



## **Nobel Prize in Literature**

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### **The Good Earth** By Pearl S. Buck (awarded the Prize in 1938)

Read by Kimberly Schraf                      Reading time 11 hours, 22 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Describes the rise of Wang Lung, a poor Chinese peasant. The story begins with his wedding day, as he ponders his good fortune that now he will have a woman to take over the chore of lighting the fire to heat the water for his bath. With the help and patience of his new wife, O-lan, Wang Lung becomes a rich landowner. Pulitzer Prize. For high school and older readers.

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### **The Stranger** By Albert Camus (awarded the Prize in 1957)

Read by Phil Regensdorf                      Reading time 3 hours, 43 minutes

An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations.

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**Diary of a Bad Year** By J. M. Coetzze (awarded the Prize in 2003)

Read by John Lescault

Reading time 6 hours, 47 minutes

Australia. Aging South African writer JC is penning essays for a forthcoming book in which he and others expound on various contentious subjects. JC hires Anya, his beautiful neighbor who calls him Señor C, as his secretary. Anya's lover Alan grows increasingly jealous and schemes to defraud JC. 2007.

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**Selected Short Stories of William Faulkner** By William Faulkner (awarded the Prize in 1949)

Read by David Palmer

Reading time 9 hours, 38 minutes

Thirteen short stories (most written in the 1930s) by the Nobel Prize-winning American novelist who died in 1962. In "Barn Burning," a man burns his enemies' barns, and his son tries to warn the victims. "That Evening Sun" recounts the tale of a black laundress who fears her lover after he learns she is pregnant by a white man. In "A Rose for Emily," a woman hides the corpse of her lover in an upstairs room. 1993.

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**The Forsyte Saga** By John Galsworthy (awarded the Prize in 1932)

Read by Norman Barrs

Reading time 35 hours, 53 minutes

Portrait of a family in a bygone age beginning with the Victorian era. The saga chronicles the lives of the monied, upper-class Forsytes, whose sense of what is valuable in this world is ever warring with their passions. Some of the engaging characters include Fleur, her father, Soames, and her husband, Michael Mont. Includes "The Man of Property," "Indian Summer of a Forsyte," "In Chancery," "Awakening," and "To Let."

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**Lord of the Flies** By William Golding (awarded the Prize in 1983)

Read by Christopher Walker      Reading time 7 hours, 18 minutes

With horrifying implications, a group of English boys are wrecked on a desert island and have to establish their own system of government. For senior high and older readers.

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**The Tin Drum** By Günter. Grass (awarded the Prize in 1999)

Read by Mark Ashby      Reading time 22 hours, 31 minutes

Mental institution inmate and indomitable drummer Oskar Matzerath, who chose to stop growing at age three, writes his memoirs of Danzig, Germany, during the Nazi regime. Nobel Prize-winner's 1959 novel in a 2009 translation by Breon Mitchell. Violence and descriptions of sex. 2009.

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**Growth of the Soil** By Knut Hamsun (awarded the Prize in 1920)

Read by Gabriella Cavallero      Reading time 13 hours, 44 minutes)

Deep in Norway's unspoiled backcountry, Isak perseveres in building a homestead, nurturing his crops, and raising a family. But the demands of civilization eventually intrude upon--and destroy--his simple way of life. A 2007 translation by Sverre Lyngstad. 1917.

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**A Farewell to Arms** By Ernest Hemingway (awarded the Prize in 1954)  
Read by David Hartley-Margolin Reading time 9 hours, 14 minutes  
Romance between American lieutenant Frederic Henry in the ambulance service in Italy during World War I and the English nurse Catherine Barkley, who tends him when he is wounded. When Catherine becomes pregnant, she refuses to marry Frederic. 1929.

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**The Glass Bead Game** By Hermann Hesse (awarded the Prize in 1946)  
Read by David Colacci Reading time 21 hours, 19 minutes  
In the twenty-third century, Joseph Knecht gradually ascends to prominence as a Magister Ludi--a master of the game--in his quest to comprehend the essential unity of art, music, science, and spirituality. Culminating work of the 1946 Nobel Prize winner. Commercial audiobook. 1943.

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**Captains Courageous** By Rudyard Kipling (awarded the Prize in 1907)  
Read by Harold Parker Reading 6 hours, 54 minutes  
The spoiled son of an American millionaire falls off an ocean liner and is rescued by a Gloucester fishing schooner. Forced to work aboard ship, he begins to develop maturity and responsibility. For children and adults. 1964.

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**Desert** By J.-M.G. Le Clézio, (awarded the Prize in 2008)

Read by Michael Kramer                      Reading time 12 hours, 56 minutes

The North African desert's harsh beauty has compelling effects on Nour, a Tuareg boy who, in 1910, flees French colonial troops with his tribe; and, in modern times, on Lalla, a tribal descendant who escapes Morocco for France. 2008 Nobel Prize winner's early novel, published in 1980 in French. 2009.

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**Alfred and Emily** By Doris May Lessing (awarded the Prize in 2007)

Read by Laura Giannarelli                      Reading time 8 hours, 4 minutes

Nobel Laureate and prolific author of *The Golden Notebook* (RC0 23376) provides a fictional alternate account of her parents' lives. The Great War never happened and Brits Alfred and Emily marry others and have enjoyable careers. The novella is followed by the real account of their war-ravaged marriage. 2008.

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**Arrowsmith; Elmer Gantry ; Dodsworth** By Sinclair Lewis (awarded the Prize in 1930)

Read by Constance Crawford                      Reading time 53 hours, 46 minutes

Three early-twentieth-century American classics by Nobel Prize-winning author. In *Arrowsmith*, an idealistic young doctor is disillusioned by greedy and self-serving colleagues. *Elmer Gantry* takes aim against the hypocrisy of a tent-show evangelist. In *Dodsworth*, a retired auto maker's dull marriage comes unglued during a European tour. Pulitzer Prize. 2002.

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**The Dream of the Celt** By Mario Vargas Llosa (awarded the Prize in 2010)

Read by Andy Pyle

Reading time 16 hour, 22 minutes)

Pentonville Prison, London; 1916. Former British consul Roger Casement awaits punishment for treason. Casement's service to the crown exposing abuses in the Congo and the Amazon is overshadowed by his support of a free Ireland. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2012.

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**Buddenbrooks: the Decline of a Family** By Thomas Mann (awarded the Prize in 1929)

Read by Annie Wauters OR Alexander Scourby Reading time 27 hours, 53 minutes

Generational saga of merchant family's decline in nineteenth-century northern Germany. Portrays wealthy bourgeois lifestyle and everyday occurrences through cycles of marriage, birth, divorce, and death. German Nobel laureate's first novel translated by John E. Woods. 1901.

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**One Hundred Years of Solitude** By Gabriel García Márquez (awarded the Prize in 1982)

Read by Peter Gil

Reading time 14 hours, 33 minutes

1820s to 1920s. Latin American epic tale follows seven generations of the Buendía family through triumphs and disasters that parallel the fortunes and misfortunes of their utopian town, Macondo. By the Colombian Nobel Prize-winning author. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1967.

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**Red Sorghum a Novel of China** By Yan Mo (awarded the Prize in 2012)

Read by Gregory Maupin                      Reading time 13 hours, 26 minutes

An unnamed Chinese narrator tells the story of his family as they struggle to survive war with Japan and later rule by the Communist Party. Through it all, they work to keep their distillery open. Translated from Chinese. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Nobel Prize. 1988.

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**A Mercy** By Toni Morrison (awarded the Prize in 1993)

Read by Tonya Baltimore                      Reading time 5 hours, 32 minutes

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

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**The Appointment a Novel** By Herta Muller (awarded the Prize 2009)

Read by Jill Fox                                      Reading time 7 hours, 17 minutes

A factory worker looking for a way out of Ceausescu's Romania is repeatedly summoned for questioning for sewing marriage proposals into garments bound for Italy. En route to an interrogation, she recalls the horrors of her life. Winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize for Literature. Some strong language. 1997.

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**Too Much Happiness: Stories** By Alice Munro (awarded the Prize in 2013)

Read by Celeste Lawson                      Reading time 10hours, 28minutes

Ten short stories about family and relationships by Canadian author and winner of the 2009 Man Booker International Prize. The title piece imagines the professional and personal life of late-nineteenth-century Russian mathematician Sophia Kovalevsky. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

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**Snow** By Orhan Pamuk (awarded the Prize in 2006)

Read by Robert Blumenfeld                      Reading time 17 hours, 37 minutes

Poet Ka returns to Turkey after years of exile in Germany. While trying to rekindle romance with a childhood friend he investigates the suicide of several religious "head-scarf" girls. Meanwhile a blizzard cuts off the town and a military coup occurs. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller. 2002.

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**Doctor Zhivago** By Boris Leonidovich Pasternak (awarded the Prize in 1958)

Read by Andy Pyle                                      Reading time 26 hours, 35 minutes

Poet/physician Yuri Andreevich Zhivago takes his family from Moscow to the Ural Mountains for safety during the Russian Revolution but he is forcibly conscripted. He also falls in love with Lara, a revolutionary's wife. Translation of Boris Pasternak's acclaimed 1955 novel by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky. 2010.

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**Death with Interruptions** By José Saramago (awarded the Prize in 1998)

Read by Joe Peck

Reading time 7 hours, 21 minutes

On January 1 in an unspecified year and country, no one dies. Death goes on strike and social catastrophe follows. After some months Death resumes her work, with the proviso that victims receive advance notification by mail. But then a bachelor cellist evades Death's letter. First published in Portuguese. 2008.

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**In the First Circle (The Restored Text)** By Aleksandr Isaevich Solzhenitsyn (awarded the Prize in 1970)

Read by Steven Carpenter

Reading time 30hours, 35 minutes

Moscow, Christmas 1949. Intellectual political prisoners, coerced to identify recorded voices, must either help dictator Joseph Stalin's repressive state or be sent to Siberian labor camps and certain death. Solzhenitsyn-restored text of 1958 original, which he cut in the 1960s to appease Soviet censors. Translated by Harry T. Willetts. 2009.

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**The Grapes of Wrath** By John Steinbeck (awarded the Prize in 1962)

Read by John Stratton or Steven Carpenter Reading time 17 hours, 20 minutes

Steinbeck's classic tale of the Joads, who, like many other families during the Great Depression, are driven from their homestead by drought, economic hardship, and the encroachment of large agricultural interests. They leave Oklahoma in search of a better life in California but meet with hardship and injustice. Pulitzer Prize. 1939.

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**The Yeats Reader: a Portable Compendium of Poetry, Drama, and Prose**

By W. B. Yeats (awarded the Prize in 1923)

Read by Roy Avers

Reading time 21 hours, 22 minutes

Although Yeats is known mainly for his poetry, his other writings, which were frequently derived from events in his personal life, were "often a substantial achievement on (their) own terms." Includes major poems written between 1889-1939, eight plays, and a selection of autobiographical and critical writings.

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