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Cranford

ELIZABETH GASKELL



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Cranford

Elizabeth Gaskell

Elizabeth Gaskell's much loved novel of small town, rural life

The women of the small country town of Cranford live in genteel poverty, resolutely refusing to embrace change, while the dark clouds of urbanisation and the advance of the railway hover threateningly on the horizon. In their simple, well-ordered lives they face emotional dilemmas and upheavals, small in the scale of the ever-shifting world, but affectionately portrayed by Gaskell with all the weight and consequence of a grand drama.

A rich, comic and illuminating portrait of life in a small town, Cranford has moved and entertained readers for generations.

With illustrations by the celebrated Hugh Thomson, and an afterword by Dr Josie Billington.

Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell was born in London in 1810. Much of her childhood was spent in Knutsford, a town she would immortalize as Cranford. In 1832 she married William Gaskell and they settled in Manchester. The industrial surroundings offered her inspiration and it was here that she wrote both *Cranford* (1853) and *North and South* (1855), as well as the first biography of Charlotte Brontë. Her last novel, *Wives and Daughters* remained unfinished at the time of her death in 1865.

The Heart of Darkness

JOSEPH CONRAD



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Heart of Darkness

& other stories

Joseph Conrad

Joseph Conrad's hauntingly beautiful masterpiece in a hardback gift edition.

One night on the Thames, Charles Marlowe tells his fellow sailors the vivid and brutal tale of his time as a riverboat captain in the Belgian Congo. From the mists of London we are whisked to the darkness of Africa's colonial heart – and into the thrall of the tyrannical Kurtz, an ivory trader who has established himself as a terrifying demi-god.

Sinister and incisive, *Heart of Darkness* has retained the fascination of readers and scholars alike. It is accompanied here by the stories with which it has been published since 1902: the autobiographical *Youth*, and the tale of an old man's fall from fortune, *The End of the Tether*.

This elegant Macmillan Collector's Library edition features an afterword by Dr Keith Carabine.

Joseph Conrad was born in the Ukraine in 1857. Conrad was orphaned by the age of 11. After an attempt at suicide, Conrad joined the British merchant navy. Following his first novel, *Almayer's Folly* in 1895 he settled down to a life of writing. Troubled financially, Conrad faced uncomplimentary critics and an indifferent public. He finally became a success with *Chance* in 1913, 14 years after the publication of his masterpiece, *Heart of Darkness*. He died in 1924.

Middlemarch

GEORGE ELIOT



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Hardcover with dust jacket | 840 pages

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Middlemarch

George Eliot with an Introduction by Jennifer Egan

George Eliot's realist masterpiece, with an introduction by Jennifer Egan

Dorothea Brooke is a beautiful and idealistic young woman set on filling her life with good deeds. She pursues the pompous Edward Casaubon, convinced that he embodies these principles, and becomes trapped in an unhappy marriage. Then there is Tertius Lydgate, an anguished progressive whose determination to bring modern medicine to the provinces is muddled by unrequited love. They, and a multitude of other brilliantly drawn characters, reside in the town Middlemarch – the background to George Eliot's incomparable portrait of Victorian life.

An eternal masterpiece of candid observation, emotional insight and transcending humour, *Middlemarch* is a truly monumental novel.

This beautiful Macmillan Collector's Library edition features an introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Jennifer Egan.

George Eliot was born Mary Ann Evans in 1819. Her father was the land agent of Arbury Hall in Warwickshire, in the library of which Eliot embarked upon a brilliant self-education. She moved to London in 1850 and shone in its literary circles. It was her novels of English rural life that brought her fame, starting with *Adam Bede*, published under her new pen name in 1859, and reaching a zenith with *Middlemarch* in 1871. She died in 1880.

The Moonstone

WILKIE COLLINS



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The Moonstone

Wilkie Collins

An elegant gift edition of one of the very first detective stories ever written.

Lady Verinder's uncle gives her the Moonstone – a magnificent diamond as large as an egg – for her eighteenth birthday, but it is not quite the generous gift it first seems. For he obtained it through bloody and nefarious means in India, and legend says the diamond's guardians will stop at nothing to get it back. When the Moonstone is stolen, an innocent man is accused of the crime and from this simple beginning, Wilkie Collins creates a stunning, complex narrative of dark mystery, suspense and atmosphere – and one of the very first detective stories ever written.

One of the great Victorian novels, *The Moonstone* has engrossed, entertained and enraptured readers since its first publication in 1868.

Featuring an introduction by the renowned historian, journalist and author, Judith Flanders.

William Wilkie Collins was born in London in 1824. On leaving school, he worked before reading law as a student at Lincoln's Inn. However his real passion was for writing and, in 1850, he published his first novel, *Antonina*. In 1851 he met and established a lifelong friendship with Charles Dickens. He wrote over 30 books, as well as short stories, articles and plays. He was a hugely popular writer in his lifetime. He never married but had long-term liaisons with two partners. He died in 1889.

Pollyanna

ELEANOR H. PORTER



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Pollyanna

Eleanor H. Porter

A beautiful gift edition of Eleanor H. Porter's children's classic

When her beloved father dies, Pollyanna is sent to live with her strict Aunt Polly in the dour town of Beldingsville, Vermont. Luckily, Pollyanna has the Glad Game - a joyous, warm-hearted exercise where she finds the best in every situation. Whether delighting in the view from her bare attic room, or interpreting her punishment of a meagre supper as a wonderful treat, Pollyanna cannot help but see the best in the world, and inadvertently changes it for the better as she goes.

With its wonderfully infectious good cheer, Pollyanna spawned a real-life 'Glad' movement and endures today as a true classic of children's literature.

This elegant Macmillan Collector's Library edition features an afterword by children's book critic Imogen Russell Williams.

Eleanor Hodgman Porter was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, in 1868. She trained at the New England Conservatory before embarking on a career as a singer. She married John Lyman Porter in 1892 and turned to writing, publishing her first children's book, *Cross Currents*, in 1907. A prolific writer, Porter followed this with 14 more books and innumerable short stories. She is best remembered for *Pollyanna*, which brought her huge international success. She died in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1920.

Tess of the d'Urbervilles

THOMAS HARDY



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Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Thomas Hardy

Thomas Hardy's beautiful story of rural tragedy, set in the fictional county of Wessex.

Tess Durbeyfield's father forcibly sends her off to work for the wealthy D'Urberville family, hoping to alleviate their poverty and perhaps secure her a marriage to the cruel and manipulative Alec D'Urberville. His terrible assault upon her, and the subsequent child, form the heart of Tess's tragic life - as family, love and future are taken away from her by the repressive mores of Victorian society.

An unforgettably powerful tragedy, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* is one of the great classics of the late nineteenth century.

Featuring illustrations by Sir Hubert von Herkomer and Joseph Syddall, and an afterword by Philip Mallett, editor of the *Thomas Hardy Journal*.

Thomas Hardy was born in Dorset in 1840. His first novel was *Desperate Remedies* in 1871 followed by a series of increasingly dark novels, all set in Dorset. He had difficulty publishing *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* (1889) and had to make changes in order for it to be judged suitable for family readers. This, coupled with the stormy reaction to *Jude the Obscure* (1894), prompted Hardy to abandon writing novels. He concentrated on poetry for the rest of his life. He died in 1928.

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