

# Top 100 Great Writers to Imitate and Why?

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Here is a table of Top 100 great writers separated into different categories, along with their most famous work and a brief explanation of why they are considered great.

## Classic Literature

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
William Shakespeare	<i>Hamlet</i>	Master of drama, timeless exploration of human nature.
Jane Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Pioneered the novel of manners, sharp social commentary.
Charles Dickens	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Brilliant storyteller, vivid characters, social critique.
Leo Tolstoy	<i>War and Peace</i>	Epic scale, deep psychological insight, exploration of morality.
Homer	<i>The Odyssey</i>	Foundation of Western literature, epic storytelling.
Fyodor Dostoevsky	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Psychological depth, exploration of morality and faith.
Mark Twain	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Humor, critique of American society, realism.
Emily Brontë	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	Complex characters, gothic themes, exploration of passion.
Victor Hugo	<i>Les Misérables</i>	Epic narrative, social justice themes, intricate plotting.
Mary Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Pioneer of science fiction, exploration of creation and ethics.

## Modern Literature

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
George Orwell	<i>1984</i>	Powerful political commentary, exploration of totalitarianism.
Gabriel García Márquez	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	Master of magical realism, complex narrative structure.
James Joyce	<i>Ulysses</i>	Innovative narrative techniques, stream of consciousness.
Franz Kafka	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>	Exploration of existential anxiety, surrealism.
Virginia Woolf	<i>Mrs Dalloway</i>	Stream of consciousness, exploration of the inner life.
Ernest Hemingway	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Sparse prose, exploration of human struggle and dignity.
Toni Morrison	<i>Beloved</i>	Rich, lyrical prose, exploration of African-American experience.
Albert Camus	<i>The Stranger</i>	Existentialism, exploration of absurdity and alienation.

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William Faulkner	<i>The Sound and the Fury</i>	Complex narrative structures, deep psychological insight.
J.D. Salinger	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	Voice of youth, exploration of alienation in modern society.

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Most Famous Work</b>	<b>Why They Are Considered Great</b>
J.R.R. Tolkien	<i>The Lord of the Rings</i>	Invented modern fantasy, rich world-building, mythic storytelling.
Isaac Asimov	<i>Foundation</i>	Pioneer of hard science fiction, exploration of future society.
Philip K. Dick	<i>Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?</i>	Exploration of reality and identity, influential in sci-fi.
Ursula K. Le Guin	<i>The Left Hand of Darkness</i>	Gender and social commentary through speculative fiction.
H.G. Wells	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>	Founding father of science fiction, exploration of human conflict.
Arthur C. Clarke	<i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i>	Visionary science fiction, exploration of technology and humanity.
Ray Bradbury	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Critique of censorship, exploration of dystopian futures.
Frank Herbert	<i>Dune</i>	Epic world-building, exploration of politics and religion.
Neil Gaiman	<i>American Gods</i>	Blends mythology with modern storytelling, rich narrative voice.
George R.R. Martin	<i>A Game of Thrones</i>	Complex characters, intricate plotting, exploration of power.

## Mystery & Thriller

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Most Famous Work</b>	<b>Why They Are Considered Great</b>
Agatha Christie	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Queen of the mystery genre, intricate plotting.
Arthur Conan Doyle	<i>Sherlock Holmes</i>	Created the iconic detective, master of deduction.
Raymond Chandler	<i>The Big Sleep</i>	Hardboiled detective fiction, rich, atmospheric prose.
Dashiell Hammett	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>	Pioneer of hardboiled detective fiction, moral complexity.
Patricia Highsmith	<i>The Talented Mr. Ripley</i>	Psychological depth, exploration of morality and identity.
John le Carré	<i>The Spy Who Came in from the Cold</i>	Master of the spy novel, complex characters and plots.
P.D. James	<i>The Children of Men</i>	Blends mystery with dystopian fiction, deep character development.
Gillian Flynn	<i>Gone Girl</i>	Unreliable narrators, psychological complexity, modern thriller.

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Dan Brown	<i>The Da Vinci Code</i>	Fast-paced, intricate puzzles, popularized historical thrillers.
Stieg Larsson	<i>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo</i>	Complex characters, social commentary, and suspense.

## **Children's Literature**

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Most Famous Work</b>	<b>Why They Are Considered Great</b>
J.K. Rowling	<i>Harry Potter Series</i>	Created a beloved, immersive world, deeply connected with readers.
C.S. Lewis	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>	Timeless allegories, rich fantasy world for children.
Roald Dahl	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Unique voice, whimsical and dark humor.
Lewis Carroll	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>	Surreal, imaginative storytelling, linguistic play.
Dr. Seuss	<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Rhythmic, playful language, moral lessons for children.
E.B. White	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Heartwarming story, exploration of friendship and loss.
L. Frank Baum	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	Classic American fairy tale, enduring characters and themes.
A.A. Milne	<i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	Gentle humor, exploration of childhood innocence.
Beatrix Potter	<i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>	Charming illustrations, timeless stories for children.
Maurice Sendak	<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Exploration of emotions, unique visual storytelling.

## **Poetry**

<b>Poet</b>	<b>Most Famous Work</b>	<b>Why They Are Considered Great</b>
William Wordsworth	<i>The Prelude</i>	Pioneer of Romanticism, focus on nature and human emotion.
Emily Dickinson	<i>Because I Could Not Stop for Death</i>	Innovative use of form, deep introspection.
Robert Frost	<i>The Road Not Taken</i>	Master of rural imagery, exploration of complex themes.
Walt Whitman	<i>Leaves of Grass</i>	Revolutionary free verse, celebration of democracy and the self.
T.S. Eliot	<i>The Waste Land</i>	Modernist masterpiece, dense, allusive poetry.
Sylvia Plath	<i>The Bell Jar</i>	Confessional poetry, exploration of identity and depression.
Pablo Neruda	<i>Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair</i>	Lyrical intensity, political commitment.
Langston Hughes	<i>The Weary Blues</i>	Voice of the Harlem Renaissance, rhythmic, jazz-influenced poetry.
Rumi	<i>The Essential Rumi</i>	Sufi mysticism, exploration of love and spirituality.
Maya Angelou	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird</i>	Autobiographical poetry, powerful social

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	<i>Sings</i>	commentary.

## Non-Fiction

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Malcolm X	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	Powerful personal narrative, influence on civil rights.
Nelson Mandela	<i>Long Walk to Freedom</i>	Inspirational life story, leadership in the fight against apartheid.
Anne Frank	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Heartbreaking, first-hand account of life during the Holocaust.
Rachel Carson	<i>Silent Spring</i>	Pioneered the environmental movement, influential science writing.
Stephen Hawking	<i>A Brief History of Time</i>	Popularized complex scientific concepts, groundbreaking work in cosmology.
Carl Sagan	<i>Cosmos</i>	Visionary science communicator, exploration of the universe.
Michelle Obama	<i>Becoming</i>	Insightful memoir, exploration of identity and public life.
Viktor Frankl	<i>Man's Search for Meaning</i>	Exploration of existential psychology, Holocaust survivor's story.
Malcolm Gladwell	<i>Outliers</i>	Insightful analysis of success, popularized social science concepts.
Yuval Noah Harari	<i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i>	Sweeping historical analysis, exploration of human evolution.

## Contemporary Fiction

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
Haruki Murakami	<i>Kafka on the Shore</i>	Surreal narratives, exploration of loneliness and existentialism.
Margaret Atwood	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Dystopian fiction, sharp social and feminist critique.
Zadie Smith	<i>White Teeth</i>	Multicultural narratives, exploration of identity and history.
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	<i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i>	Rich storytelling, exploration of post-colonial identity.
Jhumpa Lahiri	<i>The Namesake</i>	Exploration of diaspora, identity, and family dynamics.
Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Emotional depth, exploration of memory and identity.
Salman Rushdie	<i>Midnight's Children</i>	Magical realism, exploration of history and politics.
Colson Whitehead	<i>The Underground Railroad</i>	Blends historical fiction with speculative elements, exploration of race and freedom.
Marilynne Robinson	<i>Gilead</i>	Deeply spiritual, exploration of faith and family.
Ian McEwan	<i>Atonement</i>	Complex narrative structure, exploration of guilt and redemption.

## Historical Fiction

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
Hilary Mantel	<i>Wolf Hall</i>	Rich historical detail, vivid characterizations of historical figures.
Ken Follett	<i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>	Epic storytelling, meticulously researched historical settings.
Robert Graves	<i>I, Claudius</i>	Blends historical facts with narrative fiction, deep character insight.
Colm Tóibín	<i>Brooklyn</i>	Subtle, intimate character study, exploration of immigration.
Philippa Gregory	<i>The Other Boleyn Girl</i>	Popularized historical fiction, vivid portrayal of Tudor England.
Umberto Eco	<i>The Name of the Rose</i>	Blends historical fiction with mystery, intellectual depth.
Isabel Allende	<i>The House of the Spirits</i>	Magical realism, exploration of Latin American history and culture.
Michael Ondaatje	<i>The English Patient</i>	Poetic prose, deep character exploration set against historical events.
Anita Diamant	<i>The Red Tent</i>	Reimagines biblical narratives with a focus on female experience.
Geraldine Brooks	<i>March</i>	Retelling of classic literature, deep character exploration.

## Memoir & Autobiography

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
Maya Angelou	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Powerful narrative of overcoming adversity, poetic style.
Barack Obama	<i>Dreams from My Father</i>	Insightful exploration of race, identity, and family.
Joan Didion	<i>The Year of Magical Thinking</i>	Poignant exploration of grief and loss.
Trevor Noah	<i>Born a Crime</i>	Humorous and insightful exploration of growing up in apartheid-era South Africa.
Tara Westover	<i>Educated</i>	Memoir of personal transformation, exploration of education and family dynamics.
Helen Macdonald	<i>H is for Hawk</i>	Blends memoir with nature writing, exploration of grief.
Malala Yousafzai	<i>I Am Malala</i>	Inspirational memoir of activism and resilience.
Elie Wiesel	<i>Night</i>	Harrowing account of Holocaust survival, exploration of human endurance.
Jeanette Walls	<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Exploration of dysfunctional family life and resilience.
Michelle Obama	<i>Becoming</i>	Insightful memoir, exploration of identity and public life.

## Philosophy & Essay

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
Michel de Montaigne	<i>Essays</i>	Invented the essay form, exploration of human nature and thought.
Friedrich Nietzsche	<i>Thus Spoke Zarathustra</i>	Profound philosophical insights, exploration of existentialism.
Jean-Paul Sartre	<i>Being and Nothingness</i>	Key figure in existentialism, exploration of freedom and responsibility.
Simone de Beauvoir	<i>The Second Sex</i>	Foundational text in feminist philosophy, exploration of gender roles.
Ralph Waldo Emerson	<i>Self-Reliance</i>	Key figure in transcendentalism, exploration of individuality and nature.
Virginia Woolf	<i>A Room of One's Own</i>	Exploration of women's role in literature and society, pioneering feminist text.
Albert Camus	<i>The Myth of Sisyphus</i>	Exploration of absurdism and human existence.
Bertrand Russell	<i>Why I Am Not a Christian</i>	Influential essays on religion, philosophy, and logic.
David Thoreau	<i>Walden</i>	Exploration of simple living, nature, and civil disobedience.
George Orwell	<i>Why I Write</i>	Insightful essays on literature, politics, and society.

## Playwrights

Writer	Most Famous Work	Why They Are Considered Great
Henrik Ibsen	<i>A Doll's House</i>	Father of modern drama, exploration of social issues and individual freedom.
Samuel Beckett	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>	Pioneering figure in absurdist theatre, exploration of existentialism.
Tennessee Williams	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Deep character studies, exploration of human fragility and desire.
Arthur Miller	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Critique of the American Dream, exploration of family dynamics.
August Wilson	<i>Fences</i>	Exploration of African-American life, poetic dialogue, deep characterizations.
Anton Chekhov	<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	Master of subtlety, exploration of social change and human nature.
George Bernard Shaw	<i>Pygmalion</i>	Satirical exploration of class and social issues, witty dialogue.
Lorraine Hansberry	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Groundbreaking exploration of African-American experience and racial issues.
Tom Stoppard	<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead</i>	Playful use of language, blending of high and low culture.
Oscar Wilde	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Master of wit, exploration of society and identity.

These tables provide a comprehensive overview of great writers across different genres, highlighting their most famous works and the reasons they are celebrated in the literary world.