

Authors, books, series lore, and literary milestones.

### BOOK CLUB WARM-UP

1. Before Rebecca haunted readers, which writer in Daphne du Maurier's family wrote Trilby?

Answer: George du Maurier, Daphne's grandfather, wrote the novel Trilby.

2. Before vanishing, Julián Carax had done what as a writer?

Answer: He had written several novels.

3. The novel's speculative mechanism is mainly used to explore what sort of possibilities?

Answer: Everyday unrealized possibilities.

4. Which prize did Wolf Hall win in 2010?

Answer: Walter Scott Prize

5. Who composed the music for the 2015 film adaptation?

Answer: Gaute Storaas

6. Who is the writer of the narrative account that becomes the novel we read?

Answer: Dr. Sheppard.

7. Before Cloud Cuckoo Land appeared, which major literary prize had Anthony Doerr already won?

Answer: The Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

8. Which novel comes second in the Sherlock Holmes series?

Answer: The Sign of Four

9. Who wrote The House in the Cerulean Sea?

Answer: TJ Klune wrote The House in the Cerulean Sea.

10. Is The Priory of the Orange Tree a standalone book or the first part of a trilogy?

Answer: It is a standalone book

11. The Witcher started out as a what before expanding into a larger series?

Answer: A short story

12. Who wrote The Hunger Games novel series?

Answer: Suzanne Collins

13. What piece of writing from Rostov's younger days is quoted against him at the very start of the story?

Answer: A poem from his youth

14. In the novel's unsettling vocabulary, what are the operations donors undergo called?

Answer: They are called donations.

15. Silvia Moreno-Garcia said she set out to write what kind of novel in Mexico?

Answer: A gothic novel set in Mexico.

16. If someone said, 'I only have time for a novella, preferably with dusk involved,' which Cosmere work fits perfectly?

Answer: Sixth of the Dusk

17. Who is both the emperor's daughter and the writer behind many of Dune's epigraphs?

Answer: Princess Irulan

18. Who wrote the Twilight novel series?

Answer: Stephenie Meyer

19. Who wrote The Remains of the Day?

Answer: Kazuo Ishiguro

20. What was The Secret History in Donna Tartt's career: first novel, second novel, or third novel?

Answer: First novel

21. Who wrote the novel Station Eleven?

Answer: Emily St. John Mandel

22. Which Wheel of Time novel marked Brandon Sanderson's first completed volume in the series, published in 2009?

Answer: The Gathering Storm

23. In what year was the first A Song of Ice and Fire novel published?

Answer: 1996

24. The final two films of the original series both draw from the same novel. Which one?

Answer: Mockingjay

25. What is the novel's opening line about Bilbo's eleventy-first birthday?

Answer: When Mr. Bilbo Baggins of Bag End announced that he would shortly be celebrating his eleventy-first birthday...

26. When The Great Gatsby was published, Fitzgerald was living in which country?

Answer: France

27. Which novel began the Cormoran Strike series?

Answer: The Cuckoo's Calling

28. C. S. Lewis held what nationality?

Answer: British

29. If someone asks for Taylor Jenkins Reid's novel titled One True Loves, who wrote it?

Answer: Taylor Jenkins Reid

30. What kind of novels are The Hunger Games books?

Answer: They are young adult dystopian fiction.

31. Which clever camper, daughter of Athena, becomes one of Percy's closest friends?

Answer: Annabeth Chase

32. What is the name of the fictional nation where the series takes place?

Answer: Panem

33. The first season of the Netflix series is based on which novel?

Answer: The Brass Verdict

34. Which Bond book was published first in 1953?

Answer: Casino Royale was the first Bond novel published in 1953.

#### AUTHORS AND WORLDS

1. When New Spring appeared as a standalone novel, what year was it?

Answer: 2004

2. Before becoming a full-time writer, which subjects did Rick Riordan teach?

Answer: English and history

3. In what year did the Harry Potter book series begin publication in the United Kingdom?

Answer: 1997

4. What's the best description of how the Game Changers books relate to one another for readers deciding where to start?

Answer: They are connected but can be read as standalones.

5. Who is one of the two writers credited for the Broadway musical's book?

Answer: Marshall Brickman

6. Which writer led the anime series screenplay during its early run?

Answer: Yasuko Kobayashi

7. What recurring Ferengi rulebook on Deep Space Nine treats greed like it's a sacred text?

Answer: The Ferengi Rules of Acquisition are the recurring element.

8. Jiraiya gets material for his novels through a recurring peeking gag tied to what?

Answer: His novels

9. Who shares screenplay credit on all three films alongside the rest of the writing team:

Fran Walsh or Alan Lee?

Answer: Fran Walsh.

10. On Stranger Tides borrowed its name and some inspiration from a 1987 novel by which author?

Answer: Tim Powers

11. Which writer crafted DC's dream-soaked series The Sandman?

Answer: Neil Gaiman

12. Which Twilight Zone episode centers on a book-loving dissenter facing an authoritarian state?

Answer: The Obsolete Man

13. Which comic book company publishes Batman stories?

Answer: DC Comics

14. Which writer created the Daleks, the universe's angriest pepper pots?

Answer: Terry Nation.

15. Which famous author wrote the original story adapted into The Muppet Christmas Carol?

Answer: Charles Dickens

16. Lucia Graves, the translator associated with the English-language edition, is the daughter of which writer?

Answer: She is the daughter of Robert Graves.

17. What gets upgraded from ordinary scheduling headache to sci-fi plot device in Sea of Tranquility?

Answer: An author tour itinerary.

18. Which award did The Midnight Library win in 2020, adding a shiny trophy to its shelf life?

Answer: The Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction.

19. This literary novel makes arguing about what sound oddly glamorous?

Answer: Game design.

20. Agatha Christie dedicated the novel to which family member by marriage?

Answer: She dedicated the novel to her brother-in-law, James Watts.

21. Cloud Cuckoo Land arrived after Anthony Doerr had become a Pulitzer winner for which earlier novel?

Answer: All the Light We Cannot See

22. In what year was The Lightning Thief published?

Answer: 2005

23. What is Holmes's first full-length novel adventure?

Answer: A Study in Scarlet

24. Which novel follows The Hunger Games in the trilogy?

Answer: Catching Fire

25. Which place does A Gentleman in Moscow hold in Towles's bibliography?

Answer: second novel

26. What genre is Never Let Me Go?

Answer: Science fiction

27. The novel's atmosphere most directly draws on what classic kind of fiction?

Answer: Haunted-house fiction.

28. Which Cosmere novella wins the unofficial award for 'longest title that sounds like a terrible camping destination'?

Answer: Shadows for Silence in the Forests of Hell

29. How many main novels are in the Twilight book series?

Answer: Four main novels

30. Arthur Leander once appears in what superhero-flavored action movie franchise?

Answer: the Death of Superman series

31. How many main-series A Song of Ice and Fire novels are currently published?

Answer: Five novels

32. Which novel is the very first Hunger Games film directly based on?

Answer: The Hunger Games

33. Which literary service award did Rowling receive in 2016?

Answer: PEN/Allen Foundation Literary Service Award

#### SHELF DEEP CUTS

1. Sea of Tranquility explicitly returns to the fictional universe of which earlier Emily St. John Mandel novel?

Answer: The Glass Hotel.

2. Which 2023 fiction prize longlisted the novel?

Answer: The Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction

3. Which Tommy and Tuppence novel, published in 1973, closed out that duo's run?

Answer: Postern of Fate

4. In Bible order, which comes first: Samuel or Kings?

Answer: Samuel

5. Wolf Hall was shortlisted for which literary prize?

Answer: The Orange Prize for Fiction

6. At the opening of the novel, how old is Linus Baker?

Answer: Linus Baker is 40 years old at the start of the novel.

7. According to the novel's lore, from what place is the Nameless One said to have risen?

Answer: Dreadmount

8. Before it became internationally known as "The Witcher," what was the original Polish title of the very first short story?

Answer: Wiedźmin

9. Frank Herbert's groundwork for Dune drew on field research in what specific American landscape?

Answer: The Oregon sand dunes.

10. Who tells the story of The Secret History in the first person?

Answer: Richard Papen narrates the novel in the first person.

11. What was the publication year of the final Harry Potter novel?

Answer: 2007

12. How many novels make up the first Mistborn era?

Answer: three novels

13. What was the final published Poirot novel?

Answer: Curtain

14. Name the publisher of Taylor Jenkins Reid's second novel, After I Do.?

Answer: Washington Square Press

15. Which writer co-wrote the screenplays for both Mockingjay â Part 1 and Mockingjay â Part 2?

Answer: Danny Strong

16. In the original five-book Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, which title comes last?

Answer: The Last Olympian

17. What year marks the publication of the first Game Changers novel, setting the series timeline in motion?

Answer: 2018.

18. In Fleming's literary description, Bond bears a scar on which side of his face?

Answer: His right cheek

19. Which literary prize did Rebecca receive in 2000 when it was honored as Best Novel of the Century?

Answer: The Anthony Award for Best Novel of the Century.

20. Which novel follows *The Shadow of the Wind* in the cycle?

Answer: *The Angel's Game* follows it in the cycle.

21. Olive's Marienbad functions in the book as what kind of element?

Answer: A nested fictional text.

22. What is the title of the very first Department Q novel?

Answer: *Kvinden i buret*

23. Who wrote the novel *Rebecca*?

Answer: Daphne du Maurier wrote *Rebecca*.

24. Who wrote the novel *A Man Called Ove*?

Answer: Fredrik Backman

25. After Robert Jordan's death, who completed the final three main novels?

Answer: Brandon Sanderson

26. Which major literary prize did *The Remains of the Day* win in 1989?

Answer: The Booker Prize

27. Who serves as the Ring-bearer for most of the novel?

Answer: Frodo Baggins is the Ring-bearer for most of the novel.

28. Who wrote *The Great Gatsby*?

Answer: F. Scott Fitzgerald

29. The Narnia books belong to what fantasy subgenre?

Answer: Portal fantasy

30. Which novel is the basis for season two of the Netflix series?

Answer: *The Fifth Witness*

31. Which book comes second in the Department Q novel series?

Answer: *Fasandrøfberne*

32. Which writer shares screenplay credit across the entire trilogy: Philippa Boyens or the New Zealand Army?

Answer: Philippa Boyens.

33. Who wrote *The Midnight Library*, the British author behind Nora's many detours?

Answer: Matt Haig

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