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## Global Reading: Denmark

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DBC19686 Jenny: A Novel by Sigrid Undset (historical fiction)

Jenny is a talented Norwegian painter who enters into an affair with the father of one of her suitors, and when she becomes pregnant, she decides to raise the baby on her own. (1928 Nobel Prize). 1911.

DB53634 Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen (short stories)

This Children's Classics edition of twenty-six stories includes "The Little Mermaid," "The Wild Swans," and "The Snow Queen," For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1836.

DB33640 Pelle The Conqueror. v. 1, Childhood by Martin Andersen Nexø (classic)

The year is 1877 and Pelle, a motherless Danish boy of eight, works with his elderly father, Lasse, on a large farm. Pelle endures many hardships, but armed with the survival techniques and good nature learned from Lasse, he develops into an independent adolescent. His story takes on an epic quality and mirrors the rise of the proletariat. It is a classic of European literature. 1906.

DB67053 The Quiet Girl by Peter Høeg (psychological fiction)

Denmark. Kasper Krone, a circus clown and music instructor facing extradition for tax evasion, discovers that his former student KlaraMaria has been kidnapped. Kasper sets out to rescue her and others from sinister businessmen seeking to exploit their psychic abilities. Translated from Danish by Nadia Christensen. Some violence. 2006.

DB77366 The Keeper Of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen (mystery)

After a traumatizing assignment, Copenhagen homicide detective Carl Mørck is shunted to the newly developed department Q to work on cold cases. Mørck searches for long-missing politician Merete Lynggaard, who disappeared from a ferry, leaving behind her mute brother. Translated from Danish. Violence and strong language. 2011.

DB112544 *Copenhagen Trilogy: Childhood; Youth; Dependency* by Tove Ditlevsen  
Born in a working-class neighborhood in Copenhagen in 1917, she became famous for her poetry while still a teenager, and went on to write novels, stories and memoirs before committing suicide in 1976.

DB94029 *The Condition Of Secrecy: Selected Essays* by Inger Christensen  
Collection of eighteen essays originally published in Danish between 1964 and 1994. In "Freedom, Equality, and Fraternity in the Summer Cottage," Christensen (1935-2009) reflects on spending summers at her family's cottage--which was in a community controlled by her father's union--during World War II. 2018.

DB83082 *Courage & Defiance: Stories Of Spies, Saboteurs, And Survivors In World War II Denmark* by Deborah Hopkinson (history)  
Recounts the events following the Nazi occupation of Denmark on April 9, 1940, which led to the Danish resistance and the rescue of more than seven thousand Jews during WWII. Some violence. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2015.

DB18108 *Søren Kierkegaard* by Brita K. Stendahl (biography)  
Introduction to the writings and thought of the nineteenth-century Danish philosopher. Includes abundant direct quotes from his works, analyzes his critical theory, and shows the relationship between his writings and personal life. 1976.

DB114230 *A Line In The World: A Year On The North Sea Coast*  
by Dorte Nors (nonfiction, travel essays)  
Authors first nonfiction book chronicles a year she spent traveling along the North Sea coast—from Skagen at the northern tip of Denmark to the Frisian Islands in the Wadden Sea. In fourteen expansive essays, Nors traces the history, geography, and culture of the places she visits while reflecting on her childhood and her family and ancestors' ties to the region as well as her decision to move there from Copenhagen. She writes about the ritual burning of witch effigies on Midsummer's Eve; the environmental activist who opposed a chemical factory in the 1950s; the quiet fishing villages that surfers transformed into an area known as Cold Hawaii starting in the 1970s. She describes strong waves, sand drifts, storm surges, shipwrecks, and other instances of nature asserting its power over human attempts to ignore or control it. 2021.