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Romance Sep 28 2019 Often derided as an inferior form of literature, 'romance' as a literary mode or genre defies satisfactory definition. This useful guidebook charts the transformations of 'romance' throughout literary history and explores its use.

[The Tempest - Literary Touchstone Edition](#) Oct 29 2019 The Tempest, Shakespeare's final and most magical play, is filled with suspense, comedy, love, mystery, and revenge. Before the play begins, Prospero, former Duke of Milan, has been exiled from his country for practicing magic and lives on a deserted island with his daughter, Miranda. This isolation has given him the opportunity to become a powerful sorcerer, and when his enemies' ship nears his island, Prospero conjures his most forceful spell yet. He chants a conjurer's spell, the sky darkens, and The Tempest begins. The fierce storm is underway, and the crew fears for their lives as they try to stay afloat. In the blink of an eye, they are shipwrecked on a seemingly deserted island. Wandering blindly around this strange land, they encounter a savagely deformed slave, sprites and fairies, and even unexpected romance. Unbeknownst to the shipwrecked victims, however, the secret of the island will change their lives forever. To make The Tempest more accessible to the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic? includes convenient sidebar notes, a glossary of difficult terms, and a list of vocabulary words. In doing this, it is our intention that the reader will enjoy the beauty of Shakespeare's verse, the wisdom of his insights, and the impact of the drama.

[Romeo and Juliet: Literary Touchstone Classic](#) Mar 15 2021

[Great Expectations - Literary Touchstone Edition](#) Jun 17 2021 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic? includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Dickens' complex approach to the human condition. The first installment of Great Expectations, Charles Dickens' ?lucky thirteenth novel,? appeared in December 1860 and has been delighting readers ever since. An anonymous benefactor plucks young Pip from his life of toil as a blacksmith's apprentice and thrusts him into London society as a ?gentleman of great

expectations? When a mysterious figure from his forgotten past re-emerges, however, every assumption on which Pip based his hopes is exposed as a delusion. How can Pip make amends to the loved ones he left behind, and how can he hope to ever win the affection of the woman he loves, but who is now forever beyond his reach? Great Expectations contains some of Dickens' most memorable characters: the affable blacksmith Joe Gargery, the beautiful yet haughty Estella, the enigmatic Miss Havisham, and the menacing convict, Magwitch? and puts a uniquely Dickensian spin on the age-old Cinderella story.

Frankenstein Oct 22 2021 Originally written as a response to a challenge from Lord Byron? Frankenstein still haunts our minds with images of the dead brought back to hideous life. Mary Shelley's nineteenth-century masterpiece begins with a fateful rescue in the Arctic and slowly evolves into a gripping story of horror? a contest of wills between Victor Frankenstein and the monster he creates. Wandering through Europe? the confused creature searches for a father figure in the tortured scientist who stitched him together with body parts stolen from the grave. Themes of revenge? the philosophical limits of science? and forbidden knowledge are deeply explored in the greatest Gothic novel ever written. This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Shelley's complex vocabulary and references.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Literary Touchstone Edition Jun 29 2022 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition? includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Twain's themes and Tom's journey into adolescence. Originally published in 1876, Mark Twain's Adventures of Tom Sawyer is based upon the author's own childhood experiences living in Hannibal, Missouri. For over a century, readers have delighted in the imaginative adventures and superstitious practices of the young characters. Episodes like the whitewashing of the fence and Tom and Becky's adventure in the cave have become ingrained in popular culture, making the novel one of the most famous works of American literature.

The Odyssey - Literary Touchstone Edition Oct 02 2022 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic? includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with the Odyssey's vocabulary and references to Greek mythology. The epic tale of Odysseus' ten-year journey after the defeat of Troy is, at once, a thrilling adventure story, a passionate love story, and a fantasy rooted in ancient history. It is also the cornerstone on which much of Western literature and thought is based. Three thousand years after ancient bards plucked their lyres and sang the adventures of gods and heroes, we still see much of ourselves in the tales of Odysseus and his men as they battle natural and supernatural forces? and their own human nature? to find their way home.

Cyrano de Bergerac: Literary Touchstone Classic Jan 31 2020

A Song for Nagasaki Apr 03 2020 On August 9, 1945, an American B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, killing tens of thousands of people in the blink of an eye, while fatally injuring and poisoning thousands more. Among the survivors was Takashi Nagai, a pioneer in radiology research and a convert to the Catholic Faith. Living in the rubble of the ruined city and suffering from leukemia caused by over-exposure to radiation, Nagai lived out the remainder of his remarkable life by bringing physical and spiritual healing to his war-weary people. A Song for Nagasaki tells the moving story of this extraordinary man, beginning with his boyhood and the heroic tales and stoic virtues of his family's Shinto religion. It reveals the inspiring story of Nagai's remarkable spiritual journey from Shintoism to atheism to Catholicism. Mixed with interesting details about Japanese history and culture, the biography traces Nagai's spiritual quest as he studied medicine at Nagasaki University, served as a medic with the Japanese army during its occupation of Manchuria, and returned to Nagasaki to dedicate himself to the science of radiology. The historic Catholic district of the city, where Nagai became a Catholic and began a family, was ground zero for the atomic bomb. After the bomb disaster that killed thousands, including Nagai's beloved wife, Nagai, then Dean of Radiology at Nagasaki University, threw himself into service to the countless victims of the bomb explosion, even though it meant deadly exposure to the radiation which eventually would cause his own death. While dying, he also wrote powerful books that became best-sellers in Japan. These included The Bells of Nagasaki, which resonated deeply with the Japanese people in their great suffering as it explores the Christian message of love and forgiveness. Nagai became a highly revered man and is considered a saint by many Japanese people.

Dracula - Literary Touchstone Edition Mar 27 2022 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic? includes a glossary and notes to help the modern reader appreciate Stoker?s allusions, rich vocabulary, and Victorian setting. An apparently routine business venture becomes a battle for a young man?s very soul. Almost too late, Jonathan Harker realizes that the charismatic and seductive Count Dracula of Transylvania has come to England with a purpose much more sinister than merely to purchase an English estate. Will the Count succeed in his quest to create a race of blood-lusting creatures of the night? Which will prove the stronger? superstition or science? Defiantly challenging Victorian conventions, Bram Stoker?s Dracula examines the nature of evil and arrives at the horrific conclusion that the forces which would destroy humanity are not lurking in the shadows of the night, but within the human soul. Modern readers still find that their own most-cherished nightmares are evoked by Lucy's and Mina's battle against succumbing to the seductive enticements of the soulless vampire.

How to Read a Book Mar 03 2020 Analyzes the art of reading and suggests ways to approach literary works, offering techniques for reading in specific literary genres ranging from fiction, poetry, and plays to scientific and philosophical works.

The Iliad - Literary Touchstone Edition Jul 07 2020

My Antonia - Literary Touchstone Edition Jan 25 2022 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic? includes a glossary and reader?s notes to help the modern reader contend with Cather?s allusions and vocabulary. My Antonia, Willa Cather?s vivid portrayal of immigrant life on the American prairie during the nineteenth century, has been a favorite since it first appeared in 1918. The harsh?yet forgiving?land, the growth and maturity of Jim Burden, the narrator, the intriguing characters, and the force of Antonia?s strength all combine to make this novel exceptional. Cather?s style perfectly depicts the sparseness of the prairie and the desolation of the immigrants' existence in winter and comes alive when the glory and beauty of spring emerge. Whether you see it as a love story, an indelible portrait of a wise, enduring female character, or a coming-of-age novel, My Antonia is deserving of its respected place in American literature.

Spoon River Anthology Aug 08 2020 This complete and unabridged Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic(tm) of Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology features an extensive glossary and reader's notes to help readers better understand and fully appreciate Masters' work. IN THE TOWN OF SPOON RIVER, ILLINOIS, the dead have been given one final opportunity to speak to the living in the form of epitaphs. Take a stroll through the graveyard; the words on each tombstone create an image of the way the person's life was lived. Together, these tombstones tell of a community that strove for perfection and goodness and relied heavily on faith-but, things don't always turn out as planned... Discover their secrets, heartaches, and regrets; sympathize with their guilt, anger, and sorrow; mourn with those the dead left behind; wander through the history these individuals made through their actions. Ultimately, this cemetery tells of lives that were far from perfect- sometimes, they were even far from good. Through their epitaphs, it becomes clear that these townspeople-neighbors, friends, lovers, family members, and even murderers-saw each other very differently, but now, they all are at rest, as equals, sleeping on the hill.

A Tale of Two Cities - Literary Touchstone Edition Sep 01 2022 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition? includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Dickens's complex approach to the human condition. Set against the backdrop of the French Revolution, A Tale of Two Cities remains one of Western literature's most powerful stories of sacrificial love, redemption, and the devastation spread by obsessive justice. Having fled Paris for the relative safety and security of London, Dr. Manette, his daughter Lucie, and Charles Darnay are irresistibly lured into a whirlwind of events that threaten to shatter their lives'until a hopeless drunkard remembers the promise he once made to the only woman he ever loved. Dickens originally published A Tale of Two Cities in weekly installments, ensuring that his readers would return to read each new segment. The collected chapters have continued to excite and move readers for over a century.

Crime and Punishment - Literary Touchstone Edition Jun 05 2020 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition? includes a glossary and reader?s notes to help the modern reader understand the turbulent and dynamic world of Dostoevsky?s St. Petersburg. When Raskolnikov, a young student, is driven to murder by desperate poverty and a belief in his own superiority, he is plunged into a dark hell of guilt and delirium. Set in the gloomy slums of St. Petersburg in the 1860s, this

stark and gripping psychological tale describes a man's search for redemption in the face of suffering and a society's search for meaning in the chaos of a changing world. Shortly after returning from a decade-long exile in Siberia, Dostoevsky fled creditors only to end up living in destitution in Austria. Staying in a hotel he couldn't afford, with barely enough money for tea, he composed this masterfully modern examination of a murderer's mind.

King Lear - Literary Touchstone Classic Jan 13 2021 To make King Lear more accessible to the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic provides in-depth explanations, as well as historical background. Convenient sidebar notes and an extensive glossary help the reader navigate the complexities of the text and enjoy the beauty of Shakespeare's verse, the wisdom of his insights, and the impact of his drama. Which of you shall we say doth love us most? With these reckless words, Lear, the aged king of ancient Britain begins a game that will tear apart his kingdom, his family, and his own sense of self, pitting sister against sister, rewarding flattery, and punishing integrity. Lear is unable to foresee the consequences that will follow from his choice. The loyal Duke of Gloucester is likewise blinded, figuratively and literally, by flattery and deceptions, and he also learns too late the price of misplaced trust. This tragedy of the foolish king arguably Shakespeare's greatest work is a poignant examination of the complexities of human nature: wisdom and foolishness, vision and blindness, and true love and loyalty between parents and their children.

100 Great Short Stories Oct 10 2020 "This is a wonderful collection of authors from America and around the world. Centuries are covered, making this a great resource for English teachers and any lover of literature." — Life Community Church This treasury of one hundred tales offers students and other readers of short fiction a splendid selection of stories by masters of the form.

Contributors from around the world include Edgar Allan Poe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Guy de Maupassant, Charles Dickens, Anton Chekhov, Mark Twain, Saki, Luigi Pirandello, Kate Chopin, and Ring Lardner. The stories, which are arranged chronologically, begin with tales by Daniel Defoe ("The Apparition of Mrs. Veal," 1705), Benjamin Franklin ("Alice Addertongue," 1732), and Washington Irving ("The Devil and Tom Walker," 1824). Highlights from the nineteenth century include Ivan Turgenev's "The District Doctor" (1852), Sarah Orne Jewett's "A White Heron" (1886), Thomas Hardy's "Squire Petrick's Lady" (1891), and Rudyard Kipling's "Wee Willie Winkie" (1899). From the twentieth century come James Joyce's "Araby" (1914), Franz Kafka's "The Judgment" (1916), Virginia Woolf's "The Mark on the Wall" (1921), "The Broken Boot" (1923) by John Galsworthy, and many others. "A fabulous collections of stories sure to please any reader! The chronological layout is perfect for those looking to explore the development of stories over time and their relation to society." — Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

Pride and Prejudice Feb 11 2021

How to Read Literature Like a Professor Revised Jun 25 2019 A thoroughly revised and updated edition of Thomas C. Foster's classic guide—a lively and entertaining introduction to literature and literary basics, including symbols, themes, and contexts—that shows you how to make your everyday reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable. While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. How to Read Literature Like a Professor helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader: the college professor. What does it mean when a literary hero travels along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower? Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower—and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. This revised edition includes new chapters, a new preface, and a new epilogue, and incorporates updated teaching points that Foster has developed over the past decade.

Oedipus Rex Nov 03 2022 To make Oedipus more accessible for the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary of the more difficult words, as well as convenient sidebar notes to enlighten the reader on aspects that may be confusing or overlooked. We hope that the reader may, through this edition, more fully enjoy the beauty of the verse, the wisdom of the insights, and the impact of the drama. Sophocles' Oedipus Rex has never been

surpassed for the raw and terrible power with which its hero struggles to answer the eternal question, "Who am I?" The play, a story of a king who?acting entirely in ignorance?kills his father and marries his mother, unfolds with shattering power; we are helplessly carried along with Oedipus towards the final, horrific truth. This vibrant, new translation invites its readers to lose themselves in the unfolding of this tragic tale?as suspenseful as a detective mystery, yet with an outcome long ago determined by Fate.

Beowulf - Literary Touchstone Edition Jul 31 2022 This new, highly readable edition, by M. A. Roberts, includes a glossary and reader?s notes to help the modern reader with the complexities, archaic language, and references in Beowulf. In an ancient Danish kingdom, Grendel, a brutal monster, roams the countryside nightly, spreading terror across the land. Beowulf, a warrior of great strength and courage, hears of the bloody, pitiless attacks and immediately sets sail to free the Danes from Grendel?s bloodlust. Although Beowulf dates from the very beginning of English literature, this saga of a man who is ?most kind to his people, most eager for fame? is as thrilling to us now as it was to the Anglo-Saxons who first told it over 1,000 years ago. The lively language of adventure, glory, and sacrifice?so often lost in other translations?resonates in this new Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Press Edition.?

Antigone Jul 19 2021 To make this quintessential Greek drama more accessible to the modern reader, this Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition? includes a glossary of difficult terms, a list of vocabulary words, and convenient sidebar notes. By providing these, it is our intention that readers will more fully enjoy the beauty, wisdom, and intent of the play. The curse placed on Oedipus lingers and haunts a younger generation in this new and brilliant translation of Sophocles? classic drama. The daughter of Oedipus and Jocasta, Antigone is an unconventional heroine who pits her beliefs against the King of Thebes in a bloody test of wills that leaves few unharmed. Emotions fly as she challenges the king for the right to bury her own brother. Determined but doomed, Antigone shows her inner strength throughout the play. Antigone raises issues of law and morality that are just as relevant today as they were more than two thousand years ago. Whether this is your first reading or your twentieth, Antigone will move you as few pieces of literature can.

Translation as a Touchstone Aug 20 2021 Translation as a Touchstone focuses on translation as a creative process, where Narasimhan proposes that translation is an art of highlighting the complex relationship that arises between two languages, their cultures and sensibilities when they are positioned as a main language and a target language. The implications of this proposition are far-reaching, as Narasimhan argues in this book. The place of English in translation exercises in India is an implicit theme, where translation is an act which consolidates the terrain between two linguo-cultures. English, as argued, is a touchstone language, and in a multi-cultural country like India, this hold of English adds weight to the case for transliteration. With the examples of Vijay Tendulkar's plays and Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*, Narasimhan argues that transliteration not only can but also should extend to wholesale incorporations of Indian language interludes into English translations. Through a comparative study of original passages and phrases in literary texts along with their translated equivalents, she has followed a multi-pronged strategy and has used, as methodology, the comparative analysis method. Though the target language is more than one in two of the works discussed in the essays—*Samskara*, by U. R. Ananthamurthy, and *Chemmeen*, by Tagazhi Sivasankara Pillai—Narasimhan incorporates multiple ways of looking at the translations and does not focus on any one language in isolation.

Aladdin: A New Translation Jan 01 2020 A Buzzfeed Best Book of the Year A dynamic French-Syrian translator, lauded for her lively poetic voice, tackles the enchanted world of Aladdin in this sparkling new translation. Long defined by popular film adaptations that have reductively portrayed Aladdin as a simplistic rags-to-riches story for children, this work of dazzling imagination—and occasionally dark themes—finally comes to vibrant new life. "In the capital of one of China's vast and wealthy kingdoms," begins *Shahrazad*— the tale's imperiled-yet-ingenuous storyteller—there lived Aladdin, a rebellious fifteen-year-old who falls prey to a double-crossing sorcerer and is ultimately saved by the ruse of a princess. One of the best-loved folktales of all time, Aladdin has been capturing the imagination of readers, illustrators, and filmmakers since an eighteenth-century French publication first added the tale to *The Arabian Nights*. Yet, modern English translators have elided the story's enchanting whimsy and mesmerizing rhythms. Now, translator Yasmine Seale and literary scholar Paulo Lemos Horta offer an elegant, eminently readable rendition of Aladdin in what is destined to

be a classic for decades to come.

Touchstone Anthology of Contemporary Creative Nonfiction Nov 10 2020 From memoir to journalism, personal essays to cultural criticism, this indispensable anthology brings together works from all genres of creative nonfiction, with pieces by fifty contemporary writers including Cheryl Strayed, David Sedaris, Barbara Kingsolver, and more. Selected by five hundred writers, English professors, and creative writing teachers from across the country, this collection includes only the most highly regarded nonfiction work published since 1970. Contributors include: Jo Ann Beard, Wendell Berry, Eula Biss, Mary Clearman Blew, Charles Bowden, Janet Burroway, Kelly Grey Carlisle, Anne Carson, Bernard Cooper, Michael W. Cox, Annie Dillard, Mark Doty, Brian Doyle, Tony Earley, Anthony Farrington, Harrison Candelaria Fletcher, Diane Glancy, Lucy Grealy, William Harrison, Robin Hemley, Adam Hochschild, Jamaica Kincaid, Barbara Kingsolver, Ted Kooser, Sara Levine, E.J. Levy, Phillip Lopate, Barry Lopez, Thomas Lynch, Lee Martin, Rebecca McClanahan, Erin McGraw, John McPhee, Brenda Miller, Dinty W. Moore, Kathleen Norris, Naomi Shihab Nye, Lia Purpura, Richard Rhodes, Bill Roorbach, David Sedaris, Richard Selzer, Sue William Silverman, Floyd Skloot, Lauren Slater, Cheryl Strayed, Amy Tan, Ryan Van Meter, David Foster Wallace, and Joy Williams.

Julius Caesar - Literary Touchstone May 29 2022 "The evil that men do lives after them;The good is oft interred with their bones..."How do you choose between the life of your friend and the future of your homeland? In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Brutus, "the noblest Roman of them all," has only his personal integrity to help him choose which is the greatest good and where he must place his allegiance. The wrong choice will result in certain personal and national devastation. With its stirring speeches and vivid images of men at both their noblest and most terrible, the play will leave the reader with a deeper understanding of what it means to be human. To make Julius Caesar more accessible to the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition provides in-depth explanation, as well as historical background. Convenient sidebar notes and an extensive glossary help the reader navigate the complexities of the text and enjoy the beauty of Shakespeare's verse, the wisdom of his insights, and the impact of his drama.

The Best of Poe Dec 12 2020 Selection of 10 best short stories of Edgar Allan Poe. MS. Found in a Bottle / The Fall of the House of Usher / The Murders in the Rue Morgue / The Pit and the Pendulum / The Tell-Tale Heart / The Black Cat / The Raven / The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar / The Cask of Amontillado / The Masque of the Red Death

Much Ado About Nothing Sep 08 2020

Siddhartha: Literary Touchstone Classic Apr 15 2021

The Touchstone Sep 20 2021

The Time Machine - Literary Touchstone Edition May 17 2021 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition of The Time Machine includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Wells' vision of the future. As he approached the turn of the twentieth century, H.G. Wells explored the implications of the rising tide of Socialism and Darwin's theory of evolution to envision a future 800,000 years from his own day in which suffering, death, and human labor seem to have been replaced by beauty, peace, and innocent play. What Wells' unnamed Time Traveller ultimately comes to discover, however, are the horrific truths of a new Humanity, split and evolved into two separate races living in a false Paradise that actually fosters idiocy, weakness, and mortal terror. Originally written in 1898, The Time Machine examines the age-old questions of humankind's ultimate destiny and the role we play in shaping it.

Othello - Literary Touchstone Feb 23 2022 "For when my outward action doth demonstrateThe native act and figure of my heartIn complement extern, 'tis not long afterBut I will wear my heart upon my sleeveFor daws to peck at. I am not what I am."To make Othello more accessible for the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary of the more difficult words, as well as convenient sidebar notes to enlighten the reader on aspects that may be confusing or overlooked. In doing this, it is our intention that the reader may more fully enjoy the beauty of the verse, the wisdom of the insights, and the impact of the drama. In the governor's bedroom in Cyprus, a brilliant schemer, an innocent bride, and a general who loves "not wisely, but too well" confront one another for the last time. What treachery has brought them to this moment of mutual destruction? The second of Shakespeare's four greatest tragedies, Othello follows a celebrated man's spiral into madness and his utter defeat at the hands of the confidant he trusts most. Sympathetic characters, heartbreaking speeches, and the perfect villain make this play one

of Shakespeare's most powerful and frequently performed.

The Jungle Dec 24 2021 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Sinclair's characterizations and language. Chicago, 1904: The lure of good wages and a chance to live The American Dream lure thousands of unsuspecting immigrants to the big city, where they find instead of wealth and freedom only stifling poverty, pervasive corruption, infectious disease, and early death. Upton Sinclair's masterpiece of muckraking fiction-mixed-with-fact led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, but not in time to save the struggling Lithuanian family whose members come to life in The Jungle. The daily dangers of the meatpacking industry, dishonest politicians, and greedy businessmen, who care only about profits, conspire to rob Jurgis, Marija, Ona, and the rest of their hope and dignity. One after another, they succumb to the horrors that Sinclair so vividly depicts.

The Scarlet Letter Jul 27 2019 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Hawthorne's complex approach to the human condition. Arguably Nathaniel Hawthorne's most famous novel, The Scarlet Letter probes the very root of the age-old question, "What is good?" Can there be redemption in a society where the only good is the avoidance of sin? Through the characters of the beautiful and independent Hester Prynne, the pious yet guilt-ridden Reverend Arthur Dimmesdale, and the vengeance-obsessed Roger Chillingworth, Hawthorne explores the range of human response to sin and the deadly consequences of the inability to forgive oneself and others. In The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne peers into the shadows of the soul to reveal the doubt, fear, and guilt that, try as we might to deny them, form the foundations of our existence.

The Awakening - Literary Touchstone May 05 2020 This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Kate Chopin's themes and language. As the title suggests, The Awakening, published in 1899, tells the story of one woman's emergence from the conventional Victorian role of wife and mother to face the social consequences of seeking personal fulfillment. More than a mere argument in support of freedom and equality for women, it is a compelling depiction of the subtle burdens that had been traditionally borne by women and the awareness that perhaps there are options.

Hamlet Nov 22 2021 'What is this quintessence of dust? In Shakespeare's most famous play, a young prince, alienated and betrayed, struggles to make a decision; in a court where every friend is a spy, and every loving act somehow leads to murder, the sanest person is he who pretends to be mad. A brilliantly controlled plot, complex and convincing characters, and, above all, wonderful poetry have won Hamlet a deserved place as Shakespeare's most popular and frequently-performed play. Any young person who has been deceived or disappointed by an adult has been the young prince; anyone who has ever felt alone in the modern world has wandered the castle at Elsinore. Thus Hamlet, who asks, "Why am I here?" is a hero for our times, as well as his own. To make Hamlet more accessible for the modern reader, our Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Edition includes a glossary of the more difficult words, as well as convenient sidebar notes to enlighten the reader on aspects that may be confusing or overlooked. In doing this, it is our intention that the reader may more fully enjoy the beauty of the verse, the wisdom of the insights, and the impact of the play.

The Norton Introduction to Literature Nov 30 2019 The Norton Introduction to Literature presents an engaging, balanced selection of literature to suit any course. Offering a thorough treatment of historical and critical context, the most comprehensive media package available, and a rich suite of tools to encourage close reading and thoughtful writing, the Shorter Twelfth Edition is unparalleled in its guidance of understanding, analyzing, and writing about literature.

The Touchstone Aug 27 2019 Two princes desirous of marrying the same princess are told that whoever shall find the touchstone of truth shall win her.

Canterbury Tales: Literary Touchstone Classic - Revised Edition Apr 27 2022

