

Next Issue's Topics: Current World Leaders, Ethnic Foods, Shakespeare Plots, Architecture, and Canada

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***An American Tragedy* (Theodore Dreiser)**

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***A Passage to India* (E.M. Forster)**

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***From Here to Eternity* (James Jones)**

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