

A book that inspired a common phrase or idiom



Category Description

Books that inspired common words, phrases, or idioms that are used by society.

Examples: 'Big Brother' from *1984* or 'A catch 22' from *Catch-22*. Famous quotes do not apply to this category.

Fiction and Non-Fiction

- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll – “Go down the rabbit hole”
- *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes – “Pot calling the kettle black”
- *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens – “Gives you the creeps”
- *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club* by Charles Dickens – “Devil may care”
- *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas – “All for one and one for all”
- *The Beautiful and Damned* by F. Scott Fitzgerald – “I'll be there with bells on”
- *Neuromancer* by William Gibson – “Cyberspace”
- *A Pair of Blue Eyes* by Thomas Hardy – “Cliffhanger”
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne – “Scarlet letter”
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller – “Catch-22”
- *Cabbages and Kings* by O. Henry – “Banana republic”
- *Ulysses* by James Joyce – “Get on one's nerves”
- *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling – “Law of the jungle”
- *The Coming Race* by Edward Bulwer Lytton – “Pursuit of the almighty dollar”
- *1984* by George Orwell – “Big Brother”
- *The Antiquary* by Sir Walter Scott – “Give the cold shoulder”
- *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott – “Caught red-handed”
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck – “Live off the fat of the land”
- *The Kellys and the O'Kellys* by Anthony Trollope – “Can't do something to save your life”
- *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells – “Time machine”
- *Toward the Radical Center: A Karel Capek Reader (R.U.R.)* by Karel Capek – “Robot”
- *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer – “Busy as a bee” and “Love is blind”
- *Death in the Afternoon* by Ernest Hemingway – “Moment of truth”
- *Paradise Lost* by John Milton – “Pandemonium”
- *Utopia* by Thomas More – “Utopia”
- *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare – “Forever and a day”
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare – “A method to their madness”
- *Henry IV, Part 2* by William Shakespeare – “Dead as a doornail”
- *Othello* by William Shakespeare – “Wear my heart upon my sleeve”
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare – “Wild goose chase”
- *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare – “Break the ice”
- *Men Explain Things to Me: Facts Didn't Get in Their Way* by Rebecca Solnit – “Mansplaining”
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift – “Yahoo”
- *Radical Chic and Mau-Mauing the Flak Catchers* by Tom Wolfe – “Catching flak”
- *The Right Stuff* by Tom Wolfe – “Pushing the envelope”