



[It](#) by Stephen King

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\*Age/Grade Range: Adult (Suggested by Publisher)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Stephen King's classic #1 *New York Times* bestseller and the basis for the massively successful films *It: Chapter One* and *It: Chapter Two* as well as inspiration for HBO Max's series *It: Welcome to Derry*—about seven adults who return to their hometown to confront a nightmare they had first stumbled upon as teenagers...an evil without a name: It.

Welcome to Derry, Maine. It's a small city, a place as hauntingly familiar as your own hometown. Only in Derry the haunting is real.

They were seven teenagers when they first stumbled upon the horror. Now they are grown-up men and women who have gone out into the big world to gain success and happiness. But the promise they made twenty-eight years ago calls them reunite in the same place where, as teenagers, they battled an evil creature that preyed on the city's children. Now, children are being murdered again and their repressed memories of that terrifying summer return as they prepare to once again battle the monster lurking in Derry's sewers.

Readers of Stephen King know that Derry, Maine, is a place with a deep, dark hold on the author. It reappears in many of his books, including *Bag of Bones*, *Hearts in Atlantis*, and *11/22/63*. But it all starts with *It*.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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"A landmark in American literature." —*Chicago Sun-Times*

"It will overwhelm you...Characters so real you feel you are reading about yourself...scenes to be read in a well-lit room only." —*Los Angeles Times*

"Vintage King...a magnum opus of terror...just a glance at the first few pages, and you can't put this novel aside." —*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"The indisputable King of Horror." — *Time Magazine*

"A mesmerizing odyssey of terror...King writes like one possessed, never cheats the reader, always gives full measure...He is brilliant...dark and sinister." — *The Washington Post Book World*

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“Compulsively readable.” —*Fort Worth Star Telegram*

“King’s most mature work.” —*St. Petersburg Times*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- #1 *New York Times* Bestseller
- British Fantasy Award
- *Locus* Award Nominee
- World Fantasy Award Nominee

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Author’s Website](#)
- [Movie Trailer](#)
- [Velshi Banned Book Club: an Introduction to the Great Stephen King](#)
- [Velshi Banned Book Club: a Conversation with the Great Stephen King](#)
- [Stephen King is the most banned author in U.S. schools, PEN report finds](#)
- [2018 Literary Gala: Stephen King, PEN America Literary Service Award](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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- [The Book Banners: Adventure in Censorship is Stranger than Fiction by Stephen King](#)
- [Stephen King Reacts to Becoming Most Banned Author in the US](#)
- [Stephen King Reacts to Florida Banning 23 of His Books](#)

## AUTHOR STATEMENT

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“Read whatever they’re trying to keep out of your eyes and your brain, because that’s exactly what you need to know.” —Stephen King

## \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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