

**Chapter 1 : Top 20 Most Famous Love Stories in History and Literature - AmO: Life Beauty Without Limits**

*Happy or sad, the greatest love stories of all time provide the kind of noble love we aspire to in our own lives. Here are just a few of the best and most romantic ones. Pride and Prejudice by.*

Top Ten How dare I make a list of the top ten short stories ever, right? Who the hell do I think I am? Does that make me an authority? These may work for you or they may not. I tried to pick a few stories from each of the main genres I love, but overall, I wanted stories that I have a fond memory of reading. Can I remember parts of it, lines, or scenes? Does the weight of what I read still rest in my heart? I can honestly say yes, that all of these stories have had a profound impact on my writing career, as they are, in my opinion, as flawless as stories can get. Most of these stories are heavily anthologized or are available in a collection by that author. In no particular order: If you want to know what contemporary literary horror looks like, this is the place to go. For me, the power of this story lies in the familiar, the trust of one person believing in another, specifically the people you let into your home—electricians, painters, and plumbers. When you look down on somebody there is always the risk that you will insult them and set them off. And in this story, we see the worst possible fear of a mother come home to roost, with an ending that is absolutely devastating. When somebody is damaged and lost in the world, we always wonder how that came to be. Was there something in their past that made them steal, made them vulnerable; was there an incident, some family member, an ongoing abuse? In this case, yes, there was. A college aged girl tells of her problems, these issues she has, but we have no idea how deep it goes, how messed up she really is. But what keeps this story from being merely a dark tale of power gone awry is the way the protagonist handles her future, the way she forgives and moves on. She is unique, and yet, she is all of us. This is probably her most famous story, and an extremely popular and well-known one, in general. When a teenage girl stays home, trying to exude angst and resentment, something she has set in motion leads her to a horrifying moment. And nobody gets killed. The violence and tension are all up front, all in your head, right there beyond the screen door, asked for and granted. If you want to figure out how to write tension, this is a great example. It is essential reading. This story is very dark, and yet funny, and then ultimately, heartbreaking. The violence of the hospital, the fate of the two goofballs that are driving around in the truck, the bunnies—what can I say about the bunnies. Makes me sad, crushes me, whenever I think about it. He is a powerful voice, one that you need to know. I could have picked ten, and maybe that will be a list I do some other day, but this story, which originally ran in the New Yorker, has always stayed with me. I love his voice, and think that this is a story that flows along nicely, for the most part a happy story, until it turns the corner. Sometimes dreams come true, and sometimes those dreams are nightmares. I ran across this story in a Best American Short Stories anthology and have been a fan ever since. Such a bittersweet story, this one, as many of the best ones are. It has stayed with me for thirty years. What I love about this story is that it totally catches you off guard. It lures you into this strange world where everyone is handicapped—the beautiful wear masks, the strong wear heavy weights, the smart wear headphones that pipe in excruciatingly loud noises to disrupt their thoughts. This might be one of the few stories that actually made me cry. I see this collection at a lot of garage sales and used bookstores, so pick it up if you run across it.

**Chapter 2 : 13 Short Stories From Classic Novelists You Can Read Over Lunch**

*The 10 Best Romance Novels of All Time Reader's Digest Editors Jul 02 Books in which man meets woman, man woos woman (or woman woos man), and man and woman live happily ever after are a dime a dozen.*

An example of this can be seen in the quotation above. The story looks at themes of love and sacrifice, wealth and poverty, and the nature of true beauty. The fact is that the leaden heart had snapped right in two. It certainly was a dreadfully hard frost. Oscar Wilde is known all over the world as one of the literary greats. Image Credit: Delany Dean via Flickr Creative Commons. While the little boy explores the shop, seeing only joy and wonder, his father is confronted with much more sinister visions. The story therefore examines how we experience the world as children versus how we experience the world as adults. The narrator, of course, believes the demon belongs to the magic shop, yet the shop owner claims that the narrator has been carrying the little devil around himself. This therefore begs the question "is evil born of our own perceptions? The famous novelist H. Wells also penned a classic short story: Kieran Guckian via Flickr Creative Commons. In doing so, O. Henry invites the reader to recognise that, although the valuable sacrifices the couple make for each other ultimately reduce their gifts to irrelevance, their sacrifices were made out of love, and are therefore the most valuable gifts of all. Through this line, more than any other, Irving portrays America as a nation that must struggle to map out its own, unique identity, after severing its ties from the previous monarch much like Rip, after finding himself free of Dame Van Winkle. Author and essayist, Washington Irving After expelling his wife and child from their home, merely for their mixed heritage, the reader takes great delight in discovering that it is Armand himself who is not entirely of white descent. Within this ending, Chopin highlights that all people are ultimately the same, and that not one of us, for any reason whatsoever, have the right to treat another person as less human than ourselves. The outside pattern I mean, and the woman behind it is as plain as can be. It is clear to the reader that, just like the woman in the wallpaper, the narrator is being held prisoner by her husband, and is desperate to break free. From the very opening line included above, the reader is given the strong sense that the narrator is not to be entirely trusted. The structure of the introductory line is erratic and disjointed, creating the impression of mad ramblings. Of course, the wonderful irony of this is that the narrator is attempting to convince the reader of his sanity, and yet with every sentence, the reader only becomes more and more certain of the opposite. Edgar Allan Poe adopted the short story as it emerged as a recognised literary form. Image Credit: But perhaps not everyone realises what a talented and prolific writer he truly was particularly in the genre of the short story. The Sherlock Holmes stories themselves are, of course, exemplary of this. Of the sixty stories chronicling the adventures of the consulting detective, fifty-six of them are short and all sixty are well worth the read, if ever you get the chance. The complete collection is available here. But if you fail me, then I give you my solemn promise that I will rope myself up, this day month, to the bar of my windows, and from that time on I will come to plague you in your dreams if ever yet one man was able to come back and to haunt another. In doing so, Doyle establishes an acute sense of realism in the tale, allowing the reader to feel as though the narrator can, in fact, extend beyond the page and come back to haunt them as promised. If the narrator is mad enough to hang himself if he is not listened to, perhaps the reader cannot trust his testimony after all? In this way, the reader is left wondering, do they really know who the killer is? Go via Flickr Creative Commons. Share it with us in the comments below!

**Chapter 3 : 10 of the Greatest Short Stories About Love – Flavorwire**

*The 50 best short stories/short story collections as according to calendrierdelascience.com Have a nice day.*

Short Romantic Love Stories Find the best romantic love stories to inspire you to love more. A man bought 12 flowers. He said, "I will love you until the last flower dies. She asked him if he wanted to be with her forever, he said "No". Then she asked him if he would cry if she walked away, he said "No". She had heard enough; she needed to leave. As she walked away he grabbed her arm and told her to stay. Can I take a photo? I just want to show my children how their mom looked when she was younger. There was a girl named Becca and a boy named Joe. Becca was in a burning house. None of the firefighters could get in the house because the fire was too big. Joe dressed in one of the fire suits and got into the house. When he got up the stairs, the steps fell off behind him. When he got into her room he sealed the door up behind him. He held her tight, kissed her, hugged her, then said that he loved her. She asked what was wrong, and he said that he was going to die. Her eyes widened as she began to cry. He picked her up and jumped out of the four story house. He landed on his back with her on top of him. He died to save her life. There was girl who loved a boy so much she said to the boy, "If I told you that I liked you, would you take it as a joke? No this is fun. Then tell me you love me. Fine, I love you. Now give me a big hug. Girl hugs him Guy: Can you take my helmet off and put it on? In the paper the next day: A motorcycle had crashed into a building because of brake failure. Two people were on the motorcycle, but only one survived. Instead, he had her say she loved him, felt her hug one last time, then had her wear his helmet so she would live even though it meant he would die. Me and my boyfriend were out to dinner and there was an older couple sitting near us. All of a sudden I heard the older man say "Remember when we were like that? Will you let me show you that love? He accidentally cut his own finger badly with the knife, started bleeding, and knelt down in pain. His girlfriend bent down and bandaged up his finger and tended to him. There was a blind girl who was filled with animosity and despised the world. Suddenly, one day someone donated her a pair of eyes. She was astonished to see that her boyfriend was blind. He told her, "You can see me now, can we get married? I just want you to always be happy. Take care of yourself, and my eyes. I would like you to do something important for me. When you get home today, thank your mom for me. Thank her because she gave birth to an angel who was put into my life and one day whom I hope will become my wife. When my boyfriend and I were 15, he wanted to give me a piggy back ride, but I refused because I thought I was too fat. One night a guy and a girl were driving home from the movies. The boy sensed there was something wrong because of the painful silence they shared between them that night. The girl then asked the boy to pull over because she wanted to talk. She told him that her feelings had changed and that it was time to move on. At that moment, a drunk driver was speeding down that very same street. He swerved right into the drivers seat, killing the boy. Miraculously, the girl survived. When I asked why, he took out a list. It was reasons long, and he said he had a pen in his pocket in case he remembered any new reasons. A boy was dating a girl who always hurt him. She realized that she loved the boy, so she went back and said to him, "Give me just one more chance. I love you and I need you. I promise that I will never hurt you again. She told me there was a new kid at school who was deaf and she wanted to befriend him. Today I stood beside her at their wedding watching her sign "I do". There was a girl who was playing in the park when she saw a picture in a bush. She kept the photo but forgot about it until she was married. Her husband asked, who is that little boy in her wallet. She answered; "My first love. Can I confess something? Can I confess something as well? This smile only exists because Of you! Today my boyfriend came over and met my parents for the first time. After he left, my dad told me, "Your boyfriend loves you. I moved away in 5th grade so we had to break up. Years later, I moved back and I saw him at the mall the and he was still wearing the bracelet. We are getting married next year! My boyfriend lost his wallet one day. He spent hours looking for it at the park where we spent the day together. I found his wallet at my house. He had no money, credit cards, or other valuables in it. The only thing in it was the first letter that I had written to him.

**Chapter 4 : Top 10 Classic Short Stories – Writer's Edit**

*Best known for his novel The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald once again enters the world of the rich and glamorous in this short story. Fitzgerald's critique of wealth remains scathing, this time.*

Can We Explain Everything? Do you believe in love at first sight? Do you believe in love lasting forever? I think that these love stories will renew or reinforce your faith in love. They are the most famous love stories in history and literature, they are immortal. Romeo and Juliet This is probably the most famous lovers ever. This couple has become a synonym for love itself. Romeo and Juliet is a tragedy by William Shakespeare. Their love story is very tragic. The tale of two teenagers from two feuding families who fall in love at first sight and then marry, become true lovers and then risk it all for their love. To take your own life for your husband or wife is definitely a sign of true love. Their "untimely deaths" ultimately unite their feuding households.

Cleopatra and Mark Antony The true love story of Antony and Cleopatra is one of the most memorable, intriguing and moving of all times. The story of these two historical characters had later been dramatized by William Shakespeare and is still staged all over the world. The relationship of Antony and Cleopatra is a true test of love. They fell in love at first sight. The relationship between these two powerful people put the country of Egypt in a powerful position. But their love affair outraged the Romans who were wary of the growing powers of the Egyptians. Despite all the threats, Anthony and Cleopatra got married. Shattered, he fell on his sword. And she took her own life. Great love demands great sacrifices. Their love grew slowly, as Guinevere kept Lancelot away from her. Eventually, however, her love and passion overpowered her and the pair became lovers. Discovered, Sir Lancelot made a fighting escape, but poor Guinevere was not so lucky. She was seized and condemned to burn to death for her adultery. Sir Lancelot returned several days later to rescue his beloved Guinevere from the fire. Poor Lancelot ended his days as a lowly hermit and Guinevere became a nun at Amesbury where she died.

Tristan and Isolde The tragic love story of Tristan and Isolde has been told and retold through various stories and manuscripts. It takes place during medieval times during the reign of King Arthur. Isolde of Ireland was the daughter of the King of Ireland. She was betrothed to King Mark of Cornwall. During the voyage, Isolde and Tristan fell forever in love. Isolde did marry Mark of Cornwall, but could not help but love Tristan. The love affair continued after the marriage. When King Mark finally learned of the affair, he forgave Isolde, but Tristan was banned from Cornwall. Tristan went to Brittany. There he met Iseult of Brittany. He was attracted to her because of the similarity of her name to his true love. He married her, but did not consummate the marriage because of his love for the "true" Isolde. After falling ill, he sent for Isolde in hopes that she would be able to cure him. Iseult, seeing the white sails, lied to Tristan and told him that the sails were black. He died of grief before Isolde could reach him. Isolde died soon after of a broken heart.

Helen of Troy is considered one the most beautiful women in all literature. She was married to Menelaus, king of Sparta. Helen returned safely to Sparta, where she lived happily with Menelaus for the rest of her life.

Orpheus and Eurydice Orpheus and Eurydice story is an ancient greek tale of desperate love. Orpheus fell deeply in love with and married Eurydice, a beautiful nymph. They were very much in love and very happy together. Aristaeus, a Greek god of the land and agriculture, became quite fond of Eurydice, and actively pursued her. While fleeing from Aristaeus, Eurydice ran into a nest of snakes which bit her fatally on her legs. Distraught, Orpheus played such sad songs and sang so mournfully that all the nymphs and gods wept. On their advice, Orpheus traveled to the underworld and by his music softened the hearts of Hades and Persephone he was the only person ever to do so , who agreed to allow Eurydice to return with him to earth on one condition: In his anxiety he forgot that both needed to be in the upper world, and he turned to look at her, and she vanished for the second time, but now forever.

Napoleon and Josephine A marriage of convenience, at age 26 Napoleon took a fancy to Josephine. An older, prominent, and most importantly wealthy woman. They eventually split, as Napoleon deeply required something Josephine could not give him, an heir. Sadly they parted ways, both bearing the love and passion in their hearts, for all eternity.

Odysseus and Penelope Few couples understand sacrifice quite like this Greek pair. After being torn apart, they wait twenty long years to be reunited. War takes Odysseus away shortly after his marriage to Penelope. Although she has little hope of

his return, she resists the suitors who are anxious to replace her husband. It is a true story: The love between them grows when they read together a book according to Dante about Lancelot and Guinevere. When the two lovers are discovered they are killed by Gianciotto. Throughout the epic story, this tempestuous twosome experience passion but not permanence, and their stormy marriage reflects the surrounding Civil War battles. When she finally decides to settle on being happy with Rhett, her fickle nature has already driven him away. Hope springs eternal in our devious heroine, however, and the novel ends with Scarlett proclaiming, "Tomorrow is another day. Jane is an abused orphan employed as a governess to the charge of an abrasive, but very rich Edward Rochester. The improbable pair grow close as Rochester reveals a tender heart beneath his gruff exterior. He does not, however, reveal his penchant for polygamy - on their wedding day, a horrified Jane discovers he is already married. Love triumphs, and the two reunite and live out their days in shared bliss.

Layla and Majnun A leading medieval poet of Iran, Nizami of Ganje is known especially for his romantic poem Layla and Majnun Inspired by an Arab legend, Layla and Majnun is a tragic tale about unattainable love. It had been told and retold for centuries, and depicted in manuscripts and other media such as ceramics for nearly as long as the poem has been penned. Layla and Qays fall in love while at school. Their love is observed and they are soon prevented from seeing one another. In misery, Qays banishes himself to the desert to live among and be consoled by animals. He neglects to eat and becomes emaciated. Due to his eccentric behavior, he becomes known as Majnun madman. Upon death, they are buried side by side.

Eloise and Abelard This is a story of a monk and a nun whose love letters became world famous. He gained a reputation as an outstanding philosopher. Fulbert, the canon of Notre Dame, hired Abelard to tutor his niece, Heloise. Abelard and the scholarly Heloise fell deeply in love, conceived a child, and were secretly married. But Fulbert was furious, so Abelard sent Heloise to safety in a convent. Thinking that he intended to abandon Heloise, Fulbert had his servants castrate Abelard while he slept. Abelard became a monk and devoted his life to learning. The heartbroken Heloise became a nun. Despite their separations and tribulations, Abelard and Heloise remained in love. Their poignant love letters were later published.

Pyramus and Thisbe A very touching love story that is sure to move anyone who reads it is that of Pyramus and Thisbe. Theirs was a selfless love and they made sure that even in death, they were together. Pyramus was the most handsome man and was childhood friend of Thisbe, the fairest maiden in Babylonia. They both lived in neighboring homes and fell in love with each other as they grew up together. However, their parents were dead against them marrying each other. So one night just before the crack of dawn, while everyone was asleep, they decided to slip out of their homes and meet in the nearby fields near a mulberry tree. Thisbe reached there first. As she waited under the tree, she saw a lion coming near the spring close by to quench its thirst.

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