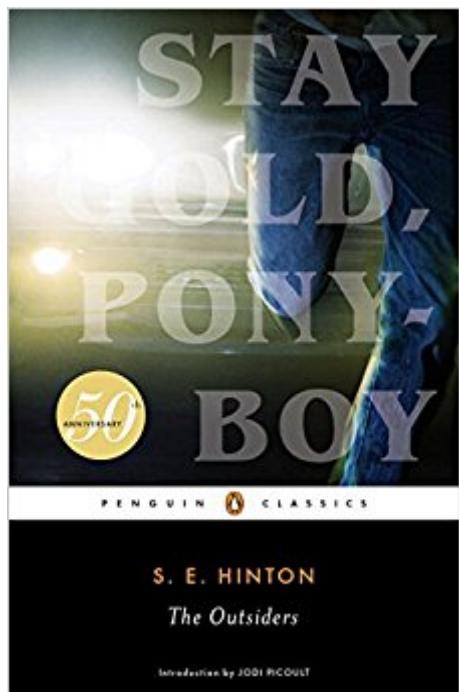


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# The Outsiders (Penguin Classics)



## Synopsis

Celebrate the 50th anniversary (April, 2017) of a landmark coming-of-age American novel with a Penguin Classics edition featuring an introduction by Jodi Picoult, author of *My Sister's Keeper*. First published in 1967, S. E. Hinton's novel was an immediate phenomenon. Today, with more than eight million copies sold, *The Outsiders* continues to resonate with its powerful portrait of the bonds and boundaries of friendship. In Ponyboy's world there are two types of people. There are the Socs, the rich society kids who get away with anything. Then there are the greasers, like Ponyboy, who aren't so lucky. Ponyboy has a few things he can count on: his older brothers, his friends, and trouble with the Socs, whose idea of a good time is beating up greasers. At least he knows what to expect-until the night things go too far. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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## Customer Reviews

According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his bifurcated world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser. This classic, written by S. E. Hinton when she was 16 years old, is as profound today as it was when it was first published in 1967. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Taut with tension, filled with drama. (Chicago Tribune)

I think I'm the only person over 18 who'd never read this book. The situation of the story is one that's still true, today. Gangs and their fighting and rumbles are still happening everywhere for the high school age people. This book tries to give an understanding of both sides and why they are the way they are, individually and as a group. If you haven't read this book before and you're over 13, I suggest you read this to have a better idea what's going on.

The Outsiders changed my life forever. After reading this book, I never again looked at some things the same way. It is, to this day, still the greatest book I have ever read. I normally don't read nonfiction or realistic fiction, only fantasy or sci fi, but this book caught my eye. I enjoy how it was written by a teenager, because there is no better person to illustrate the lives of teens in a story. I don't like to write, but Hinton's book has inspired me to write more. The characters are so well developed that I felt like I could really live with them in the story. The plot and setting were so realistic and made me feel that the situations included in this novel were real. As Ponyboy and the gang face hardship and danger, they got to know each other like brothers. The close knit gang gets even closer throughout the story. I would recommend this book to teenagers everywhere, and when I read The Outsiders, I was thirteen years old. I have read it over and over again throughout the years, and each time I have read it, I got a different view of the characters and began to see through their eyes.

When my daughter was in 6th grade at an academic magnet school, THE OUTSIDERS was on her reading list. I was busy with little ones and paid little attention. When my youngest was assigned the

book this year we pulled it off our bookshelf for him. I told him I'd read it with him. After the first chapter I told him I was getting this book for ME! I put it on my Kindle, and we have read it together. We've had so many good discussions which included another one of our teens who had read it in middle school. The book has the ability to bring out thoughts and feelings that need to be discussed with young teens. No matter that the book is set in the 60's, it's theme, its social issues are today. I can't even say how many healthy discussions have taken place around our dinner table about THE OUTSIDERS. By a fluke we happened to attend a Paideia seminar on the poem, "One Today" which was read at this year's presidential inauguration. We all couldn't wait to see if the others caught the parallel in the themes. I just bought our high school daughter a Kindle, and what did she want to do first? Re-read THE OUTSIDERS! My advice: Buy it for you; then let your teens read it! (-:

One of the kids (13) wanted this book after the teacher read it to them in class. I had not read it in a long time. It was of another time - kids unsupervised, bullies, beer drinking and fistfights. It does get quite dramatic. I did not ask my nephew what part of the book "caught him" but this is the first book he ever wanted to read so I got it for him.

I can't believe this was written by a high school student, though now almost half a century ago. Hinton is only a couple of years younger than I am. So we grew up in the same era. I have to say I went to school with the both the kids growing up in the very lower working class (that me) and kids in the middle to upper middle class. Maybe it was because we were in the south so we had another race to look down on (If that upsets you, I'm sorry, that's the way it was.) or maybe I was just too much in my own world, but I don't remember the class hatred. We really didn't have the equivalent of Socks and Greasers. Still the books rings true, the charters are real the violence believable, and it all works on many different levels

My most favorite book of all time! It really makes me think of those kids out in the world who are poor and need help, and others who are rich that don't really pay attention to how the poor feel and what they might need. But deep within these two sides, there is something that pulls family together. Whether it's just you and your brothers and no parents, or you, your brothers, and your parents!

My daughter was reading this in her class and asked me if she could get the book and read it. Well, of course, I said yes! It's rare for my daughter to read because she only reads books that appeal to her after a certain amount of chapters as Hatchet and The River by Gary Paulson. I was extremely

happy that she loved the book! This book is great for many age groups ranging from 10 or 11 to even elders! My daughter also said that she loves how the book is flexible in theme and main ideas so that others love it! This is a great classic and I'm glad that the schools introduced this book to the students! So all-in-all this is an amazing book!

This book is a required reading book for my 8th grader. So far this book is holding my sons interest, which is a plus. I read the first chapter and can't wait to continue reading the book. The book provides well developed characters, social issues and a great story line. The plot is so realistic. A great book to read.

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