

A Final Look at Language - All Over the World



We are at last approaching the end of this Course in Good English; and we hope very sincerely you have enjoyed it and have got something out of it. As stated a number of times the English language is spoken all over the world by untold millions, but at the same time to tap its secrets and its mysteries, has been no easy task.

English boasts some of the greatest writers in the world, and of that alone we can be proud. If by improving your knowledge and awareness of the English language - and literature - you have been encouraged to read more as well as to write and to speak, that will be an added bonus to everyone concerned.

To help you pursue some of the adventures - and enjoyment - of English I am finishing with what could be called a literary version of The Top Twenty, and these titles will include books generally considered more suitable for youngsters than for adults. Even so, it is well known that adults, albeit often on the quiet, do enjoy these books as well as youngsters - we all have an element of the Peter Pan within us - and it is to these that some of the books mentioned will be addressed! (With a star * warning I have to confess...)

Here is my very personal list - I hope you will agree with at least some of these titles. It is alphabetical by author so please do not expect that the first book mentioned is in my view at least the best... I have not included Shakespeare or Dickens; they need no advertising, but you may like to come to them later...

NUMBER	AUTHOR	TITLE
1	Adams, Douglas	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the
2	*Carroll, Lewis	Galaxy
3		Alice in Wonderland
4	Christie, Agatha	Through the Looking
5		Glass
6	*Conan Doyle Arthur	The Man in the Brown Suit
7	Dahl, Roald	Murder on the Orient Express
8	Du Maurier, Daphne	The Adventures of
9	*Grahame, Kenneth	Sherlock
10	Greene, Graham	Holmes
11		Tales of the Unexpected

12	Hilton, James	Rebecca
13	*Hodgson Burnett	The Wind in the Willows
14	Maugham, W. Somerset	The Third Man
15		Brighton Rock
16	Mortimer, John	Lost Horizon
17	Orwell, George	The Secret Garden
18	Rowling, J.K.	Cakes and Ale
		The Moon and Sixpence
19	Shute, Nevil	Rumpole of the Bailey
20	Trollope, Joanna	Animal Farm
		Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
		A Town like Alice
		The Choir

All the best and good reading; I welcome suggestions for the next Top Twenty!!

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