



New books are fun, but nothing beats the classics. Check out these early American writers and experience life from their perspectives.

### **Willa Cather (1873-1947)**

Writer of American realism and frontier literature

*My Antonia* (FIC Cat)  
*O Pioneers!* (FIC Cat)

### **Kate Chopin (1851-1904)**

Noted for her essays, psychological novels during the local color movement

*The Awakening* (PB FIC Cho)  
*A Vocation and a Voice: stories* (PB FIC Cho)

### **James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851)**

Writer of adventure fiction, travel literature, historical novels, novels of manners, and sea stories during the American Romanticism movement

*The Deerslayer* (FIC Co)  
*The Last of the Mohicans* (FIC Co)

### **Stephen Crane (1871-1900)**

Works considered to a part of the genre literary impressionism and American naturalism

*The Red Badge of Courage* (FIC Cra)

### **Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)**

American novelist known for his writing during the romanticism era and the American literary renaissance

*The House of the Seven Gables* (FIC Haw)  
*The Scarlet Letter* (FIC Haw)

### **O. Henry (1862-1910)**

Humorous fiction as well as poetry and short stories

*Collected Stories* (FIC Hen)

### **Henry James (1843-1916)**

Works are of a social, realistic persuasion; sometimes novels of manners

*The Portrait of a Lady* (FIC Jam)  
*The Turn of the Screw* (PB FIC Jam)

### **Jack London (1876-1916)**

Best known for his adventure fiction and animal tales

*The Call of the Wild* (PB FIC Lon)  
*The Sea Wolf* (FIC Lon)

### **Herman Melville (1819-1891)**

Master of sea stories as well as adventure and psychological fiction

*Moby Dick* (FIC Mel)  
*Billy Budd* (FIC Mel)

### **Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)**

Literary career composed of mystery and detective fiction, gothic novels, and short stories.

*Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe*  
(818.309 Poe)  
*Tales of Edgar Allan Poe* (FIC Poe)

### **Mark Twain (1835-1910)**

The works of this literary giant are scattered throughout the canon of American literature. His works can be described in general as satire, travel literature, and adventure fiction.

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (FIC Twa)  
*Life on the Mississippi* (Biog Twain)

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