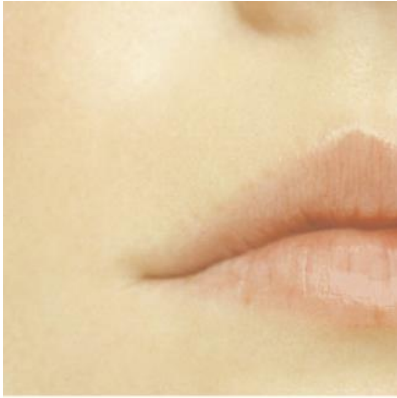


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Lolita



Title: Lolita

Author: Vladimir Nabokov

Publisher: Knopf

Imprint: Vintage

On sale date: March 13, 1989
(Originally published in France in 1955, and in the US in 1958)

ISBN: 9780679723165

Age Range*: 18 Up

BOOK RESUME: LOLITA

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The most controversial classic novel of the 20th century, *Lolita* tells the story of Humbert Humbert, a middle-aged man who is aroused to erotic desire only by a young girl. Awe and exhilaration--along with heartbreak and mordant wit--abound in *Lolita*, Nabokov's most famous and controversial novel, which tells the story of the aging Humbert Humbert's obsessive, devouring, and doomed passion for the nymphet Dolores Haze. *Lolita* is also the story of a hypercivilized European colliding with the cheerful barbarism of postwar America.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

- National Book Award finalist 1959
- Time's All-Time 100 Novels
- The 100 best novels written in English
- Adapted to film in 1962 and in 1997.

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Sparknotes Study Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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- [Censure vs. Censorship Banned books and the legacy of Lolita](#)

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