	A Thousand Acres, Advise and Consent, Ironweed, The Executioner's Song, The Goldfinch, The Night Watchman
Comedy/Satire	A Confederacy of Dunces, Less, Rabbit at Rest, Rabbit is Rich, The Reivers, Humboldt's Gift, The Netanyahus
Academics in Love Abroad	Foreign Affairs, Less
Inspired by Cornell Professors	Foreign Affairs, The Netanyahus
Road Trips	Breathing Lessons, Lonesome Dove, The Road, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters, The Way West, The Netanyahus
Manifest Destiny	House Made of Dawn, Lonesome Dove
Substance abuse	The Goldfinch, The Edge of Sadness, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love, The Swimmer/Stories of John Cheever, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters
PTSD/Mental Illness	A Thousand Acres, American Pastoral, Beloved, Breathing Lessons, House Made of Dawn, Lonesome Dove, Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer, The Goldfinch, The Known World
Physical Disability	All the Light We Cannot See, Angle of Repose, The Interior Castle/Stafford, The Known World, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters
Canadian Families with Baggage	The Shipping News, The Stone Diaries
Nosy Maine Neighbors	Empire Falls, Olive Kitteridge
Hotel Inspirations	The Nickel Boys, Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer



Music	A Visit from the Goon Squad, Breathing Lessons, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love
Gardeners & Farmers	The Stone Diaries, A Thousand Acres, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters, The Town
Reversal of Fortune (AKA Peripetia)	A Thousand Acres, Humbolt's Gift, The Known World, Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, The Color Purple, The Stone Diaries, The Travels of Jamie McPheeters
Short Story Collections	Robert Olen Butler, John Cheever, Jhumpa Lahiri, James Alan McPherson, James A. Michener, Katherine Anne Porter, Jean Stafford
Novels via Stories	A Visit from the Goon Squad, Olive Kitteridge
Man Embraces Nature	A Thousand Acres, Old Man and the Sea, The Overstory
Ex-Jocks	American Pastoral, Rabbit is Rich, Rabbit at Rest
Jersey Boys	American Pastoral, Independence Day, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
Explicit	Rabbit at Rest, Rabbit is Rich, The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love
Supernatural/Magical Realism	Beloved, Ironweed, The Underground Railroad
Dead Poet Mentor	Humbolt's Gift, Less
Writing about Writers	American Pastoral, Elbow Room, Humboldt's Gift, Independence Day, Less, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay, The Hours
Debut Novels	To Kill a Mockingbird, Tinkers, The Known World, The Sympathizer, Advise and Consent, Interpreter of Maladies
Double-Pulitzer Winners	Faulkner, Updike, Whitehead
Pulitzer Connections	Robinson was Harding's Iowa writing workshop mentor Bellow taught Kennedy at the University of Puerto Rico Roth & Updike were buddies McMurtry was student in Stegner's creative writing program McMurtry adapted a Proulx story into "Brokeback Mountain" film