The Golden Treasury

The Best of Classic English Verse

A beautiful new edition of The Golden Treasury, one of the most widely read anthologies of English Verse ever published

The Golden Treasury is one of the best loved anthologies of English poetry ever published. The book was meticulously compiled by poet and scholar, Francis Turner Palgrave, in collaboration with Alfred Tennyson, who was then poet laureate. It’s arranged chronologically into four books which each celebrate a different era in the evolution of English poetry. All the greats are here from Shakespeare and Milton, Marvell and Pope, Wordsworth and Keats. First published in 1861 it became the standard anthology for over 100 years.

This Macmillan Collector’s Library edition includes a foreword by poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and is published to mark Macmillan’s 175th anniversary.

Francis Turner Palgrave was born in 1824 and educated at Charterhouse and Oxford University. After ten years in the education department of the civil service, he was appointed Professor of poetry at Oxford University. He published three volumes of his own poetry but is best remembered for compiling The Golden Treasury of English Songs and Lyrics which was first published in 1861. He died in 1897.
The Awakening
and Other Stories

Kate Chopin

A powerful story of a woman’s struggle to live a life that is true to herself.

Edna Pontellier is on holiday with her husband and children at Grand Isle, on the Louisiana Gulf Coast. There, she is pursued by and falls in love with the passionate and earnest, Robert Lebrun. But Robert, convinced that their relationship is doomed, flees to Mexico. On her return to New Orleans, Edna, overwhelmed by her desire for freedom, moves out of the family home to her own rented property. Robert eventually returns to declare his love for Edna only to abandon her again with tragic consequences.

Kate Chopin’s famous novella is recognised as a landmark work of early feminist fiction and is published in this volume with a selection of her short stories.

Edited and introduced by Dr J. Michelle Coghlan.

Kate Chopin was born in St. Louis in 1850. In 1870 she married French Creole Oscar Chopin, who died in 1882 of yellow fever. A widow with six children, she moved home to St Louis and began writing fiction. She completed three novels and close to one hundred short stories which were published in prominent magazines such as Vogue. She died in 1904.

Dr J. Michelle Coghlan is a lecturer in American Literature at Manchester University, specialising in 19th and 20th century literature and culture.
Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

Through the eyes of Black Beauty Anna Sewell opens our hearts to the welfare of working animals in this tale of adversity and altruism.

Black Beauty enjoys a carefree upbringing on a farm with his mother. His gentle first master trains him well but is sadly forced to sell him. As Beauty then passes from one owner to the next, he experiences terrible hardship and cruelty but his unshakeable spirit wills him to survive.

Anna Sewell’s autobiographical novel of a horse is one of the best-selling books of all time, and her depiction of Victorian society’s harsh treatment of animals inspired significant changes to animal welfare in both the UK and America. This Macmillan Collector’s Library edition features illustrations by Cecil Aldin and an afterword by children’s writer Lauren St John.

Anna Sewell was born in 1820 into a Quaker family. Disabled in a fall, Anna lived with her parents but helped her mother, Mary Wright Sewell, become a successful author of evangelical children’s books. Anna wrote Black Beauty in the last years of her life as a plea for humane treatment of horses. She died in 1878, a year after the novel was published to wide acclaim.

Lauren St John is an author from Zimbabwe, best known for her children's novels The White Giraffe and Dead Man's Cove.
Round About the Christmas Tree
A Miscellany of Festive Stories

A sparkling collection of Christmas stories from our best loved authors.

Round About the Christmas Tree is the perfect Christmas gift for book lovers as all facets of the festive season are represented here in one gorgeous volume. This anthology shows what an inspiration Christmas was for so many famous writers; whether it be a time for celebration, for family, or a chance to remember those in hardship. There are heart warming stories from Charles Dickens and E. Nesbit, comic fun from G. K Chesterton and Saki, touching whimsy from Hans Christian Anderson and even crimes to solve from Arthur Conan Doyle.

Edited by Becky Brown with an introduction by Ned Halley

The Story of Doctor Dolittle

Hugh Lofting

A wildly imaginative adventure featuring Dr Dolittle, the man who can talk to animals

Doctor Dolittle keeps all kind of pets in his house in Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. In fact he prefers animals to people and even learns to talk to them in their own language. One cold winter’s day he learns that the monkeys in Africa are inflicted with a terrible disease, and sets sail on an action packed adventure in the company of his favourite animals to save the monkeys.

Dr Dolittle is one of the most delightful and fascinating characters in children’s literature. This Macmillan Collector’s Library edition is illustrated with Hugh Lofting’s own drawings, and includes two new chapters and an afterword by author Philip Ardagh.

Hugh Lofting was born in Maidenhead in 1886. He studied engineering and his work as a civil engineer took him all over the world. He interrupted his career to enlist in the army and fight in WW1 where he wrote to his children about a kindly doctor who could talk to animals. He died in 1947.

Philip Ardagh is a popular English children's author who has written over 100 books. In 2009 he won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. He also writes for adults and BBC radio.
Two terrifying ghost stories from master storyteller Henry James

A young governess is employed to look after two orphaned children in a grand country house. Isolated and inexperienced, she is at first charmed by her young charges but gradually she suspects that they may not be as innocent as they seem. And do the sinister figures that she sees at the window exist only in her imagination or are they ghosts intent on a terrible and devastating task? *The Turn of the Screw* is one of the most famous and eerily equivocal ghost stories ever written.

*Owen Wingrave* is the story of the son of a long line of military heroes who refuses to follow tradition, yet proves his bravery in a haunted room.

This Macmillan Collector’s Library edition features an afterword by award winning novelist, Kate Mosse.

Henry James was born in New York in 1843. He left Harvard Law School in 1863 to concentrate on writing, and he eventually settled in England in 1876. His literary output was prodigious: more than ten outstanding novels; countless novellas and short stories; as well as innumerable essays, letters, and other pieces of critical prose. James died in Kensington, London, in 1916.

Kate Mosse is an award winning novelist who has also written plays, essays, and articles.
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Whether you want to chase after Alice into Wonderland or Mary into The Secret Garden, get caught up with Anne’s mischief in Green Gables or lost in Hans Christian Anderson’s whimsical fairy stories, these classic tales will take you on unforgettable adventures.

Each gorgeous box set includes beautifully designed, pocket sized editions of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll with original illustrations by John Tenniel, illustrated editions of *Best Fairy Tales* by Hans Christian Anderson and *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery, and *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll; Hans Christian Andersen; Frances Hodgson Burnett; Lucy Maud Montgomery
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