



# Suggested Readings for Classes IX and X

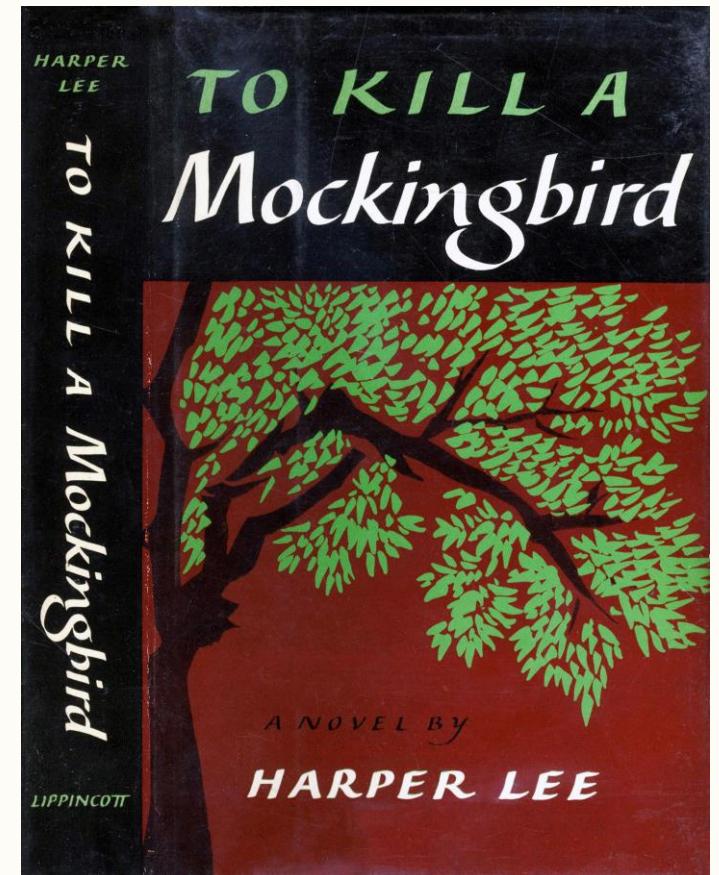
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# To Kill a Mockingbird

**To Kill a Mockingbird** is a novel by **Harper Lee** published by **J.B. Lippincott & Co.** in 1960. It has become a classic of modern American literature winning the Pulitzer Prize.

The plot and character are loosely based on Lee's observations of her family, neighbours and an event that occurred near her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama in 1936 when she was 10 years.

Despite dealing with the serious issues of rape and racial inequality, the novel is renowned for its warmth and humour.



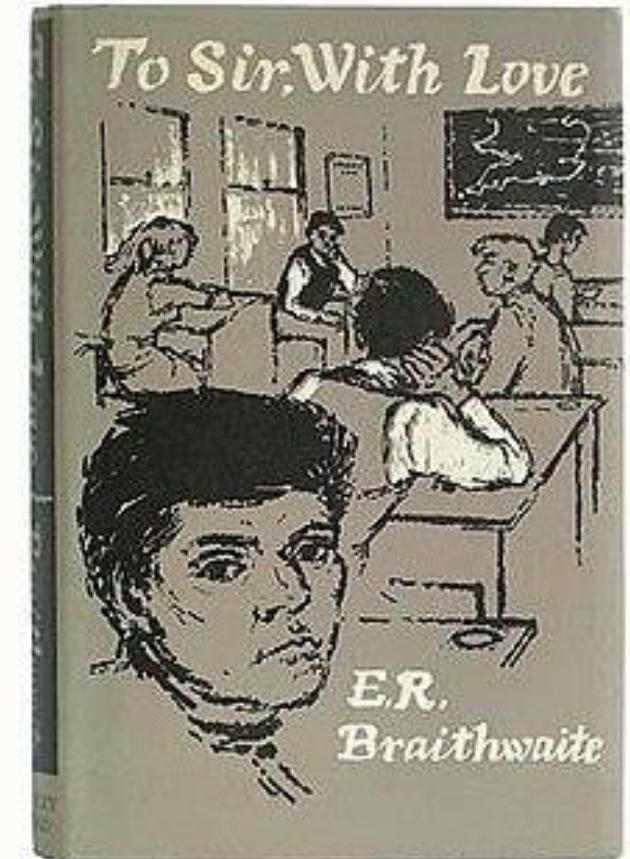
# To Sir, With Love

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**To Sir, With Love** is a 1959 autobiographical novel by **E.R. Braithwaite** published by **Bodley Head** set in the east end of London.

The novel is based on true events concerned with Braithwaite taking up a teaching post in a school.

In 1967, the novel was made into a film and the film's title song became a hit. In 2007, the novel was dramatized for radio by Roy Williams and broadcast in two parts.



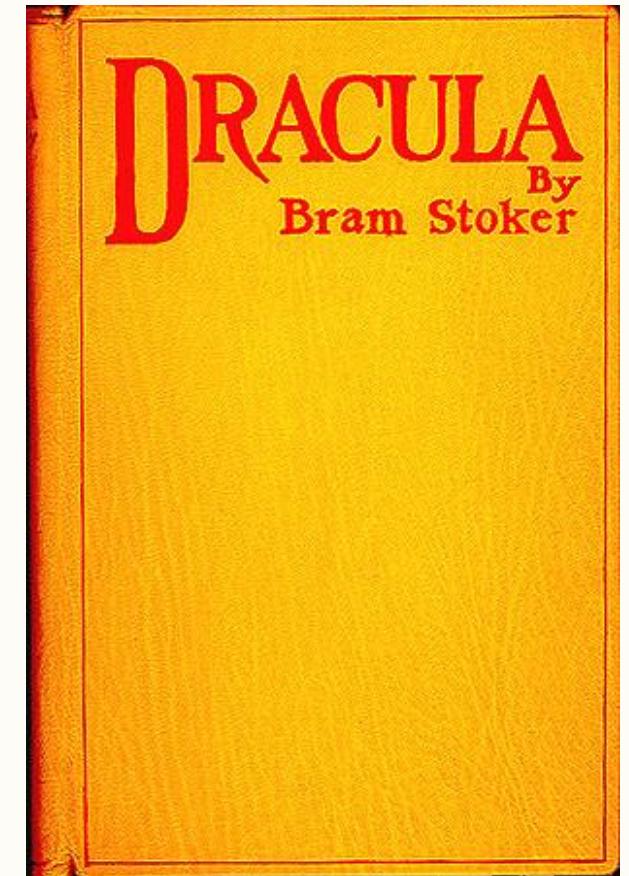
# Dracula

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Dracula is an 1897 gothic horror novel by Irish author **Bram Stoker** published by **Archibald Constable & Company (UK)**

It introduced the character of Count Dracula & established many conventions of subsequent vampire fantasy. The Novel tells the story of Dracula's attempt to move from Transylvania to England so that he may find new blood and spread the undead curse, and the battle between Dracula and a small group of people led by Professor Abraham Vanhelsing.

Dracula has been assigned to many literally genres including Vampire Literature, Horror & Gothic Fiction & invasion literature. The Novel has spawned numerous theatrical, films and television interpretations.

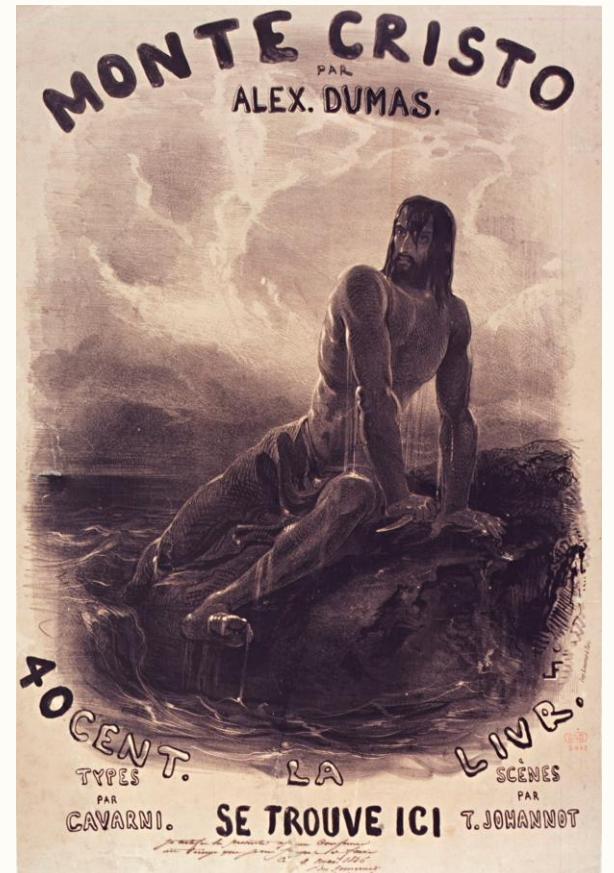


# The Count of Monte Cristo

The Count of Monte Cristo is a novel by French author Alexandre Dumas in collaboration with Auguste Maquet, published serially in 1844–46 and in book form in 1844–45 by Skyhorse Publishing.

On the day of his wedding to Mercedes, Edmond Dantes, first mate of Pharon, is falsely accused of treason, arrested and imprisoned without trial in the Chatueau d'if, a grim island fortress of Marscille. A fellow prisoner Abbe Faria correctly deduces that his jealous rival Ferdinand Mondego, envious crewmate Danglers and double dealing magistrate the Villefort turned him in.

Faria inspires his escape and guides him to a fortune in treasure. As the powerful and mysterious count of Monte Cristo (Italy) he arrives from the Orient to enter the fashionable Parisian world of 1830's and avenges himself on the men who conspired to destroy him.



# Murder on the Orient Express

**Murder on the Orient Express** is a detective novel by English writer **Agatha Christie** featuring the Belgian detective **Hercule Poirot**. It was first published in the U.K. by the **Collins Crime Club** on 1 January 1934.

It is one of author's most famous novels. The elegant train of the 1930s, the Orient Express, is stopped by heavy snowfall. A murder is discovered, and Poirot's trip home to London from the Middle East is interrupted to solve the murder.

The detective collects evidence and interrogates the passengers in order to decide who among the strangers on the train would have been driven to murder.



# The Diary of a Young Girl

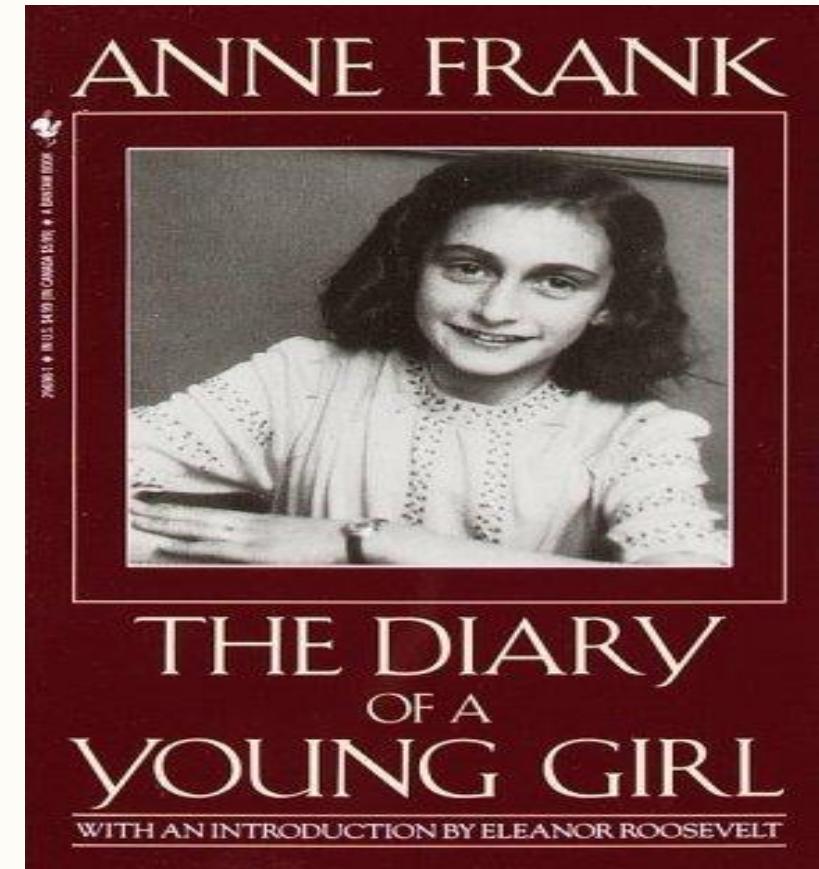
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**The Diary of a Young Girl** is a book of the writings from the **Dutch language diary** by **Anne Frank** while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

First published under the title ***Het Achterhuis***.

**Dagboekbrieven 14 Juni 1942 – 1 Augustus 1944** by **Contact Publishing** in Amsterdam in 1947, it received widespread critical and popular attention on the appearance of its English translation ***Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*** by **Doubleday & Company** (USA) and **Vallentine Mitchell** (U.K.) in 1952.

The diary is not written in the classic forms of "Dear Diary" or as letters to oneself; Anne calls her diary "Kitty", so almost all of the letters are written to Kitty.



# Animal Farm

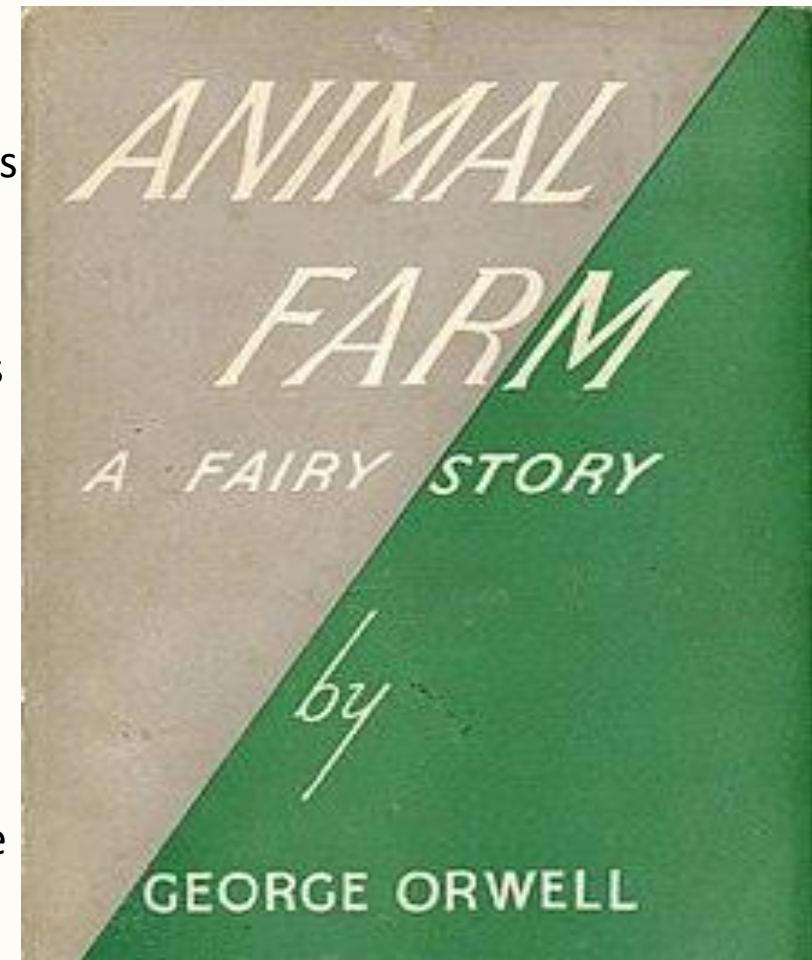
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**Animal Farm** is an anti-utopian satire by **George Orwell**, published in 1945 by **Secker and Warburg**, London. One of Orwell's finest works, it is a political fable based on the events of Russia's Bolshevik revolution and the betrayal of the cause by Joseph Stalin.

Animal Farm belongs to a quite different tradition. It belongs in a line of moral animal fables which goes as far back as Aesop, and which was brought to its most powerful 20th-century form in Kipling's Jungle Book.

The conflict in Animal Farm is really between Marxist Socialism (Old Major) and Russian Communism (Napoleon).

The protagonist is the group of common animals searching for a utopian world and largely represented by characters like Old Major and Snowball and supported by the 'proletariat'.



# The Old Man and the Sea

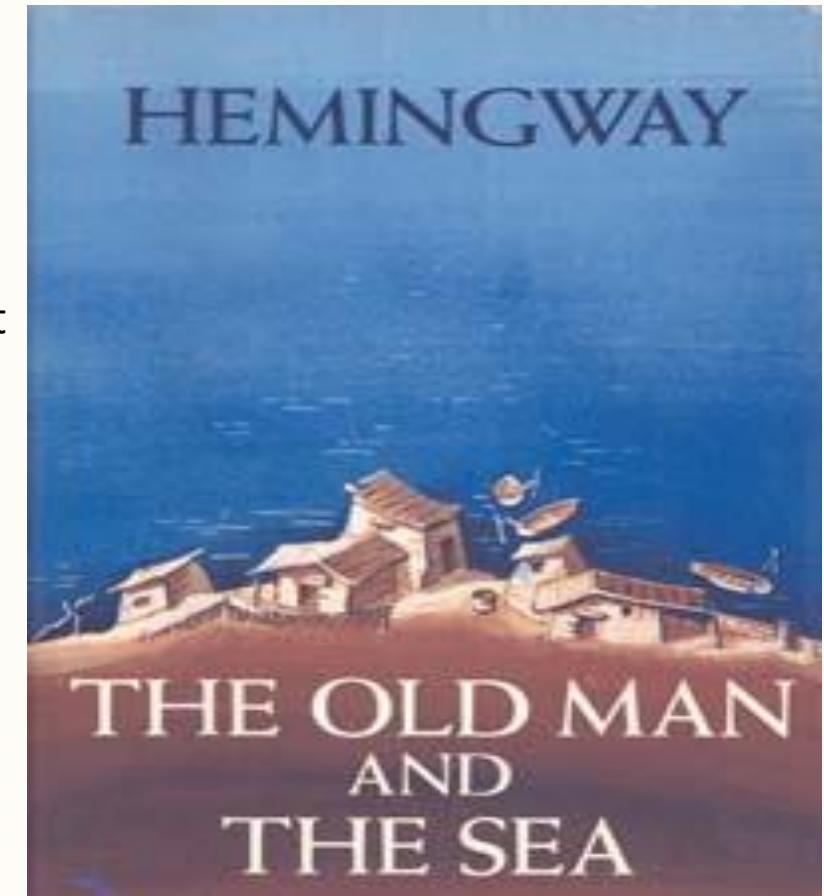
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**The Old Man and the Sea** is a short novel written by the American author **Ernest Hemingway** in 1951 in Cuba and published in 1952 by **Charles Scribner's Sons**

It was the last major work of fiction by Hemingway that was published during his lifetime. One of his most famous works, it tells the story of Santiago, an aging Cuban fisherman who struggles with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Cuba.

Most of the novella takes place in the old man's boat out on the sea. Santiago has to do battle not only with the fish, but also with the elements, as he faces the sun (hurts his eyes) and the night (too cold for comfort). The old man interacts with his environment.

In May 1953, the novel received the **Pulitzer Prize**.





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