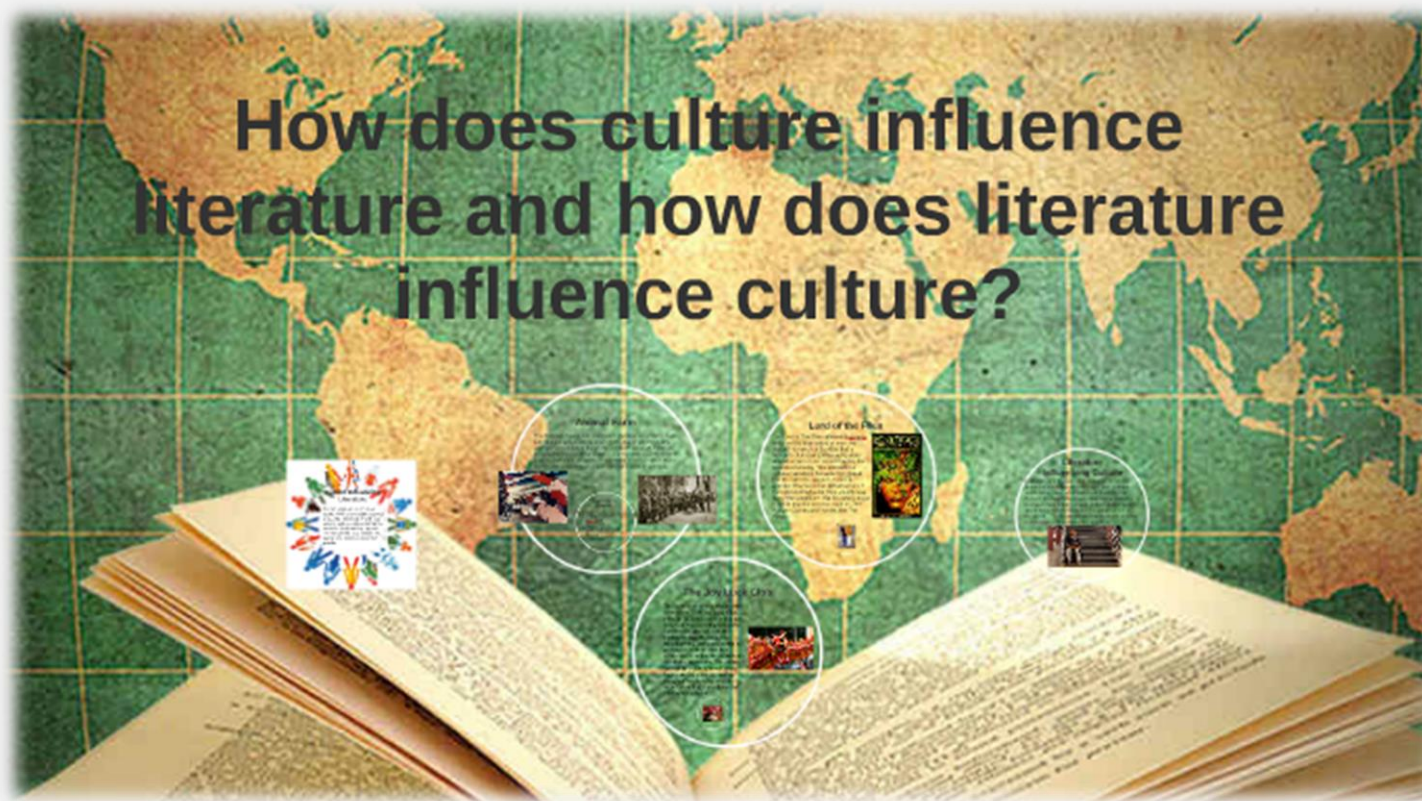




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# Topic 49, 50: CULTURE & LITERATURE





**Literature** is an art that uses language as a means to shape an image to reflect social life and express the author's thoughts and feelings. Originated from human productive labor.





The first appeared was **oral literature**, which was generally linked to music as lyrical poetry that could be sung. **Modern literature** usually divides literature into four categories: **poetry, fiction, prose, and drama**.



**Culture** is a **social phenomenon** and it is the product of long-term creation. At the same time, it is also a **historical phenomenon**. It is the accumulation of social history.

**CULTURE IS NOT INNATE. IT IS LEARNED.**



Language Traditions



Art



Norms



Values



**Culture** refers to the history, geography, customs, traditions, ways of life, literature and art, behavioral norms, modes of thinking, and values of a country or a nation. It includes material culture, institutional culture and psychological culture.



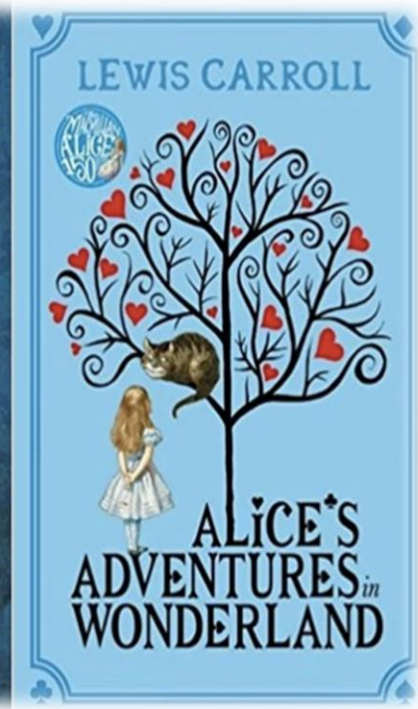
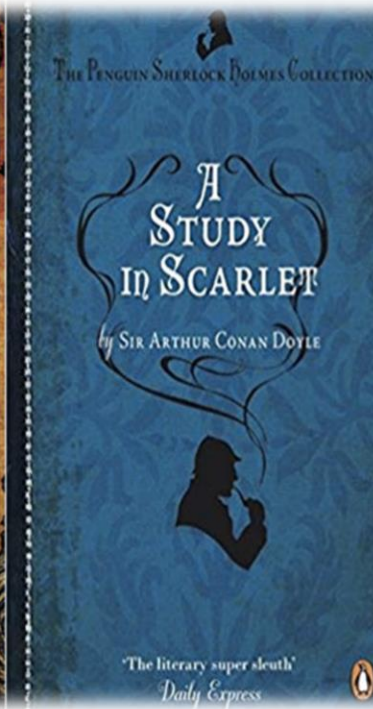
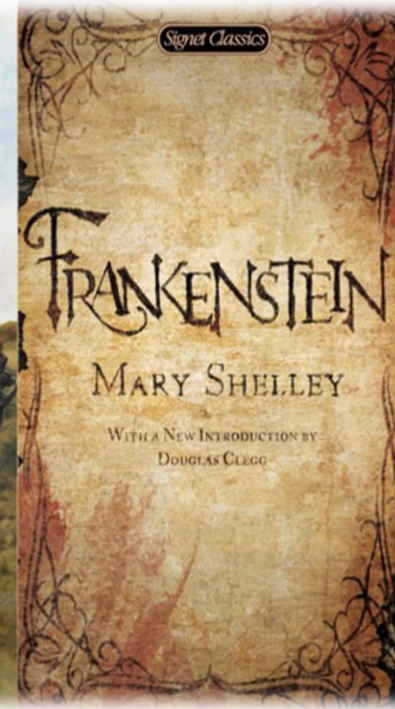
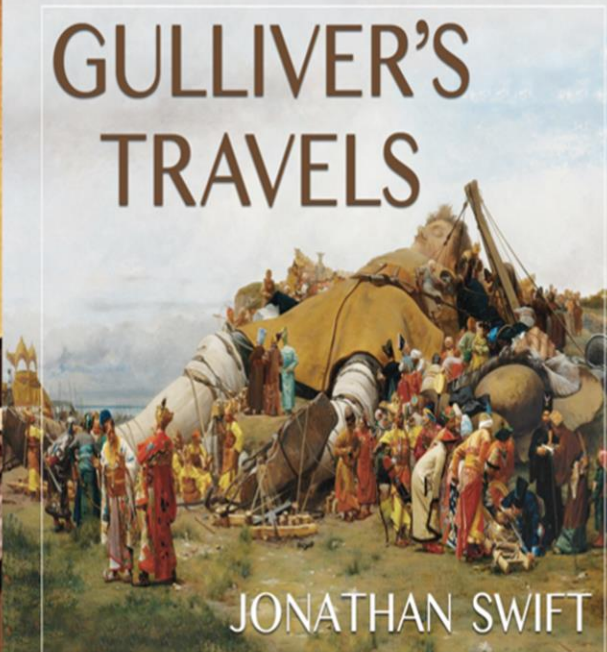
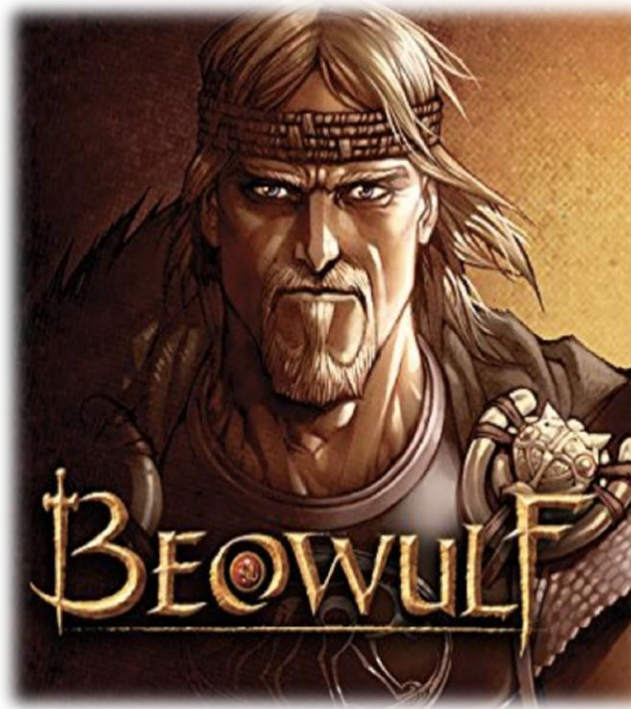


**Literature** is the mirror of the society. **Culture** refers to the way of people in a particular place at a particular time.  
That is the starting point, the society has culture and traditions, literature then is the creative works of art of human beings.



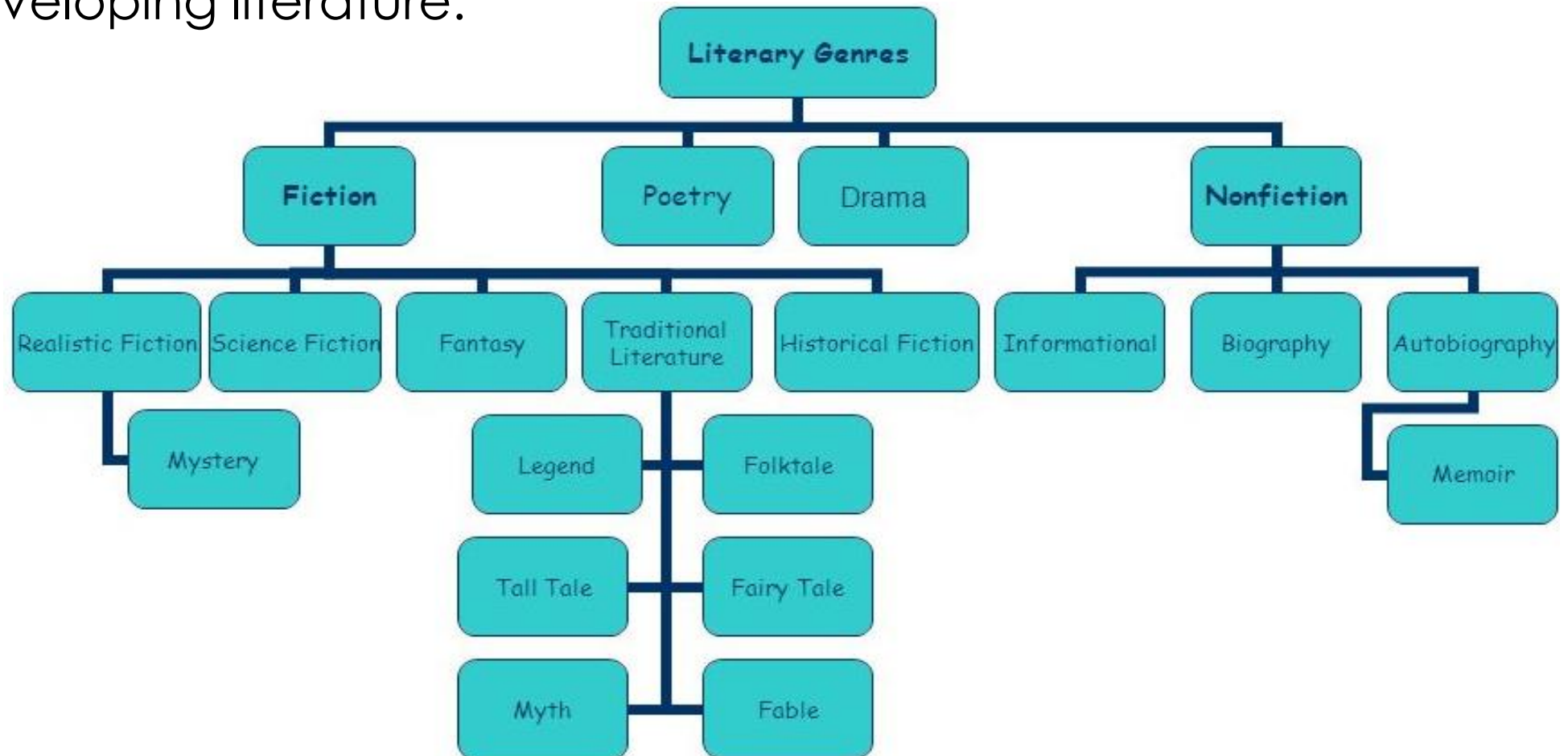


**Culture** is expressed through **literature** especially **oral literature**. Literature was also used to pass on culture to new generations. Riddles and songs with moral lessons were passed on to new generations.





**Culture** also acts as the performance arena and development of new **literature genres**. New ways of life bring about new literature genres and hence developing literature.



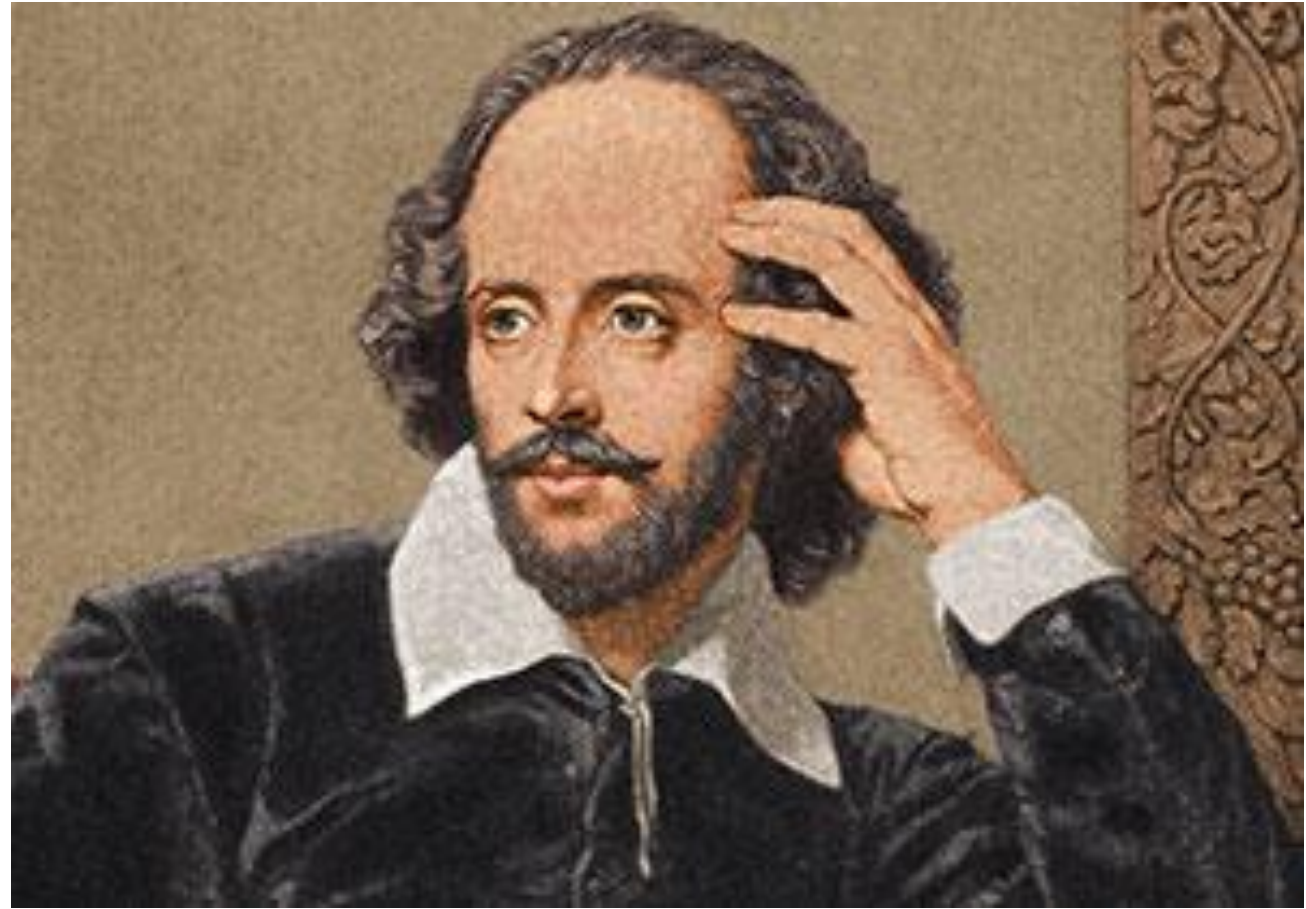
# FAMOUS WRITERS

## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564 – 1616)

English poet and playwright.

Famous plays include Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Merchant of Venice and Hamlet.

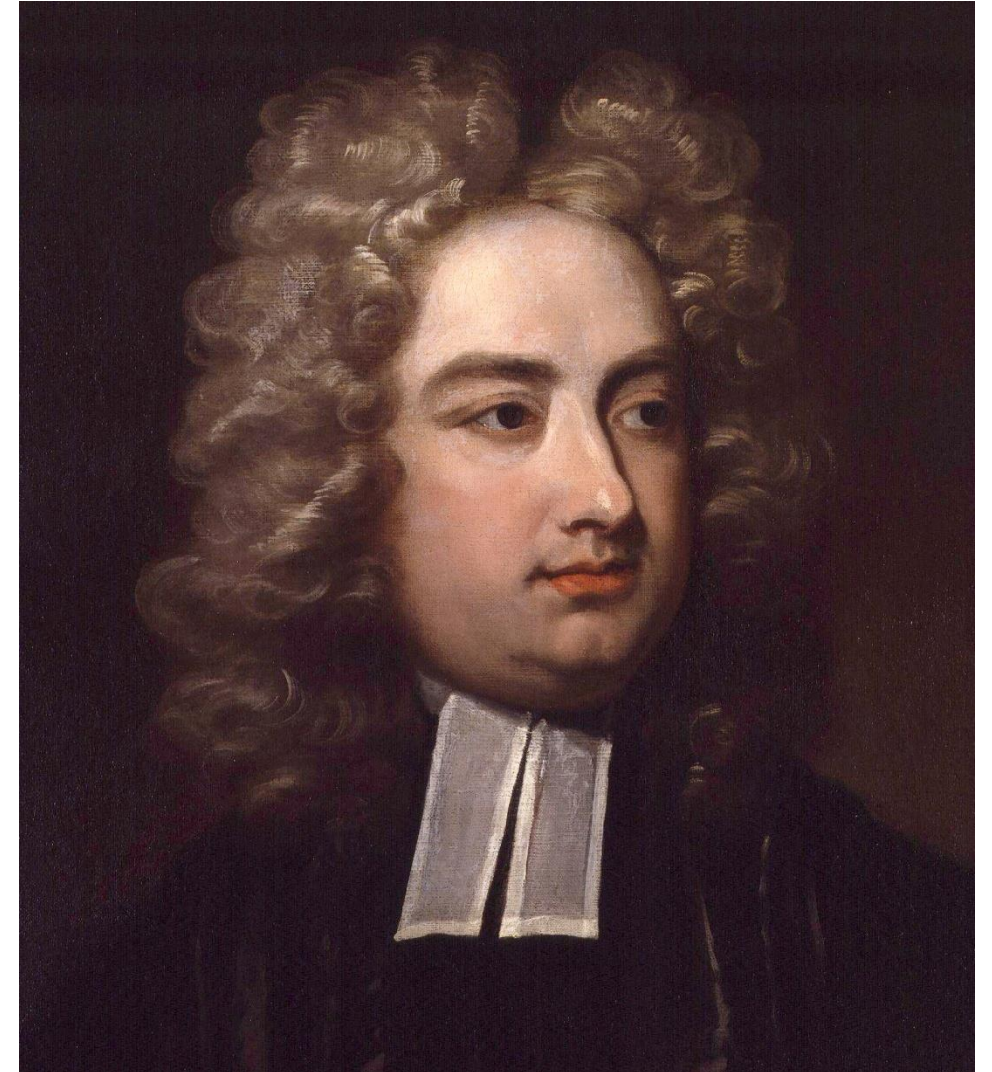
Shakespeare is widely considered the seminal writer of the English language.





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**JONATHAN SWIFT** (1667 – 1745) Anglo-Irish writer born in Dublin. Swift was a prominent satirist, essayist and author. Notable works include *Gulliver's Travels* (1726), *A Modest Proposal* and *A Tale of a Tub*.



# FAMOUS WRITERS

## JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE (1749 – 1832)

German poet, playwright, and author. Notable works of Goethe include *Faust*, *Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship* and *Elective Affinities*.





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**JANE AUSTEN** (1775 – 1817) English author who wrote romantic fiction combined with social realism. Her novels include *Sense and Sensibility* (1811), *Pride and Prejudice* (1813) and *Emma* (1816).





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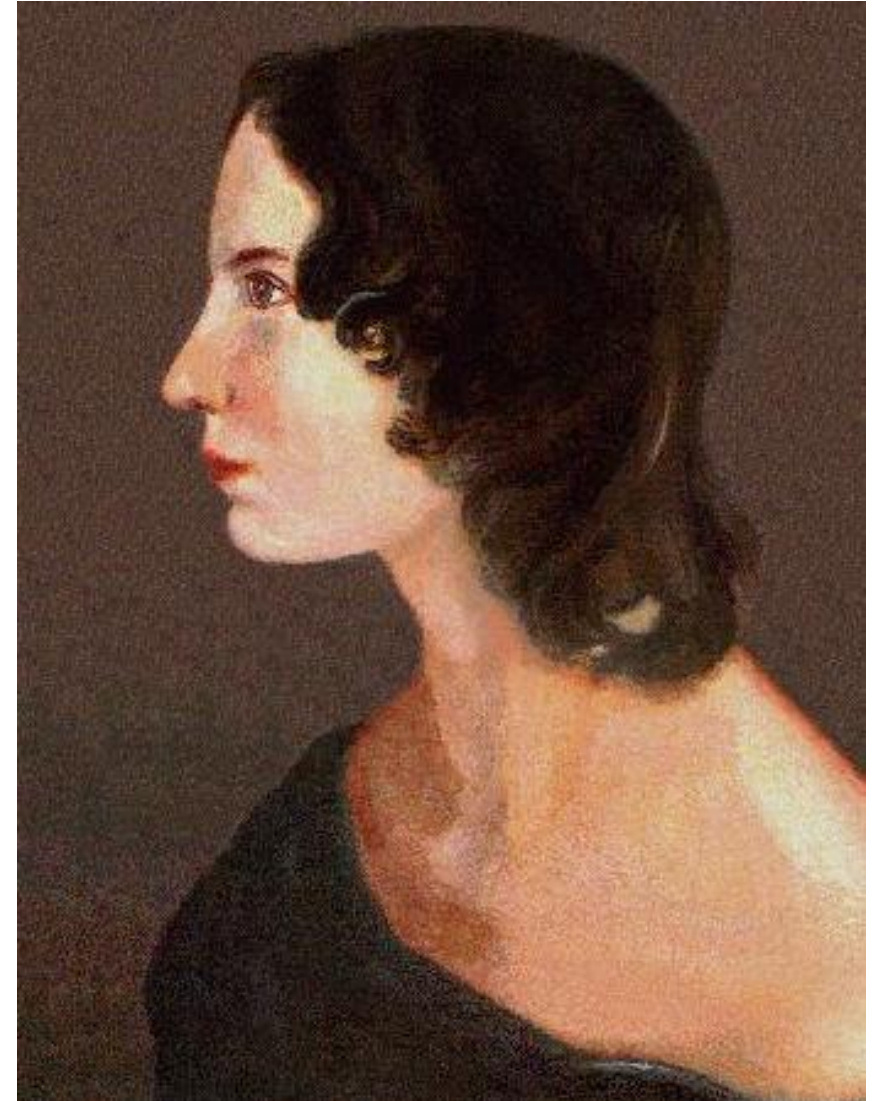
**CHARLOTTE BRONTE** (1816 – 1855) English novelist and poet, from Haworth. Her best-known novel is 'Jane Eyre' (1847).





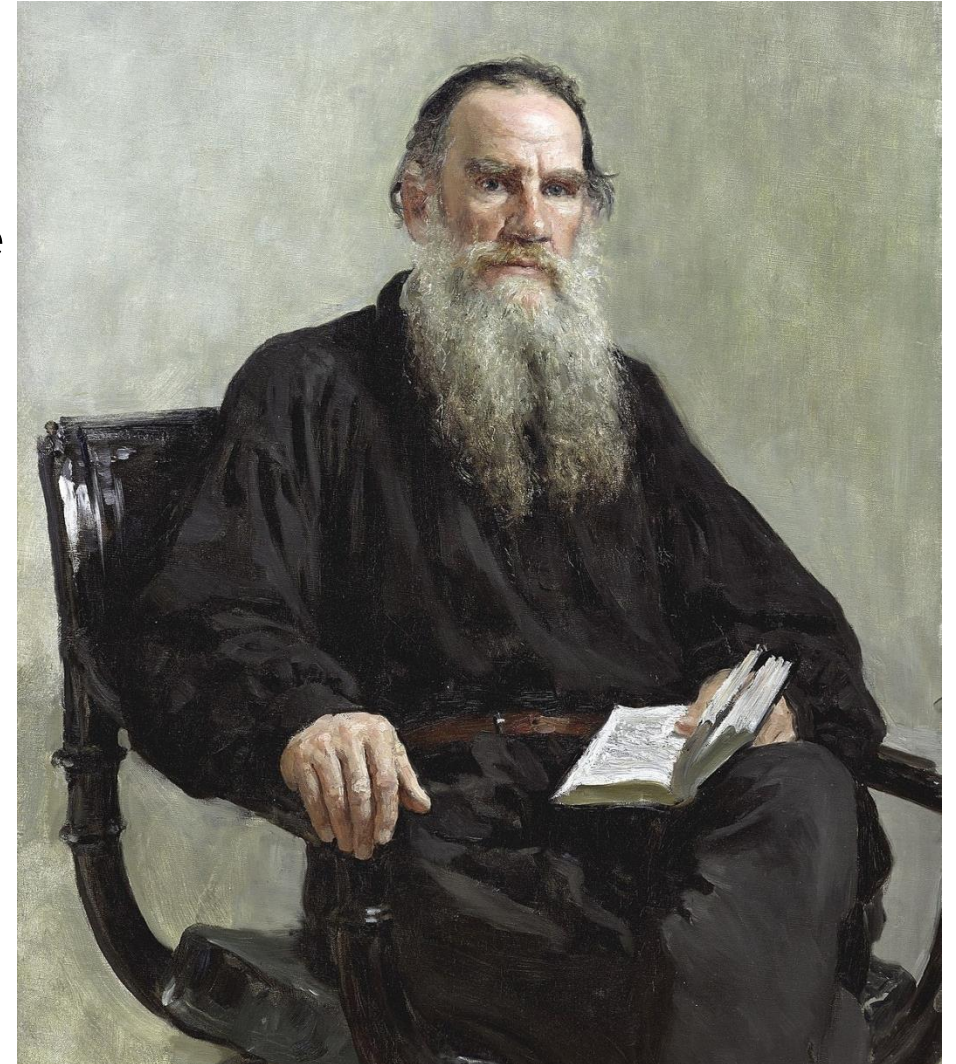
# FAMOUS WRITERS

**EMILY BRONTE** (1818 – 1848) English novelist. Emily Bronte is best known for her novel *Wuthering Heights* (1847), and her poetry.



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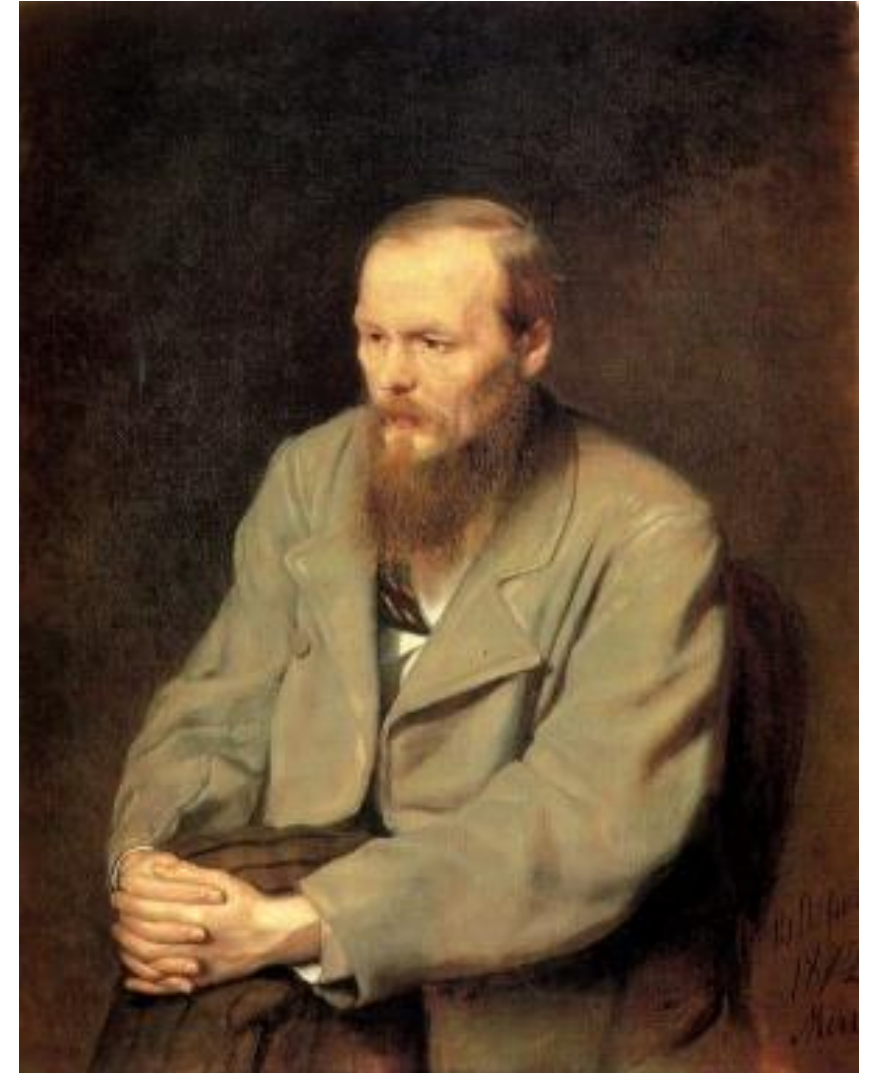
**LEO TOLSTOY** (1828 – 1910) Russian novelist and moral philosopher. Famous works include the epic novels – *War and Peace* (1869) and *Anna Karenina* (1877). Tolstoy also became an influential philosopher with his brand of Christian pacificism.





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY** (1821-1881) Russian novelist, journalist and philosopher. Notable works include *Notes from Underground*, *Crime and Punishment* and *The Idiot*.



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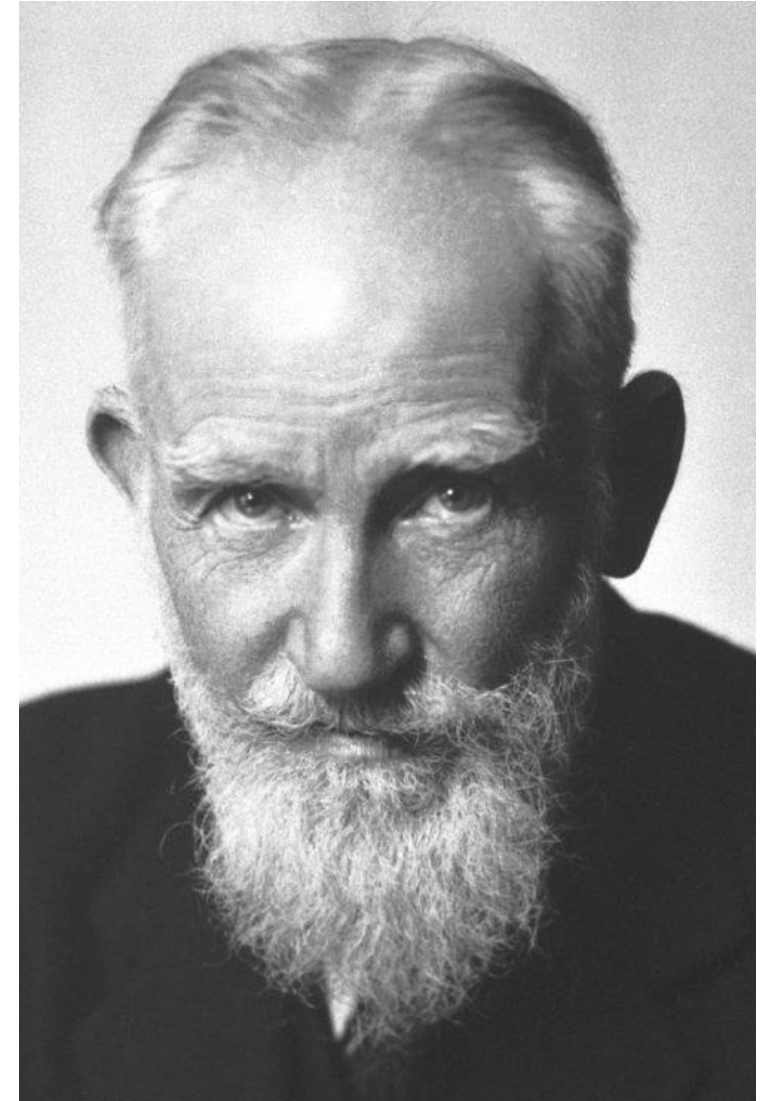
**LEWIS CARROLL** (1832-1898) Oxford mathematician and author. Famous for *Alice in Wonderland*, *Through the Looking Glass*, and poems like *The Snark*.





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**GEORGE BERNARD SHAW** (1856 – 1950) Irish playwright and wit. Famous works include: *Pygmalion* (1912), *Man and Superman* (1903) and *Back to Methuselah* (1921)



# FAMOUS WRITERS

**SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE** (1859 – 1930) British author of historical novels and plays. Most famous for his short stories about the detective – Sherlock Holmes, such as *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1902) and *Sign of Four* (1890).





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**BEATRIX POTTER** (1866 – 1943) English conservationist and author of imaginative children's books, such as the Tales of Peter Rabbit (1902).



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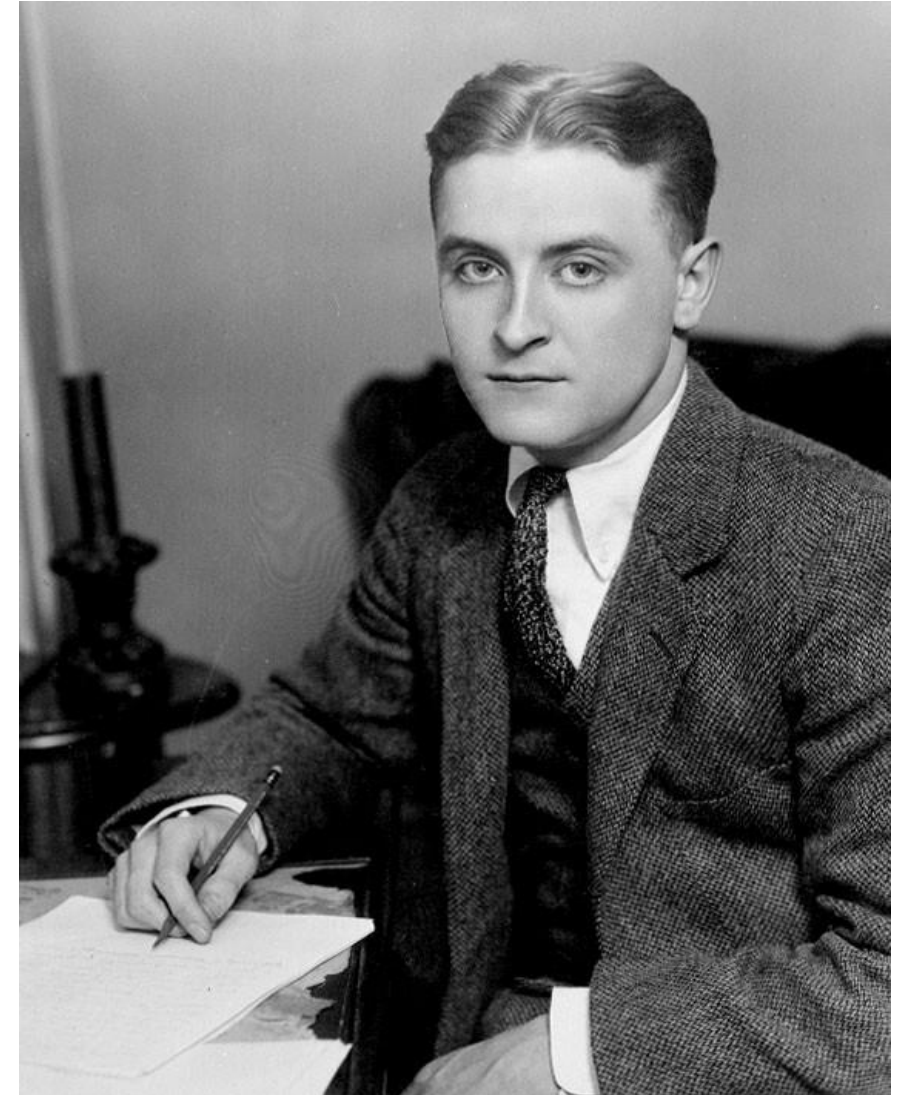
**AGATHA CHRISTIE** (1890 – 1976) British fictional crime writer. Many of her books focused on series featuring her detectives 'Poirot' and Mrs Marple.





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**F. SCOTT FITZGERALD** (1896 – 1940) American author. An iconic writer of the 'jazz age'. Notable works include *The Great Gatsby* (1925), and *Tender Is the Night* (1934) – cautionary tales about the 'Jazz decade' and the American Dream based on pleasure and materialism.



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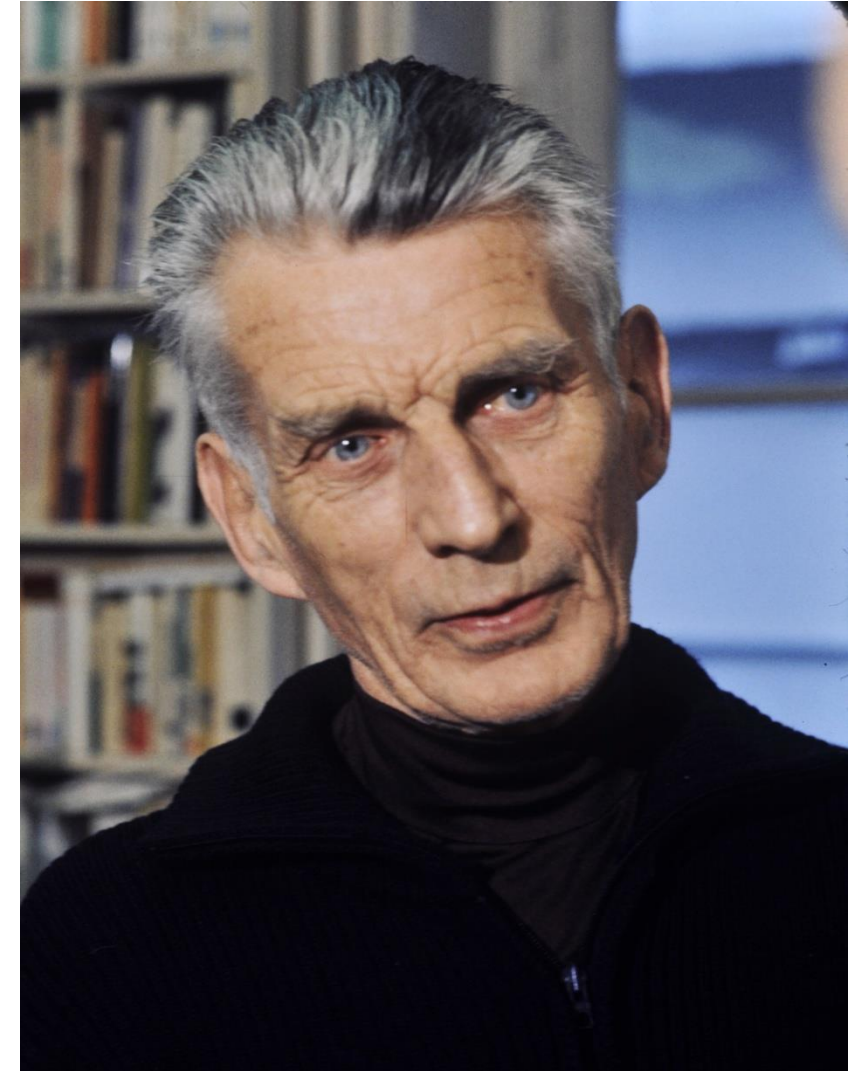
**C.S. LEWIS** (1898 – 1963) Irish / English author and professor at Oxford University. Lewis is best known for *The Chronicles of Narnia*, a children's fantasy series. Also well known as a Christian apologist.





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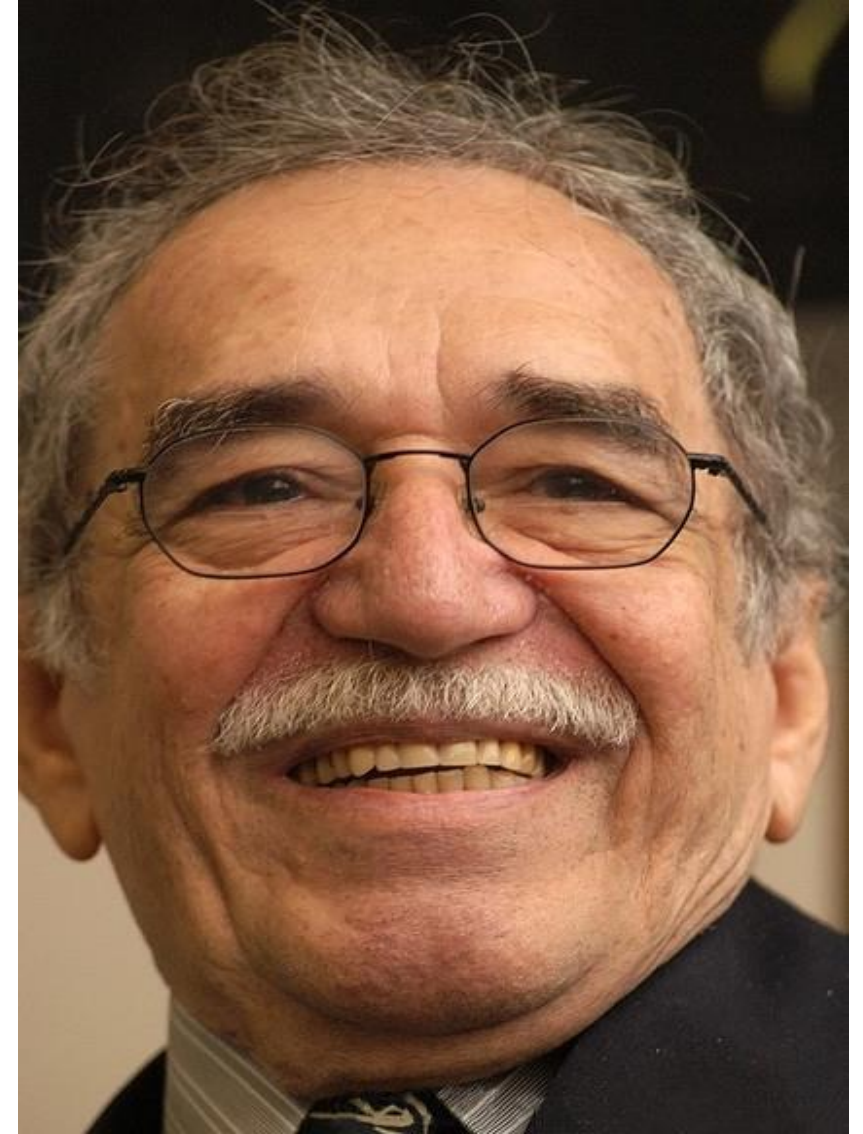
**SAMUEL BECKETT** (1906-1989) Irish avant garde, modernist writer. Beckett wrote minimalist and thought provoking plays, such as '*Waiting for Godot*' (1953) and '*Endgame*' (1957). He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1969.



# FAMOUS WRITERS

**GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ** (1927 – 2014)

Colombian author. Wrote: *One Hundred Years of Solitude* (1967), *The Autumn of the Patriarch* (1975) and *Love in the Time of Cholera* (1985). Nobel Prize in Literature (1982).





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**STEPHEN KING** (1947 – ) American author of contemporary horror, supernatural fiction, suspense, science fiction, and fantasy. One of the best selling authors of modern times.



# FAMOUS WRITERS

**GEORGE R.R MARTIN** (1948 – ) American author of epic fantasy series – *A Song of Ice and Fire*, – his international best-selling series of fantasy has been adapted for the screen as “The Game of Thrones.”





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**J.K.ROWLING** (1965 – ) British author of the Harry Potter Series – which has become the best selling book series of all time. Her first book was *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (1997). Rowling has also published adult fiction, such as *The Casual Vacancy* (2012) and *The Cuckoo's Calling* (2013)



# FAMOUS WRITERS

**KHALED HOSSEINI** (1965 – ) Afghan born American writer. Notable works include: *The Kite Runner* (2003) *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (2007) *And the Mountains Echoed* (2013)





# FAMOUS WRITERS

**SALMAN RUSHDIE** (1947 – ) Anglo-Indian author. His works combine elements of magic realism, satire and historical fiction – often based on Indian sub-continent. Notable works include *Midnight's Children* (1981), *Shame* (1983) and *Satanic Verses* (1988).

