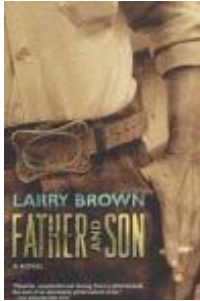


Southern Fiction Authors

A Death in the Family by James Agee

This posthumous winner of the Pulitzer Prize (1958) is Agee's autobiographical novel depicting Southern life through the eyes of six-year-old Rufus Follet. Exploring themes of family conflict, race, and economic divisions, *A Death in the Family* remains an American classic.



Father and Son by Larry Brown

Larry Brown's winner of the Southern Book Award examines the flawed character and familial relationships of Glen Davis who has just been released from the Mississippi State penitentiary. Brown examines the complexities of the rural south during the 1960s with themes of love, hate, rage, kindness, and tragedy— all of which help inform the basis of human behavior.

Collected Stories of William Faulkner by William Faulkner

A collection of short stories from one of the greatest American writers. Favorites include Barn Burning, A rose for Emily, and That Evening Sun.

A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest Gaines

Set over the backdrop of a southern sugarcane plantation and the murder of a Cajun farmer, this powerful novel depicts the charged racial tensions of the 60s and 70s.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The novel's main character, Janie Crawford, is an African-American woman who tells the story of her life through a series of extended flashbacks. Her life consists of three main periods which correspond to the three different men she marries. The story is set in early 20th Century Florida.

Suttree by Cormac McCarthy

Often compared with the likes of William Faulkner and Flannery O'Connor, McCarthy's "magnum opus" follows the colorful Cornelius Suttree through the dilapidated haunts of rural Tennessee. Forsaking the "normal" expectations of his prominent family, McCarthy's hero embraces the estranged inhabitants along the Tennessee River. Funny, heartbreaking, and poignant, *Suttree* is a Southern classic.

Wolf Whistle by Lewis Nordan

Wolf Whistle is Lewis Nordan's fictionalization of the murder of Emmett Till, a fourteen-year-old black boy, after he was lynched for whistling at a white woman. Addressing an event that fueled the civil rights movement, Lewis's writing has received critical acclaim, being compared to the magical realism of Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Everything That Rises Must Converge by Flannery O'Connor

This collection of short stories that O'Connor was working on at the time of her death is quintessential Flannery O'Connor. Comprised of works



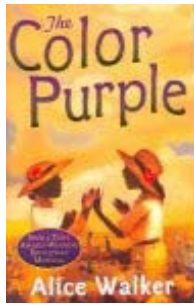
scrutinizing familiar works such as faith, race, morality, this volume exemplifies the craftsmanship involved in writing short fiction.

Fair and Tender Ladies by Lee Smith

Fair and Tender Ladies is a series of letters revealing the life and times of Ivy Rowe, one of eight children growing up on a farm on Blue Star Mountain in Virginia's Appalachia region. Lee Smith's quaint and endearing heroine conveys her thoughts and feeling as she grows from childhood to old age and raises a family of her own.

A Summons to Memphis by Peter Taylor

This Pulitzer prize-winning novel, explores a cultural collision involving Old Tennessee and the New South. Editor Philip Carver is drawn back to Memphis from New York by his two sisters' attempt to keep their eighty-one-year-old father from marrying another woman. The family's troubled past haunts their attempts at reconciliation.



The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Winner of both the Pulitzer Prize (Fiction, 1983), and the National Book Award, *The Color Purple* is the epistolary story of African-American women in rural Georgia during the 1930s. Walker addresses the numerous issues of female African-Americans including their low position in social culture as well as incidents of violence and abuse.

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Loosely based on Louisiana's Depression Era politician Huey Long, this novel won the 1947 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Class antagonism, in the form of the aristocratic Old South versus the modern populist "share the wealth" New South, is clearly visible. Corruption and power are also strong themes here.

The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty

The Optimist's Daughter is the story of Laurel Hand and her return to the South where her father dies following surgery. While there, Laurel reflects on the past and begins to understand herself and her relationships with family and friends. The novel was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1973.