



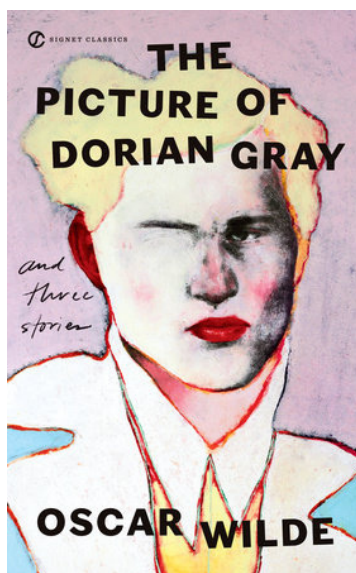
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CLASSIC LITERATURE

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Handsome young Dorian Gray sees a painter's stunning portrait of him and becomes transfixed by his own beauty. Troubled by the knowledge that the painting will remain handsome while he himself will wither, Dorian exchanges his soul for eternal youth. From that point on, Dorian lives a life of hedonistic indulgence, knowing that only the painting will show his moral corruption.



NON FICTION

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster

Written in an informal, friendly style, this book focuses on the key literary basics that are the foundation of all great literature: major themes and motifs (seasons, quests, food, politics, geography, weather, vampires, violence, illness, and many more); literary models (Shakespeare's plays, Greek mythology, fairy tales, the Bible); and narrative devices (form, irony, plot, and symbol, among others). Throughout his book, Thomas C. Foster draws upon an eclectic mix of clever examples from all genres: novels, short stories, plays, poems, movies, television, rock and roll song lyrics, and even cartoon favorites such as the noted "literary heroes" Rocky and Bullwinkle, Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. To test the growth of analytical skills, Foster includes as a case study "The Garden Party" by Katherine Mansfield, offering his own narrative comments plus examples of his literature students' impressions of the classic 1922 short story. In addition, Foster also includes a comprehensive list of novels, poems, and plays that readers may find enjoyable and challenging, plus offers suggestions for secondary sources on reading, interpretation, and criticism.

