

Four Great Russian Plays Dover Thrift Editions En

A gentleman adventurer is hired to locate a man who has disappeared into the heart of Africa while hunting for the legendary lost diamond mines of King Solomon.

The first stop on Dante's famous journey from Hell to Purgatory to Paradise, this 14th-century allegorical poem blends vivid and shocking imagery with graceful lyricism. Translated by the beloved 19th-century poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Classic story of wasted lives, set against a bleak New England background. Superbly delineated characters in a hauntingly grim tale of thwarted love. Considered by many to be Wharton's masterpiece.

A stranger arrives in a Russian backwater community with a bizarre proposition for the local landowners: cash for their "dead souls," the serfs who have died in their service. A comic masterpiece.

Hamlet, Macbeth, Othello, and Romeo and Juliet

Four Russian Plays

The School for Scandal

The Road Not Taken and Other Poems

Dead Souls

Nothing's new Everything's old. I'm exactly the same as ever Only more lazy More aimless More curmudgeonly...' One of the high points of world drama, Chekhov's bittersweet tale of frustrated lives and unrequited loves - by turns witty, playful, nostalgic and tragic - is captured in all its complexity by Bryony Lavery's spirited, sharply-written adaptation, first produced at Birmingham Rep in 2007.

Tale of capitalist exploitation and rebellion, set in a fictional South American republic, employs flashbacks and glimpses of the future to depict the lure of silver and its effects on men.

Set in the rural post-Reconstruction South against a backdrop of economic devastation and simmering racial tension, Chopin's first novel explores two of the era's taboo subjects, divorce and alcoholism.

Classic of world drama concerns passing of semifeudal order in turn-of-the-century Russia, symbolized in the sale of the cherry orchard owned by Madame Ranevskaya. Showcases Chekhov's rich sensitivities as an observer of human nature.

The American

The Duel and Other Stories

And How It Came to Earth

Great English Short Stories

Riders of the Purple Sage

Dickens's last novel, a mystery unfinished at his death, has become all the more tantalizing to avid readers who have tried to provide a solution to the mystifying disappearance of Edwin Drood.

This inexpensive Dover edition brings together five of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, from the magic and mischief of A Midsummer Night's Dream to the rollicking farce of The Merry Wives of Windsor.

A treasury of Frost's most expressive verse. In addition to the title poem: "An Old Man's Winter Night," "In the Home Stretch," "Meeting and Passing," "Putting in the Seed," many more. All complete and unabridged.

Compact and affordable, this collection of 43 deliciously dark fairy and folk tales features "Rapunzel," "Hänsel and Grethel," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Cinderella," "Little Snow-White," "The Golden Goose," "The Frog-King, or Iron Henry," and "The Twelve Brothers."

H. G. Wells The Dover Reader

The Food of the Gods

Five Great Greek Tragedies

Much Ado About Nothing, Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It and The Merry Wives

Five Great Short Stories

The Cherry Orchard was first produced by the Moscow Art Theatre on Chekhov's last birthday, January 17, 1904. Since that time it has become one of the most critically admired and performed plays in the Western world, a high comedy whose principal theme, the passing of the old semifeudal order, is symbolized in the sale of the cherry orchard owned by Madame Ranevsky. The play also functions as a magnificent showcase for Chekhov's acute observations of his characters' foibles and for quizzical ruminations on the approaching dissolution of the world of the Russian aristocracy and life as it was lived on their great country estates. While the subject and the characters of the work are, in a sense, timeless, the dramatic technique of the play was a Chekhovian innovation. In this and other plays he developed the concept of "indirect action," in which the dramatic action takes place off stage and the significance of the play revolves around the reactions of the characters to those unseen events. Reprinted from a standard edition, this inexpensive well-made volume invites any lover of theater or great literature to enter the world of Madame Ranevsky, Anya, Gayef, Lopakhin, Firs, and the other memorable characters whose hopes, fears, loves, and general humanity are so brilliantly depicted in this landmark of world drama.

Humorous gems by one of the masters of modern drama: The Anniversary, An Unwilling Martyr, The Wedding, The Bear, and The Proposal. For students, general readers, and amateur and professional theater groups.

Masterfully written tales by one of the greatest practitioners of the form. Stories include "The Black Monk," "The House with the Mezzanine," "The Peasants," "Gooseberries," and "The Lady with the Toy Dog."

First published in 1904, this gripping, newly relevant tale of science fiction combines fast-paced entertainment with social commentary as it considers the ethics involved in genetic engineering.

Uncle Vanya

The Inspector- General

Three Sisters

Four Great Restoration Comedies

Inferno

DIVFirst-rate selections include Hardy's "The Fiddler of the Reels," James' "Oh, Whistle, and I'll Come to You, My Lad," Dickens' "The Haunted Hotel," and tales by Saki, Kipling, Lawrence, Trollope, Stevenson, and others. /div

A theater classic, often called the best comedy of manners in English, is a delightful play that brilliantly skewers the affectation and pretentiousness of aristocratic Londoners of the 1770s.

Reproduction of the original: The Inspector-General by Nicolay Gogol

Dark and bloody drama of ambition, guilt, and revenge centers on an ambitious Scottish nobleman who murders the king in order to succeed to the throne. Tortured by his conscience and fearful of discovery, he becomes fatally enmeshed in a web of treachery and deceit that spells his doom.

Everyman

Five Great Comedies

King Solomon's Mines

Great Speeches

Nostramo

Charming satire concerns a young lady who poses as a serving girl to win the heart of a young gentleman too shy to court ladies of his own class. Notes.

Features The War of the Worlds, The Time Machine, The Island of Dr. Moreau, and The Invisible Man, as well as five famous short stories, including "The Stolen Bacillus," the first work dealing with bio-terrorism.

The first of Grey's bestselling westerns, this tale of adventure and romance tells of a proud young heroine who stands alone against the villains who rustle and stampede her cattle – until a stranger rides into town.

Features Oedipus Rex and Electra by Sophocles (translated by George Young), Medea and Bacchae by Euripides (translated by Henry Hart Milman), and Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus (translated by George Thomson).

The Moon and Sixpence

An Ideal Husband

At Fault

She Stoops to Conquer

Fonvizin: The Infant; Griboyédov: Chatsky; Gógol: The Inspector;

Ostróvsky: Thunder

Sacred scripture of Islam: Mohammed's revelations concerning the omniscience and majesty of God, death and judgment, the proper conduct of the faithful, previous prophets, kindness to orphans, more.

From the golden age of Russian theater: The Inspector General by Gogol; Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard; Gorky's The Lower Depths; and A Month in the Country by Turgenev.

The most durable of medieval morality plays, along with 3 other classics: The Second Shepherd's Play, Noah's Flood and Hickscorner. All from standard texts.

Shedding harsh light on an artist's ego, Maugham reveals the lengths to which one man will go to focus on his art. Written in 1919, the tale remains controversial even today.

Swann's Way

The Koran

The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket

The Cherry Orchard

Oliver Twist

Although Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) created a wide range of

poetry, essays, and fairy tales (and one novel) in his brief, tragic life, he is perhaps best known as a dramatist. His witty, clever drama, populated by brilliant talkers skilled in the art of riposte and paradox, are still staples of the theatrical repertoire. An Ideal Husband revolves around a blackmail scheme that forces a married couple to reexamine their moral standards — providing, along the way, a wry commentary on the rarity of politicians who can claim to be ethically pure. A supporting cast of young lovers, society matrons, an overbearing father, and a formidable femme fatale continually exchange sparkling repartee, keeping the play moving at a lively pace. Like most of Wilde's plays, this scintillating drawing-room comedy is wise, well-constructed, and deeply satisfying. An instant success at its 1895 debut, the play continues to delight audiences over one hundred years later. An Ideal Husband is a must-read for Wilde fans, students of English literature, and anyone delighted by wit, urbanity, and timeless sophistication.

Comedy classics that defined a new era in drama: The Country Wife by William Wycherley; The Man of Mode by Sir George Etherege; The Rover by Aphra Behn; and The Relapse by Sir John Vanbrugh.

Includes 27 masterly speeches: First Inaugural Address, message to Congress after Pearl Harbor ("a day that will live in infamy"), Fireside Chats, Fourth Inaugural Address, many more.

Four of the playwright's greatest works: Hamlet; Macbeth; Othello; and Romeo and Juliet, the tale of the lovers whose names are synonymous with star-crossed romance. Includes two selections from the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

Grimm's Fairy Tales

Five Comic One-Act Plays

Four Great Russian Plays

Ethan Frome

The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Six selections from the famed Russian showcase his natural aptitude for detail, dialogue, humor, and compassion. Includes "The Darling," "The Kiss," "Anna on the Neck," the title story, and more.

The play focuses on the lives of three sisters, Olga, Masha, and Irina, young women of the Russian gentry who try to fill their days in order to construct a life that feels meaningful while surrounded by an array of military men, servants, husbands, suitors, and lovers, all of whom constitute a distractions from the passage of time and from the sisters' desire to return to their beloved Moscow.

A contemporary adaptation of the classic play which follows a retired professor and his young wife as they return to the country estate left by the professor's deceased first wife. The tale of a waif's unwilling but inevitable recruitment into a scabrous gang of thieves, this novel offers a realistic portrait of the correlation between poverty and crime. /div

Selected Suras

Four Great Tragedies

Macbeth

The first volume of the 7-part masterpiece In Search of Lost Time, Swann's Way introduces the reader to Charles Swann, a wealthy connoisseur in 19th-century Paris and a victim of an agonizing romance. From the author who introduced readers to chilling tales of murder comes a novella based on factual accounts of a haunting, mutinous high-seas adventure. For fans of Poe as well as maritime enthusiasts.