

Fifty Great Short Stories

The Russian novelist and moral philosopher Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) ranks as one of the world's great writers, and his 'War and Peace' has been called the greatest novel ever written. But during his long lifetime, Tolstoy also wrote enough shorter works to fill many volumes. The message in all his stories is presented with such humour that the reader hardly realises that it is strongly didactic. These stories give a snapshot of Russia and its people in the late nineteenth century.

50 Greatest Short Stories is a selection from the best of the world's short fiction, bringing together writings by great masters of the genre. Carefully picked for their timeless quality, readers are sure to be delighted by the inclusion of such favourites as 'The Gift of the Magi', 'The Lady with the Dog', 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button', 'Rain' and 'Mrs Packletide's Tiger', to name but a few. This outstanding and wide-ranging anthology of stories is a collector's item, designed for readers to refresh their acquaintance with some of the world's finest writing and for newer readers to be introduced to it. Anton Chekov, Charles Dickens, Katherine Mansfield, Guy de Maupassant, F. Scott Fitzgerald, H. Rider Haggard, O. Henry, Rudyard Kipling, W.W. Jacobs, Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence, Saki, Jerome K. Jerome, H.G. Wells, Kate Chopin, Ambrose Bierce, Jack London, Frank Stockton, Edgar Allan Poe, Stephen Leacock, James Joyce, Bram Stoker, Joseph Conrad, M. R. James, W. Somerset Maugham, R. L. Stevenson.

Ten years ago, Jerome Stern, director of the writing program at Florida State, initiated the World's Best Short Short Story Contest. Stories were to be about 250 words long; first prize was a check and a crate of oranges. Two to three thousand stories began to show up annually in Tallahassee, and National Public Radio regularly broadcast the winner. But, more important, the Micro form turned out to be contagious; stories of this "lack of length" now dot the literary magazines. The time seemed right, then, for this anthology, presenting a decade of contest winners and selected finalists. In addition, Stern commissioned Micros, persuading a roster of writers to accept the challenge of completing a story in one page. Jesse Lee Kercheval has a new spin on the sinking of the Titanic; Virgil Suarez sets his sights on the notorious Singapore caning; George Garrett conjures up a wondrous screen treatment pitch; and Antonya Nelson invites us into an eerie landscape. Verve and nerve and astonishing variety are here, with some wild denouements. How short can a Micro be, you wonder. Look up Amy Hempel's contribution, and you'll see.

DIVFirst-rate selections include Hardy's "The Fiddler of the Reels," James' "Oh, Whistle, and I'll Come to You, My Lad," Dickens' "The Haunted Hotel," and tales by Saki, Kipling, Lawrence, Trollope, Stevenson, and others. /div

Among the authors represented in this collection of brief tales are Marion Zimmer Bradley, Harlan Ellison, Barry N. Malzberg, Roger Zelazny, H.P. Lovecraft, and Edgar Pangborn

Seven masterly tales: "La Parure," "Mademoiselle Fifi," "La Maison Tellier," "La Ficelle," "Miss Harriet," "Boule de Suif," and "Le Horla." In French, with new English translations on facing pages.

With works by Henry James, Stephen Crane, John Cheever, James Joyce and many others, this outstanding collection of 35 American and British short pieces of fiction from the first half of the 20th century is one of the bestselling collections of our time. Meeting at that corner of time where day and night become one, where dreams and reality mix, let's stir the coals of that fire called 'imagination' to discover an eclectic mix of short stories. Each story is a bit of frozen flame, an ember, that can flare up in your mind. These embers form a collection of "tales that cover a wide range of genres, moods, and characters, from heartbreaking and heartwarming trials of love and family to thought-provoking journeys into the future. Most importantly, the stories are peopled with richly-drawn characters gifted with unique voices, emotional depth, and the power to capture the imagination. They're stories that will stick." - Author D. Wallace Peach So whether you only have time to warm yourself with a very short work of flash, or you want to get cozy and lost in a novella, there is a story, an ember, in here for you.

50 Greatest Short Stories for Children is an anthology of what children have heard and read over the ages. Here comes a selection of the best fairytales, stories about creatures big and small, spells and enchantments, giants, witches, royal adventures and everything that makes a child's world magical. With numerous authors penning children's books, the classics seem to be getting lost and that enchanted world is receding to give place to more contemporary settings. This book brings back the much-loved tales through generations to enthral children once more. This book is the ideal gift from a parent to a child to revive the reading habit. Hans Christian Andersen, Brothers Grimm, Aesop's Fables and folktales from other shores bring together a delightful bouquet to young minds.

Reproducible pages of excerpts, exercises, and writing projects. Emphasizes writing and talking about literature through reading, role playing, cooperative learning, and other activities. Uses specific books, stories, poems, and plays to stimulate students' own writing.

Once upon a time, there wasn't a song. Then, sometime later, there was. "How the \$&%! did that happen?" you might ask. How to Write a Song (Even If You've Never Written One Before and You Think You Suck) is the definitive, no-nonsense and 100% beginner-proof guide to writing original songs. Whether you're a complete beginner or a more experienced songwriter looking to improve your songwriting process, How to Write a Song... walks you through a powerful, stimulating but simple process you can use to create great songs, time after time. It's not a formula. It's not a songwriting 'method'. You'll craft every single note and word of your song. You'll write in any style you like. Meanwhile, you'll learn not just what to do but why you're doing it - so you can use those skills in every other song you create. You'll be guided step-by-step through how to find a great song idea, how to choose an effective title, how to craft a solid lyric, how to write catchy melodies and grooves, and how to combine all of those parts effectively into a complete song. And best of all, literally all you need get started is some basic experience on piano or guitar, or with a Digital Audio Workstation like Logic, Ableton or GarageBand. Everything else is inside.

An Angel named Conlan has one simple earthly assignment: grant one person one wish. It proves to be more complicated than he could ever have guessed. **The town of Whompaton has a serious graffiti problem, the implications of which might just make it a nicer place to live. A struggling old woman and her ailing cat get a helping hand from beyond the grave, and it's clear the dead don't follow rules. **After a financial setback a man devises a plan to rob banks and never get caught. But did he think of everything? **Retirement should be a time for relaxation. Someone should tell that to Ernest Feldman. Just don't tell him it's Tuesday. **With the internet, info is at our finger tips. For one man, making up his own facts could prove dangerous to his health. **A man thinks he's discovered a way to reunite with his dead wife and the beautiful life they shared. His plan is so absurd it just might work. -You will find these stories and more inside.

Ranging from the 19th to the 20th centuries, this wonderfully wide-ranging and enjoyable anthology includes Poe, Chekhov, Joyce, Kafka, Faulkner, Pirandello, Mann, and other major writers of world literature.

"To read their stories felt to me the way I suspect other people feel hearing jazz for the first time," recalls Curtis

Sittenfeld of her initial encounter with the Best American Short Stories series. "They were windows into emotions I had and hadn't had, into other settings and circumstances and observations and relationships." Decades later, Sittenfeld was met by the same feeling selecting the stories for this year's edition. The result is a striking and nuanced collection, bringing to life awkward college students, disgraced public figures, raunchy grandparents, and mystical godmothers. To read these stories is to experience the transporting joys of discovery and affirmation, and to realize that story writing in America continues to flourish. THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES 2020 INCLUDES T. C. BOYLE • EMMA CLINE • MARY GAITSKILL ANDREA LEE • ELIZABETH McCracken • ALEJANDRO PUYANA WILLIAM PEI SHIH • KEVIN WILSON and others

First published in 1927, *Men Without Women* represents some of Hemingway's most important and compelling early writing. In these fourteen stories, Hemingway begins to examine the themes that would occupy his later works: the casualties of war, the often uneasy relationship between men and women, sport and sportsmanship. In "Banal Story," Hemingway offers a lasting tribute to the famed matador Maera. "In Another Country" tells of an Italian major recovering from war wounds as he mourns the untimely death of his wife. "The Killers" is the hard-edged story about two Chicago gunmen and their potential victim. Nick Adams makes an appearance in "Ten Indians," in which he is presumably betrayed by his Indian girlfriend, Prudence. And "Hills Like White Elephants" is a young couple's subtle, heart-wrenching discussion of abortion. Pared down, gritty, and subtly expressive, these stories show the young Hemingway emerging as America's finest short story writer.

A selection of timeless masterpieces from Charles Dickens Edgar Allan Poe William Thackeray Rudyard Kipling and many more *World's Best Short Stories* is a collection of captivating tales from around the world, penned by some of the greatest storytellers of all time. Featuring pioneers of the short-story genre, this book promises to entertain you in many different ways. Be it the intellectual but endlessly fun *The Gold-Bug* by Edgar Allan Poe, or even the enduringly brilliant *Aladdin* from the *Arabian Nights*, every story has a unique charm. Also included are the ever-popular *A Christmas Carol* by master storyteller Charles Dickens and *Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving. Presenting masterpieces of literature by the likes of Rudyard Kipling, William M. Thackeray, Guy de Maupassant, Nathaniel Hawthorne and J. M. Barrie, this edition belongs in every avid reader's personal collection.

For the 100th anniversary of "The Best American Short Stories" series, a retrospective of stories selected by master of the form Lorrie Moore. The stories, along with one hundred years of behind-the-scenes anecdotes and decade-by-decade analysis, tell the history of American short fiction, showcasing representative moments in the series as well as literary moments in time.

Boyle, *50 Stories*. An eloquent testament to the possibilities of living and writing.

50 Great American Short Stories Bantam Classics

This compilation contains three complete novels and eight major short stories from the canon of one of the twentieth century's most enduringly popular fiction writers. From London to Hong Kong, from Paris to Pago Pago, in Samoa or Malaya or on a Tahitian tropical isle, the men and women in this collection of masterfully crafted tales inhabit exotic, mysterious worlds—and at their own peril invade the dark territory of the human heart. Somerset Maugham, a noted English novelist, playwright, and author of masterly short stories, spent several months in the Pacific in 1916 and 1917 during an interlude in his service in British intelligence during World War I. Several of his works have been made into movies and plays, including *Razor's Edge*, *Of Human Bondage*, *Cakes and Ale*, *Rain*, and *The Moon and Sixpence*. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction, romance, erotic and love stories, mystery, classic literature, folklore and mythology, literary classics including Shakespeare, Dumas, Wilde, Cather, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a *New York Times* bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Collected here are 49 uncommon stories drawn from the world's greatest essayists, poets, novelists, playwrights, and short story writers.

This stunning collection of 60 stories—over a century's worth of the best Canadian literature by an extraordinary array of our finest writers—has been selected and is introduced by award-winning writer Jane Urquhart. Urquhart's selection includes stories by major literary figures such as Mavis Gallant, Carol Shields, Alistair MacLeod, and Margaret Atwood, and wonderful stories by younger writers, including Dennis Bock, Joseph Boyden, and Madeleine Thien. This collection is uniquely organized into five parts: the immigrant experience, urban life, family drama, fantasy and metaphor, and celebrating the past.

Gathers classic short stories by such authors as Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe, Edith Wharton, Mark Twain, Henry James, O. Henry, Jack London, Dorothy Parker, James Agee, and John Updike

From the celebrated, award-winning translators of *Anna Karenina* and *The Brothers Karamazov*: a lavish volume of stories by one of the most influential short fiction writers of all time Anton Chekhov left an indelible impact on every literary form in which he wrote, but none more so than short fiction. Now, renowned translators Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky give us their renderings of fifty-two Chekhov stories. These stories, which span the complete arc of his career, reveal the extraordinary variety and unexpectedness of his work, from the farcically comic to the darkly complex, showing that there is no one single type of "Chekhov story." They are populated by a remarkable range of characters who come from all parts of Russia and all walks of life, including landowners, peasants, soldiers, farmers, teachers, students, hunters, shepherds, mistresses, wives, and children. Taken together, they demonstrate how Chekhov democratized the form. Included in this volume are tales translated into English for the first time, including "Reading" and "An Educated Blockhead." Early stories such as "Joy," "Anguish," and "A Little Joke" sit alongside such later works as "The Siren," "Big Volodya and Little Volodya," "In the Cart," and "About Love." In its range, in its narrative artistry, and in its perceptive probing of the human condition, this collection promises profound delight. Presents a collection of fifty-six familiar and unfamiliar stories by such writers as Washington Irving, Ernest Hemingway, Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry James, and Kate Chopin.

Features 19 gems in the American short-story tradition, including "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, "Bartleby" by Herman Melville, "To Build a Fire" by Jack London, plus stories by Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Hawthorne, Twain, others.

With a new 1999 story added to the paperback volume, this collection of the best stories of the century includes some of the greatest names in literature as well as a few spectacular one-hit wonders. Reprint.

This Is A New Release Of The Original 1922 Edition.

A selection of the best and most representative contemporary American short fiction from 1970 to 2020, including such authors as

Ursula K. LeGuin, Toni Cade Bambara, Jhumpa Lahiri, Sandra Cisneros, and Ted Chiang, hand-selected by celebrated editor and anthologist John Freeman In the past fifty years, the American short story has changed dramatically. New voices, forms, and mixtures of styles have brought this unique genre a thrilling burst of energy. The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story celebrates this avalanche of talent. This rich anthology begins in 1970 and brings together a half century of powerful American short stories from all genres, including—for the first time in a collection of this scale—science fiction, horror, and fantasy, placing writers such as Ursula K. Le Guin, Ken Liu, and Stephen King next to some beloved greats of the literary form: Raymond Carver, Grace Paley, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, and Denis Johnson. Culling widely, John Freeman, the former editor of *Granta* and now editor of his own literary annual, brings forward some astonishing work to be regarded in a new light. Often overlooked tales by Dorothy Allison, Percival Everett, and Charles Johnson will recast the shape and texture of today's enlarging atmosphere of literary dialogue. Stories by Lauren Groff and Ted Chiang raise the specter of engagement in ecocidal times. Short tales by Tobias Wolff, George Saunders, and Lydia Davis rub shoulders with near novellas by Susan Sontag and Andrew Holleran. This book will be a treasure trove for readers, writers, and teachers alike.

"This is a wonderful collection of authors from America and around the world. Centuries are covered, making this a great resource for English teachers and any lover of literature." — Life Community Church This treasury of one hundred tales offers students and other readers of short fiction a splendid selection of stories by masters of the form. Contributors from around the world include Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Guy de Maupassant, Charles Dickens, Anton Chekhov, Mark Twain, Saki, Luigi Pirandello, Kate Chopin, and Ring Lardner. The stories, which are arranged chronologically, begin with tales by Daniel Defoe ("The Apparition of Mrs. Veal," 1705), Benjamin Franklin ("Alice Addertongue," 1732), and Washington Irving ("The Devil and Tom Walker," 1824). Highlights from the nineteenth century include Ivan Turgenev's "The District Doctor" (1852), Sarah Orne Jewett's "A White Heron" (1886), Thomas Hardy's "Squire Petrick's Lady" (1891), and Rudyard Kipling's "Wee Willie Winkie" (1899). From the twentieth century come James Joyce's "Araby" (1914), Franz Kafka's "The Judgment" (1916), Virginia Woolf's "The Mark on the Wall" (1921), "The Broken Boot" (1923) by John Galsworthy, and many others. "A fabulous collections of stories sure to please any reader! The chronological layout is perfect for those looking to explore the development of stories over time and their relation to society." — Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

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