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## Confessions of an English Opium-Eater

Thomas De Quincey

***Confessions of an English Opium Eater* is a powerful nineteenth-century autobiography tracing Thomas De Quincey's journey of addiction, introduced by Dr Frances Wilson.**

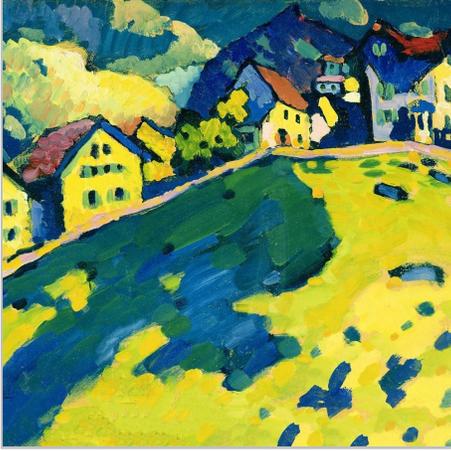
Explosive and unforgiving, *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* describes in searing detail the pleasure, pain and mind-expanding powers of opium.

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Thomas De Quincey takes us on a journey from his grammar school childhood to his homeless adolescence in Wales, from befriending prostitutes during his nocturnal wanderings in London to enrolling at Oxford University only to drop out when his drug use overcomes him. Thrust into a disorientating world of extreme euphoria and vivid nightmares, De Quincey's life story is both unpredictable and deeply personal. *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* is considered to be the first published autobiography to explore the lure and effects of addiction.

Thomas de Quincey was born in Manchester in 1785. Highly intelligent but with a rebellious spirit, he was offered a place at Oxford University whilst still a student at Manchester Grammar School. But unwilling to complete his studies, he ran away and lived on the streets first in Wales and then in London. Eventually he returned home and took up his place at Oxford but quit before completing his degree. A friend of Coleridge and Wordsworth, he eventually settled in Grasmere in the Lake District ...

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## In the Ravine & Other Stories

Anton Chekhov

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Chekhov had an incomparable ability to write about the seemingly every day with insight, humour and compassion. His characters are brilliantly drawn, from the church warden who's convinced his wife's a witch because strangers arrive on the doorstep whenever there's a storm, to the wronged wife who confronts her husband's chorus-girl lover, to the melancholy school teacher who imagines how her life might have been.

**Anton Chekhov** was born in 1860 in Southern Russia and moved to Moscow to study medicine. Whilst at university he sold short stories and sketches to magazines to raise money to support his family. His success and acclaim grew as both a writer of fiction and of plays whilst he continued to practice medicine. Ill health forced him to move from his country estate near Moscow to Yalta where he wrote some of his most famous work. And it was there that he married actress Olga Knipper. He died from tuberculosis...

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Set in rural Nebraska, Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* is both the story of an enduring friendship and a brilliant portrayal of the lives of rural pioneers in the late-nineteenth century.

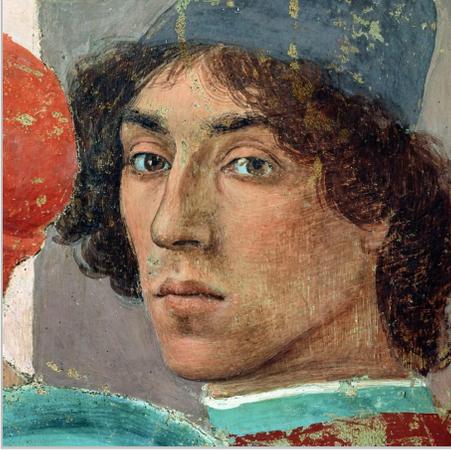
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*Ántonia* and her family are from Bohemia and they must endure real hardship and loss to establish a new home in America. But *Ántonia* is never broken by adversity, and her strength and love of life stays with her childhood friend Jim for years to come, even as he leaves home to study and pursue his career. Told through Jim's eyes, *My Ántonia* is a rich and beautiful novel about childhood and growing up, different cultures and the lure of home.

Born in 1873, Willa Cather was raised in Virginia and Nebraska. After graduating from Lincoln University she spent ten years establishing herself as a theater critic, journalist and teacher in Pittsburgh whilst also writing short stories and poems. She then moved to New York where she took a job as an investigative journalist before becoming a full time writer. Cather enjoyed great literary success and won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *One of Ours*. She's now best known for her Prairie trilogy...

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Drawing on examples from the ancient Greeks and Romans and from Machiavelli's contemporaries, it offers – some believed with satirical intent – advice on how a ruler should preserve his power, conduct and warfare, and maintain his reputation. Machiavelli not only influenced many of the great statesmen of his age, but was also one of the founding fathers of modern political thought. *The Prince*, written in 1513 and published in 1532, is one of the most famous pieces of writing of all time.

Niccolò Machiavelli was born on 3 May 1469 in Florence, during that city-state's peak of greatness under the Medici family. In 1494, the year the Medici were exiled, Machiavelli entered Florentine public service. In 1498 he was appointed Chancellor and Secretary to the Second Chancery. Serving as diplomat for the republic, Machiavelli was an emissary to some of the most distinguished people of their age. When the Medici were returned to Florence in 1512, Machiavelli was forced into retirement. I...

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Utterly unique and beloved around the world, *The Prophet* is a collection of twenty-six poetic essays by the Lebanese artist, philosopher and writer Khalil Gibran. Telling the story of the prophet Al-Mustafa and his conversations with various acquaintances as he returns home after a long absence, the book touches on subjects of universal concern, including love, friendship, passion, pain, religion and freedom.

Khalil Gibran was born into an impoverished Christian family in Bsharri, Lebanon in 1883. His masterpiece, *The Prophet*, was first published in 1923 and is among the most-read books of the last century, inspiring the lyric-writing of John Lennon, among others. But Gibran enjoyed only scant recognition in his own time - his health broken by chronic illness and self-neglect, he died in 1931 aged just 48, in his adopted home of New York. He is buried at Bsharri, where his tomb, now a museum, is visi...

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A child's life should be full of poems, rhymes and songs, and *Poems of Childhood* is a celebration of that.

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*Poems of Childhood* combines the best of classic children's poetry into one anthology featuring a rich range of themes – from animals to nursery rhymes, from nonsense poems to magic. Many favourites are here, including 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat', 'Jabberwocky' and 'The Tyger'. This delightful collection is the perfect gift for children and a chance for adults to revisit their favourite verse from the likes of Edward Lear, Lewis Carroll and Kenneth Grahame.

Michael Morpurgo is one of Britain's best loved writers for children. He has written over 130 books including *Private Peaceful*, *Shadow* and *War Horse*, which was adapted for a hugely successful stage production by the National Theatre and then, in 2011, for a film directed by Steven Spielberg. Michael was Children's Laureate from 2003 to 2005. The charity Farms for City Children, which he founded thirty years ago with his wife Clare, has now enabled over 70,000 children to spend a week living and ...

## Poems for Christmas

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## Poems for Christmas

**A joyful anthology of Christmas poems and songs with an introduction by Judith Flanders, author of *Christmas: A Biography*.**

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Through the generations, poets from William Shakespeare to Thomas Hardy and from John Donne to Christina Rossetti have been inspired to celebrate the Christmas season in verse. Just as we cherish our Christmas traditions now, so many of the great poets wrote beautifully about the Christmas story, magical wintry landscapes, festive traditions and making merry. And then, of course, there are the much-loved songs and carols from around the world that we still sing today, many of which are included in this enchanting anthology.

Judith Flanders is the author of the bestselling *The Victorian House: Domestic Life from Childbirth to Deathbed* (2003); *A Circle of Sisters* (2001), which was nominated for the *Guardian* First Book Award; the *New York Times* bestselling *The Invention of Murder* (2001), shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger for Non-fiction; *The Victorian City: Everyday Life in Dickens' London* (2012), shortlisted for the *Los Angeles Times* History Book of the Year; and *The Making of Home* (2014). In her copious leisure time...

## Poems for Happiness

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## Poems for Happiness

**An uplifting collection of poetry about happiness with an introduction by The Reverend Richard Coles**

Poetry is the perfect medium to capture the elusive nature of happiness and this beautiful anthology explores happiness in all its forms – whether it be a fleeting moment, the promise of freedom and adventure, surviving adversity or the comfort of nature.

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This inspiring and life-affirming collection features writing by some of our greatest poets whose work is still widely read today. It includes famous poems such as 'How Do I Love Thee?' by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 'If' by Rudyard Kipling, 'My Heart Leaps Up' by William Wordsworth and 'Invictus' by W. E. Henley. In addition to these well-known verses, this beautiful volume includes lesser-known poems to discover and enjoy.

The Reverend Richard Coles is an English musician, writer, Church of England priest, and co-presenter of Saturday Live on BBC Radio 4. He read Theology at King's College London, and after ordination worked as a curate in Lincolnshire, then in central London, before coming to Finedon in Northamptonshire, where he is Vicar. He was the multi-instrumentalist who partnered Jimmy Somerville in the 1980s band the Communards, which achieved three Top Ten hits, including the Number 1 record and best-sell...

## Poems on Nature

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## Poems on Nature

**This delightful collection of nature poems is introduced by author Helen Macdonald.**

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Since poetry began, there have been poems about nature; it's a complex subject which has inspired some of the most beautiful poetry ever written. Poets from Andrew Marvell to W. B. Yeats to Emily Brontë have sought to describe the natural environment and our relationship with it. There is also a rich tradition of songs and rhymes, such as 'Scarborough Fair', that hark back to a rural way of life which may now be lost, but is brought back to life in the lyrical verses included in this collection.

Helen Macdonald is a writer, poet, illustrator and naturalist, and an affiliated research scholar at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge. She is the author of the bestselling *H Is for Hawk*, as well as a cultural history of falcons, titled *Falcon*, and three collections of poetry, including *Shaler's Fish*. Macdonald was a Research Fellow at Jesus College, Cambridge, has worked as a professional falconer, and has assisted with the management of raptor r...

## Poems for Travellers

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## Poems for Travellers

**A collection of classic travel poems introduced by acclaimed author, Paul Theroux.**

*Poems for Travellers* transports the reader to lands far and near in the company of some of our greatest poets such as Walt Whitman, John Keats and Christina Rossetti.

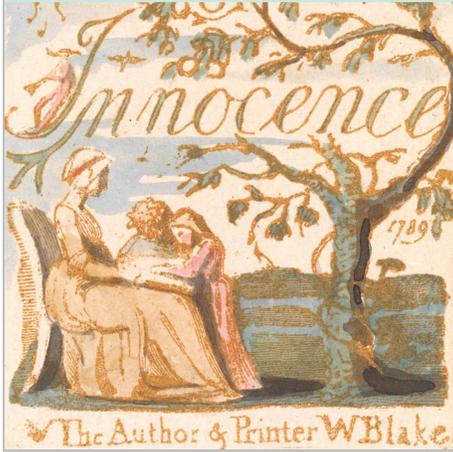
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As internationally acclaimed author Paul Theroux writes in his introduction, 'Here is a collection of travel poetry composed by real travellers, weekenders, tourists, feverish fantasists, bluffers, dreamers, brave adventurers and resolute stay-at-homes. It succeeds in what poetry does best – inspires and consoles, reminds us of who we are, where we've been, and where we might want to go next.'

Paul Theroux has written many works of fiction and travel writing, including the modern classics *The Great Railway Bazaar*, *The Old Patagonian Express*, *My Secret History*, and *The Mosquito Coast*. He divides his time between Cape Cod and the Hawaiian islands.

## Songs of Innocence and of Experience

WILLIAM BLAKE



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# Songs of Innocence and of Experience

William Blake

**A beautiful colour illustrated edition of William Blake's most famous poems, with a foreword by Peter Harness.**

William Blake's *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* includes some of the visionary poet's finest and best-loved poems such as 'The Lamb', 'The Chimney-Sweeper' and 'The Tiger'.

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Blake's work is instantly recognisable from its flamboyance and inventiveness. This gorgeous edition contains stunning reproductions of the fifty-four plates of the poems and illustrations together which Blake etched himself and coloured by hand. Each has the poem printed on the facing page. Whilst *Songs of Innocence* captures the innocence of childhood, *Songs of Experience* is its contrary sequel.

William Blake was born in London in 1757. He was apprenticed to a master engraver and then studied at the Royal Academy under the guidance of Joshua Reynolds. In 1789 he engraved and published *Songs of Innocence* and the contrasting *Songs of Experience* came later in 1794. A poet, painter and printmaker of great originality and imagination, his work was largely unrecognised during his lifetime and he struggled to make a living. Blake is now considered a seminal figure in the history of both the po...

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