



**Title:** Ulysses

**Author:** James Joyce

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# BOOK RESUME: ULYSSES

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

A day in the life of Leopold Bloom, whose odyssey through the streets of turn-of-the-century Dublin leads him through trials that parallel those of Ulysses on his epic journey home.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

[“Joyce’s parallel use of \*The Odyssey\* . . . has the importance of a scientific discovery. . . . It is simply a way of controlling, of ordering, of giving a shape and a significance to the immense panorama of futility and anarchy which is contemporary history...It is, I seriously believe, a step toward making the modern world possible for art.” —T. S. Eliot](#)

[“\*Ulysses\* has enough verbal splendor to furnish a legion of novels. . . . You will have difficulty finding a fuller portrait of the natural man.” —Harold Bloom, \*The Western Canon\*](#)

[“One might almost risk praising \[\*Ulysses\*\] for being a work of literature in which the spirit of one man is eternally confirmed in all its complexity.” —From the Introduction](#)

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Ulysses Guide by Patrick Hastings](#)
- [“How to read – and keep reading – Ulysses,”](#) Penguin Random House UK

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- A history of the struggle to bring Ulysses to the United States can be found in:
  - Barbas, S. (2021). The rise and fall of Morris Ernst, free speech renegade. University of Chicago Press.
  - Birmingham, K. (2015). The most dangerous book: The Battle for James Joyce’s Ulysses. Penguin.
- [United States v. One Book Called “Ulysses,” 5 F. Supp. 182 - Dist. Court, SD New York 1933](#)
- [Urbandale, Iowa school district bans 374 books, including Ulysses in 2023. Iowa City Community School District selects 68 books for removal from schools in 2023.](#)

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