

# Famous Authors as Characters

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Jane Austen as a vampire, Ernest Hemingway as a detective, Henry James as the older brother of Jesse James? These favorably-reviewed novels might take liberties with our most beloved authors, but the results are hilarious, eerie, moving, or heart-breaking . . . definitely entertaining.

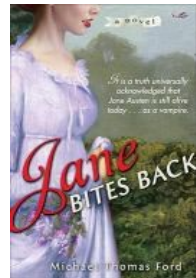


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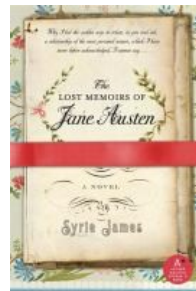
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**Louisa and the Missing Heiress**  
By Anna Maclean  
Author **Louisa May Alcott** turns sleuth when her close friend is found dead in Boston Harbor after an overseas honeymoon. PB MACLEAN



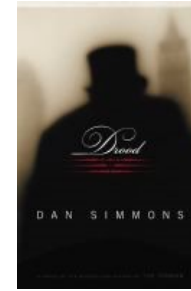
**Jane Bites Back**  
By Michael Thomas Ford  
**Jane Austen** didn't die 200 years ago— she was turned into a vampire by Lord Byron. Under an assumed name, she now runs a bookstore, tries to fend off a man from her past, and juggles two modern suitors. FIC FORD



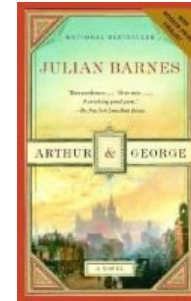
**Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen**  
By Syrie James  
Imagines a lost **Austen** memoir detailing Jane's relationship with a charming man, her equal in intellect and temperament, who inspires her to continue writing. FIC JAMES



**Jane and the Canterbury Tale**  
By Stephanie Barron  
**Jane Austen** solves a murder mystery while visiting her brother Edward in Kent. PB BARRON



**Drood**  
By Dan Simmons  
After a train journey with his mistress ends in violence, **Charles Dickens** develops a morbid obsession with the London underground. FIC SIMMONS



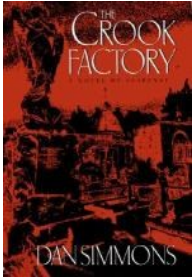
**Arthur & George**  
By Julian Barnes  
A fictionalized account of the converging lives of **Arthur Conan Doyle** and George Edalji, a man wrongly imprisoned whom Doyle helped represent. FIC BARNES



**The Sherlockian**  
By Graham Moore  
A modern day literary researcher seeks **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's** missing diary, while in 1890s London, Doyle hunts a serial killer to prove his superiority to his famous character. MYS MOORE



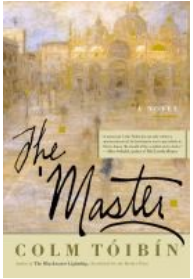
**Hemingway Deadlights**  
By Michael Atkinson  
Suffering from writer's block in Key West, **Ernest Hemingway** investigates the death of a local fisherman. MYS ATKINSON



### [The Crook Factory](#)

By Dan Simmons

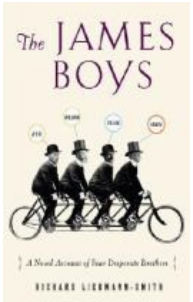
A fictionalized account of the counterespionage operation set up by **Ernest Hemingway** in Cuba in the 1930s. FIC SIMMONS



### [The Master](#)

By Colm Toibin

A portrait of the inner life of novelist **Henry James** during the tumultuous last decades of his life. FIC TOIBIN

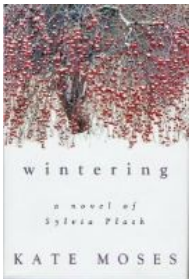


### [The James Boys](#)

By Richard Liebmann-Smith

Imagines that the Boston brothers William and **Henry James** and the Western outlaw brothers Frank and Jesse James are all from the same

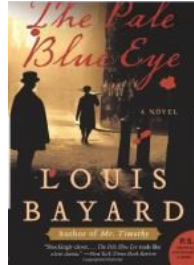
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### [Wintering: A Novel of Sylvia Plath](#)

Kate Moses

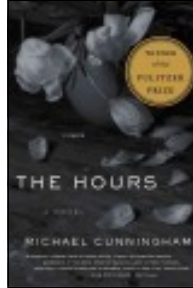
Recreates **Sylvia Plath's** last months, through the disintegration of her relationship with Ted Hughes and the burst of creativity it triggered. FIC MOSES



### [The Pale Blue Eye](#)

By Louis Bayard

During his brief stint as a West Point cadet, **Edgar Allen Poe** assists in a murder investigation. MYS BAYARD



### [The Hours](#)

By Michael Cunningham

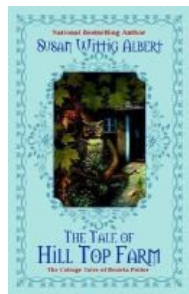
A fictional account of Virginia Woolf's last days and her friendship with a poet living in his mother's shadow. FIC CUNNINGHAM



### [The Raven's Bride](#)

By Lenore Hart

A novel exploring the mysterious and confounding relationship between **Edgar Allen Poe** and Sissy Clemm, his great love and constant companion. FIC HART



### [Tale of Hill Top Farm](#)

Susan Wittig Albert

After purchasing a farm in the Lake District of England, an animal lover attempts to befriend her fellow villagers, while her animal companions solve a baffling mystery in a tale inspired

by the life of **Beatrix Potter**. MYS ALBERT

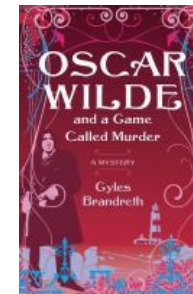


### [A Mystery of Errors](#)

By Simon Hawke

MYS HAWKE

Two travelers, **Will Shakespeare**, a fledgling dramatist, and Symington Smythe, an aspiring thespian, meet at a roadside inn and decide to cast their lot together for fame and fortune in the cutthroat world of the London theater in Elizabethan England. MYS HAWKE



### [Oscar Wilde and a Game Called Murder](#)

By Gyles Brandreth

After playing a parlor game called *Murder* at a dinner party, **Oscar Wilde** (joined by friend **Arthur Conan Doyle**) must figure out which guest

has taken the game too far— and committed an actual murder. MYS BRANDRETH