



Title: The Outsiders

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BOOK RESUME: THE OUTSIDERS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Over 50 years of an iconic classic! This international bestseller and inspiration for a beloved movie is a heroic story of friendship and belonging.

No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on “greasers” like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far.

The Outsiders is a dramatic and enduring work of fiction that laid the groundwork for the YA genre. S. E. Hinton's classic story of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society remains as powerful today as it was the day it was first published.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“*The Outsiders* transformed young-adult fiction from a genre mostly about prom queens, football players and high school crushes to one that portrayed a darker, truer world.” —*The New York Times*

“Taut with tension, filled with drama.” —*The Chicago Tribune*

“[A] classic coming-of-age book.” —*Philadelphia Daily News*

“This remarkable novel gives a moving, credible view of the outsiders from the inside...we meet powerful characters in a book with a powerful message.” —*The Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A New York Herald Tribune Best Teenage Book
- A Chicago Tribune Book World Spring Book Festival Honor Book
- An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults
- Winner of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award

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