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# Little Black Classics Box Set (Penguin Little Black Classics)



## Synopsis

The irresistibly collectible box set of all 80 Little Black Classics. In celebration of Penguin's 80th birthday, this box set of the 80 books in the Little Black Classics series showcases the many wonderful and varied writers in Penguin Black Classics. From India to Greece, Denmark to Iran, and not forgetting Britain, this assortment of books will transport readers back in time to the furthest corners of the globe. With a choice of fiction, poetry, essays and maxims, by the likes of Chekhov, Balzac, Ovid, Austen, Sappho and Dante, it won't be difficult to find a book to suit your mood. Little Black Classics celebrate the huge range and diversity of the Penguin Classics list - from drama to poetry, from fiction to history, with books taken from around the world and across numerous centuries. The Little Black Classics Box Set includes: *Gooseberries* (Anton Chekhov), *The Terrors of the Night* (Thomas Nashe), *The Atheist's Mass* (Honoré de Balzac), *A Simple Heart* (Gustave Flaubert), *The Nose* (Nikolay Gogol), *The Figure in the Carpet* (Henry James), *The Dolphins, the Whales and the Gudgeon* (Aesop), *The Maldive Shark* (Herman Melville), *How Much Land Does A Man Need?* (Leo Tolstoy), *Traffic* (John Ruskin), *The Yellow Wall-paper* (Charlotte Perkins Gilman), *Socrates' Defence* (Plato), *The Gate of the Hundred Sorrows* (Rudyard Kipling), *The Steel Flea* (Nikolai Leskov), *The Meek One* (Fyodor Dostoyevsky), *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime* (Oscar Wilde), *The Tinder Box* (Hans Christian Andersen), *To-morrow* (Joseph Conrad), *Of Street Piemen* (Henry Mayhew), *The Great Winglebury Duel* (Charles Dickens), *The Great Fire of London* (Samuel Pepys), *The Old Man in the Moon* (Shen Fu), *Miss Brill* (Katherine Mansfield), *The Communist Manifesto* (Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx), *How To Use Your Enemies* (Baltasar Gracián), *It was snowing butterflies* (Charles Darwin), *Il Duro* (D. H. Lawrence), *The Fall of Icarus* (Ovid), *My Dearest Father* (Wolfgang Mozart), *Kasyan from the Beautiful Mountains* (Ivan Turgenev), *Goblin Market* (Christina Rossetti), *Sindbad the Sailor*, *Leonardo da Vinci* (Giorgio Vasari), *As kingfishers catch fire* (Gerard Manley Hopkins), *Caligula* (Suetonius), *The Woman Much Missed* (Thomas Hardy), *Femme Fatale* (Guy De Maupassant), *The Night is Darkening Round Me* (Emily Brontë), *O Cruel Alexis* (Virgil), *Sketchy, Doubtful, Incomplete Jottings* (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe), *Remember, Body!* (C. P. Cavafy), *Anthem For Doomed Youth* (Wilfred Owen), *The Saga of Gunnlaug*, *Serpent-tongue* (Anon), *Olalla* (Robert Louis Stevenson), *A Modest Proposal* (Jonathan Swift), *On the Beach at Night Alone* (Walt Whitman), *The Robber Bridegroom* (Brothers Grimm), *Aphorisms on Love and Death* (Friedrich Nietzsche), *The Wife of Bath* (Geoffrey Chaucer), *The Tell-Tale Heart* (Edgar Allan Poe), *How a Ghastly Story Was Brought to Light by a Common or Garden Butcher's Dog* (Johann Peter Hebel), *The Eve of St Agnes* (John Keats), *Circe and the Cyclops* (Homer), *Come Close* (Sappho), *Jason and Medea* (Apollonius of Rhodes), *A Slip Under the Microscope* (H.

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than a dollar a piece! I usually buy old classics that are falling apart at thrift stores and used book stores for more than that. It is an awesome introduction to authors that I have yet to read and a great addition to some of my favorites! Now where to begin...

Felt compelled to comment about the set which I have been anticipating for months and was delivered today. I love it! Unlike previous reviewers who talk about the physical appearance I have more imagination than they do than to dismiss this wonderful project of Penguin's on such odiously superficial grounds. I also purchased a gorgeous Penguin tote that I will use to carry my books piecemeal as I make my way through this wonderful collection.

I am dismayed by the low rating of this box set due to reviews focused almost entirely on the construction of the packaging rather than the content of its books. This is a wonderful box set! It offers an opportunity to sample a fairly wide range of writers and time periods. I think it's a fantastic idea, and I'm looking forward to reading all 80 volumes. Little Black Classics Box Set (Penguin Little Black Classics)

Don't worry about the box - it's fine quality. The content of books is a treat for the bargain price! Lovely -something for the serious reader.

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This was a quick-gift for my bibliophile girlfriend and she absolutely loves it. The books are short enough for her to read one in a single sitting and they represent a wide breadth of authors, time periods, genres, and styles. What caught her eye above anything else was how obscure some of the titles were. It can be hard to find every unique work from every famous author, so this provides a rare insight into lesser-known works that still hold massive artistic merit. The quality of the box was completely acceptable and arrived in perfect condition. It is true that the numbering on the spines is slightly offset so that the books do not line up perfectly, but that seems impossible due to the length

of the various book titles.

This boxed collection of books is delightful! It is full collection is full of selections I wished I had read, or I feel like I should have read (which is why I bought it in the first place), and many from authors I'm familiar with--just not this particular one. Each book slips easily into a purse or backpack. You can read them in order--no particular reason to do so unless you are super-organized, or pluck one from the shelf as the mood strikes you. It's a great start if you took way too many STEM classes in college and not enough humanities or literature. Enjoy!!

Although I don't have the heart to read through some of the poetry (yes there is poetry in this classic box) I found the other stories to be really refreshing. I love love love how absolutely diverse it was. It not only includes European authors but Asian as well. Haven't finished the whole box set but the experience is very rewarding so far. I love the philosophy books the most.

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