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Things Fall Apart Prabhat  
Prakashan  
This remarkable and

monumental book at last provides a comprehensive answer to the age-old riddle of whether there are only a small number of 'basic stories' in the world. Using a wealth of examples, from ancient myths and folk tales via the plays and novels of great literature to the popular movies and TV soap operas of today, it shows that there are seven archetypal

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themes which recur throughout every kind of storytelling. But this is only the prelude to an investigation into how and why we are 'programmed' to imagine stories in these ways, and how they relate to the inmost patterns of human psychology. Drawing on a vast array of examples, from Proust to detective stories, from the Marquis de Sade to E.T., Christopher Booker then leads us through the extraordinary changes in the nature of storytelling over the past 200 years, and why so many stories have 'lost the plot' by losing touch with their underlying archetypal purpose. Booker analyses why evolution has given us the need to tell stories and illustrates how storytelling has provided a uniquely revealing mirror to mankind's psychological development over the past 5000 years. This seminal book opens up in an entirely new way our understanding of the real purpose storytelling plays in our

lives, and will be a talking point for years to come.

**Starship Troopers** Harper Collins

On a frigid winter night in Denmark, the ghost of the late King reveals a chilling secret to his son, Hamlet-the truth behind his murder.

Tasked with avenging his father, Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, finds himself torn between action and

hesitation. To uncover the truth, he stages a reenactment of the murder.

But will this strategy expose the killer? Can Hamlet

overcome his inner turmoil and fulfill his duty of

vengeance? Shakespeare's Hamlet is a gripping tale of revenge, doubt, and inner

conflict. As the Bard's

longest and most quoted play, it stands as a

masterpiece of the English language and has become

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one of the most adapted stories in the world.

In the Company of Angels

Black Irish Entertainment LLC

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 - April 21, 1910), better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American author and humorist. He wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876) and its sequel, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885), the latter often called "The Great American Novel."

Twain grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, which provided the setting for *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer*.

After an apprenticeship with a printer, he worked as a typesetter and contributed articles to the newspaper of his older brother, Orion Clemens. He later became a riverboat pilot on the

Mississippi River before heading west to join Orion in Nevada. He referred humorously to his singular lack of success at mining, turning to journalism for the *Virginia City Territorial Enterprise*. In 1865, his humorous story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," was published, based on a story he heard at Angels Hotel in Angels Camp, California, where he had spent some time as a miner. The short story brought international attention, and was even translated into classic Greek. His wit and satire, in prose and in speech, earned praise from critics and peers, and he was a friend to presidents, artists, industrialists, and European royalty. Though Twain earned a great deal of money from his writings and lectures, he invested in

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ventures that lost a great deal career writing light, of money, notably the Paige Compositor, a mechanical typesetter, which failed because of its complexity and imprecision. In the wake of these financial setbacks, he filed for protection from his creditors via bankruptcy, and with the help of Henry Huttleston Rogers eventually overcame his financial troubles. Twain chose to pay all his pre-bankruptcy creditors in full, though he had no legal responsibility to do so. Twain was born shortly after a visit by Halley's Comet, and he predicted that he would "go out with it," too. He died the day after the comet returned. He was lauded as the "greatest American humorist of his age," and William Faulkner called Twain "the father of American literature." Twain began his humorous verse, but evolved into a chronicler of the vanities, hypocrisies and murderous acts of mankind. At mid-career, with Huckleberry Finn, he combined rich humor, sturdy narrative and social criticism. Twain was a master at rendering colloquial speech and helped to create and popularize a distinctive American literature built on American themes and language. Many of Twain's works have been suppressed at times for various reasons. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn has been repeatedly restricted in American high schools, not least for its frequent use of the word "nigger," which was in common usage in the pre-Civil War period in which the novel was set. **Kidnapped** Vintage

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The second book in Lois Lowry's Giver Quartet, which began with the bestselling and Newbery Medal-winning *The Giver*. Left orphaned and physically flawed in a civilization that shuns and discards the weak, Kira faces a frighteningly uncertain future. Her neighbors are hostile, and no one but a small boy offers to help. When she is summoned to judgment by The Council of Guardians, Kira prepares to fight for her life. But the Council, to her surprise, has plans for her. Blessed with an almost magical talent that keeps her alive, the young girl faces new responsibilities and a set of mysteries deep within the only world she has ever known. On her quest for truth, Kira discovers things that will change her life and world forever. A compelling examination of a future society, *Gathering Blue* challenges readers to think about community, creativity, and the values that they have learned to accept. Once again Lois Lowry brings readers on a provocative journey that inspires contemplation long after the last page is turned. "This extraordinary novel is remarkable for its fully realized characters, gripping plot, and Lowry's

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singular vision of a future." –VOYA The Giver has become one of the most influential novels of our time. Don't miss the powerful companion novels in Lois Lowry's Giver Quartet: Gathering Blue, Messenger, and Son.

White Noise Cedar  
Fort Publishing &  
Media

"There are two things that men should never weary of, goodness and humility; we get none too much of them in this rough world among cold, proud people. - Robert Louis Stevenson, Kidnapped Kidnapped (1886) by Robert Louis Stevenson is a coming-of-age novel that recounts the

adventures of a teenager named David Balfour during the Jacobite Rebellions in 18th century Scotland. Following his father's death, David reaches out to an uncle, who betrays his nephew and sells him to a slave-trader headed for America. David's rescue from the slave ship by a Jacobite refugee starts David on a series of adventures that ensure his passage into manhood.

### I Want My Hat Back

The Creative Company Carefully edited for modern readers to allow for easier reading Obsessed with the secret of creation, Swiss scientist Dr. Victor Frankenstein cobbles together a

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body he's determined to bring to life. And one fateful night, he does. When the creature opens his eyes, the doctor is repulsed: his vision of perfection is, in fact, a hideous monster. Dr. Frankenstein abandons his creation, but the monster won't be ignored, setting in motion a chain of violence and terror that shadows Victor to his death. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, a gripping story about the ethics of creation and the consequences of trauma, is one of the most influential Gothic novels in British literature. It is as relevant today as it is haunting.

How to Write a Short

Story Penguin

You always wanted to write short stories but you have no idea where to begin. Do you want to become better at writing fiction? Perhaps you find it hard to come up with ideas for a story or to devise a plot. Maybe you have difficulty developing your own style or is your dialogue rusty. N.A. Turner is here to help you navigate the land of short story writing from outlining your story to attracting readers. Every aspiring writer dreams of people reading his or her work. Short story writing is a way of both developing your writing style and to introduce your talent to potential readers. At the start of their career, the likes of Stephen King and Charles Bukowski made a name for

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themselves by writing and publishing short stories. Learn more about N.A. Turner's writing tips based on his experience and research. This guide teaches you:

- How to write well-structured short stories-
- How to determine your theme-
- How to plot your story-
- How to create engaging, interesting characters-
- How to build a fictional world-
- How to write scenes and clear dialogue-
- How to get to that first draft and edit your story-
- How to publish your short stories in the current market-
- And much more

This guidebook will show you a step-by-step process to successfully write and publish short stories. From developing an idea to attracting readers online. This comprehensive, step-by-

step guide is all you need to get started.

The Petting Zoo Penguin “ A true classic of world literature . . . A masterpiece that has inspired generations of writers in Nigeria, across Africa, and around the world. ”

—Barack Obama “ African literature is incomplete and unthinkable without the works of Chinua Achebe. ” —Toni Morrison

Nominated as one of America ’ s best-loved novels by PBS ’ s The Great American Read

Things Fall Apart is the first of three novels in Chinua Achebe's critically acclaimed African Trilogy. It is a classic narrative about Africa's cataclysmic encounter with Europe as it establishes a colonial presence on the continent. Told through



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the fictional experiences of Okonkwo, a wealthy and fearless Igbo warrior of Umuofia in the late 1800s, *Things Fall Apart* explores one man's futile resistance to the devaluing of his Igbo traditions by British political and religious forces and his despair as his community capitulates to the powerful new order. With more than 20 million copies sold and translated into fifty-seven languages, *Things Fall Apart* provides one of the most illuminating and permanent monuments to African experience. Achebe does not only capture life in a pre-colonial African village, he conveys the tragedy of the loss of that world while broadening our understanding of our

contemporary realities. *Frankenstein* (Modern English Translation) Abrams  
A NCTE Notable Poetry Book Twenty-two poems capture the amazing power of writing and will inspire even the most reluctant writer to begin putting words to paper. *Write! Write! Write!* is a poetry collection that explores every stage and every aspect of the writing process, from learning the alphabet to the thrilling moment of writing a thought for the first time, from writer's block to finding inspiration, and from revision to stapling your finished work into a book. These poems also celebrate how writing teaches patience, helps express opinions, and allows us to imagine the impossible. This book, brimming with imagination and wonder, will leave readers eager to grab a

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pen, pencil, or keyboard--and write!

The Thing Around Your Neck Modernista  
FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION

In the nine expansive, searching stories of *A Lucky Man*, fathers and sons attempt to salvage relationships with friends and family members and confront mistakes made in the past. An imaginative young boy from the Bronx goes swimming with his group from day camp at a backyard pool in the suburbs, and faces the effects of power and privilege in ways he can barely grasp. A teen intent on proving himself a man through the all-night revel of *J' Overt* can't

help but look out for his impressionable younger brother. A pair of college boys on the prowl follow two girls home from a party and have to own the uncomfortable truth of their desires. And at a capoeira conference, two brothers grapple with how to tell the story of their family, caught in the dance of their painful, fractured history. *Jamel Brinkley*'s stories, in a debut that announces the arrival of a significant new voice, reflect the tenderness and vulnerability of black men and boys whose hopes sometimes betray them, especially in a world shaped by race, gender, and

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class—where luck may be the greatest fiction of all.

The Story of an Hour  
Candlewick Press  
Digging Into Literature reveals the critical strategies that any college student can use for reading, analyzing, and writing about literary texts. It is based on a groundbreaking study of the successful interpretive and argumentative moves of more than a thousand professional and student essays. Full of practical charts and summaries, with plenty of exercises and activities for trying out the strategies, the book convincingly reveals that while great literature is profoundly and endlessly complex, writing cogent and effective essays about it doesn't have to be.

A Lucky Man  
Castrovilli Giuseppe  
International

Bestselling Classics presents you the best books of all time for reasonable prices.  
Molecular Biology of the Cell Penguin  
» A Respectable Woman « is a short story by Kate Chopin, originally published in 1894. KATE CHOPIN [1851 – 1904] was born in St Louis. She had six children during her marriage, and it wasn't until after her husband's death in 1882 that she emerged as a writer. She published short stories in magazines such as Vogue and The Atlantic, gaining appreciation and recognition for her depictions of the American South. However, she was also

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criticized for her disregard for social traditions and racial barriers.

Romeo and Juliet

Knopf Canada

The Willie Handcart Company of 1856 was a trial and a miracle.

You will feel a part of the company as you follow three of its members in a moving masterpiece that will take you from the green fields of Denmark to the icy peaks of the Rockies in a saga that elevates and enriches those that it touches.

To Build a Fire

Penguin

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER •

An “eerie, brilliant, and touching” (The New York Times) modern

classic about mass culture and the numbing effects of technology.

“Tremendously funny .

. . . A stunning

performance from one of our most intelligent novelists.” —The New Republic The

inspiration for the award-winning major motion picture starring Adam Driver and Greta Gerwig Jack Gladney teaches Hitler Studies at a liberal arts college

in Middle America where his colleagues include New York

expatriates who want to immerse themselves

in “American magic and dread.” Jack and his

fourth wife, Babette, bound by their love,

fear of death, and four ultramodern offspring,

navigate the usual

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rocky passages of family life to the background babble of brand-name consumerism. Then a lethal black chemical cloud floats over their lives, an “ airborne toxic event ” unleashed by an industrial accident. The menacing cloud is a more urgent and visible version of the “ white noise ” engulfing the Gladney family—radio transmissions, sirens, microwaves, ultrasonic appliances, and TV murmurings—pulsing with life, yet suggesting something ominous. A Writer's Notebook Pearson Higher Ed These twelve dazzling stories from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie — the Orange Broadband Prize – winning

author of Half of a Yellow Sun — are her most intimate works to date. In these stories Adichie turns her penetrating eye to the ties that bind men and women, parents and children, Nigeria and the United States. In “ A Private Experience, ” a medical student hides from a violent riot with a poor Muslim woman, and the young mother at the centre of “ Imitation ” finds her comfortable life in Philadelphia threatened when she learns that her husband has moved his mistress into their Lagos home. Searing and profound, suffused with beauty, sorrow and longing, this collection is a resounding confirmation of Adichie ’ s prodigious literary powers. New Shoes Kalamos Literary Services Llp

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A moving, vividly rendered novel from the late author of *The Basketball Diaries*. When poet, musician, and diarist Jim Carroll died in September 2009, he was putting the finishing touches on a potent work of fiction. *The Petting Zoo* tells the story of Billy Wolfram, an enigmatic thirty-eight-year-old artist who has become a hot star in the late-1980s New York art scene. As the novel opens, Billy, after viewing a show of Velázquez paintings, is so humbled and awed by their spiritual power that he suffers an emotional breakdown and withdraws to his Chelsea loft. In seclusion, Billy searches for the divine spark in his own work and life. Carroll's novel moves back and forth in

time to present emblematic moments from Billy's life (his Irish Catholic upbringing, his teenage escapades, his evolution as an artist and meteoric rise to fame) and sharply etched portraits of the characters who mattered most to him, including his childhood friend Denny MacAbee, now a famous rock musician; his mentor, the unforgettable art dealer Max Bernbaum; and one extraordinary black bird. Marked by Carroll's sharp wit, hallucinatory imagery, and street-smart style, *The Petting Zoo* is a frank, haunting examination of one artist's personal and professional struggles. Gathering Blue Cosimo Classics  
WHAT IS THE STORY GRID? The Story Grid is a

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tool developed by editor Shawn Coyne to analyze stories and provide helpful editorial comments. It's like a CT Scan that takes a photo of the global story and tells the editor or writer what is working, what is not, and what must be done to make what works better and fix what's not. The Story Grid breaks down the component parts of stories to identify the problems. And finding the problems in a story is almost as difficult as the writing of the story itself (maybe even more difficult). The Story Grid is a tool with many applications: 1. It will tell a writer if a Story ?works? or ?doesn't work. 2. It pinpoints story problems but does not emotionally abuse the writer, revealing exactly where a Story (not the person creating the Story'the Story) has failed. 3. It will tell the writer the specific work necessary to fix that Story's problems. 4.

It is a tool to re-envision and resuscitate a seemingly irredeemable pile of paper stuck in an attic drawer. 5. It is a tool that can inspire an original creation. Write! Write! Write! Macmillan Higher Education Describes the experiences of a newcomer to the Yukon when he attempts to hike through the snow to reach a mining claim. 2 B R 0 2 B Bloomsbury Publishing A New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2011! A picture-book delight by a rising talent tells a cumulative tale with a mischievous twist. Features an audio read-along! The bear ' s hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than

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others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear ' s memory and renews his search with a vengeance. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor-- and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.