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Salem Press Announces a New Revised Edition of *Recommended Reading: 600 Classics Reviewed*

Ten years ago, Salem Press presented *Recommended Reading: 500 Classics Reviewed*, which responded to “a need for quick access to information on works of literature that frequently appeared on high school and college reading lists.” This new edition, *Recommended Reading: 600 Classics Reviewed*, attempts to improve the value of the original list of 500, with 100 new reviews of literary masterpieces. Extra attention has been placed on young adult literature, a genre that has developed its own cultural influence on generations of readers.

While the selection of the included works is based on those that continue to hold the interest of both general readers and literary scholars year after year, such a selection cannot hope to define a literary canon-and give rise to discussion of omitted works. *Recommended Reading: 600 Classics Reviewed* was designed to lead readers to works of literary value and creating a place to start in any reader’s quest of exploring great literature.

Each review approaches one work of literature-fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or drama-and is introduced with brief ready reference data, including:

- Title,
- Author
- Date of First Publication
- Type of Work
- A brief abstract of the book’s content or impact

The interested reader will gain, from the review that follows, both an impression of the works content and an idea of the work’s importance in the history of literature and ideas. Featured titles include: “Dracula” by *Bram Stoker*; “Electra” by *Euripides*; “The Blue Hotel” by *Stephen Crane*; “Spring Snow” by *Yukio Mishima*; “Charlotte’s Web” by *E.B. White*; plus many more.

In addition to the 100 entries, new to this edition are two indexes. The first, **Literary Genre Index**, lists all works by six major literary genres, and more than 100 sub genres, with many works falling into multiple categories. Readers will find that all 600 entries have been revised and, in many cases, multiple genre classifications; main genres are bold and sub genres are not. The second new index, **Publication Year Index**, lists all works by publication date, from BCE

to 2012. These two new indexes supplement the **Author Index** that appeared in the first edition, for a total of three indexes to make finding specific work quick and easy.

In the library, *Recommended Reading: 600 Classics Reviewed* is an excellent tool to help readers find books that match their interests, refresh their memories about books read long ago, or gain an impression of how additional books by an author relate to a recently read or studied work. Reviews are arranged alphabetically by book title.

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