

## East of Eden

John Steinbeck



### About the author

John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, California, on February 27, 1902. He was of German and Irish ancestry. His father, John Ernst Steinbeck served as the County Treasurer. His mother, Olivia Hamilton was a former school teacher and it was she who encouraged Steinbeck's love of reading and writing. During the summers, Steinbeck often worked as a hired hand on the local ranches and these experiences helped him gain knowledge of the Californian countryside and its people. After graduating from high school in 1919, John went to Stanford University, initially to study English. However, he did not complete his studies, working in various different jobs before finally leaving Stanford in 1925. He then went to New York with the aim of pursuing a writing career, but he did not get any of his work published, and he subsequently returned to his native California.

His first novel, *Cup of Gold*, was published in 1929, but it did not meet with much success. Two more unsuccessful novels followed: *The Pastures of Heaven* and *To a God Unknown*.

Steinbeck married his first wife in 1930 and first achieved real popular acclaim in 1935 for his novel *Tortilla Flat*, with the book receiving the California Commonwealth Club's Gold Medal for best novel by a Californian author. Much of his writing concerned the plight of America's dispossessed rural population. *The Grapes of Wrath*, published in 1939 and set during the depression, tells the story of poor migrant sharecroppers who are driven to leave their homes by drought and who go to California in search of a better life. The novel received the Pulitzer Prize and was made into a successful movie starring Henry Fonda in 1940.

During the Second World War he worked as a war correspondent for the *New York Herald Tribune*, accompanying several commando raids on German-held territory in Europe. In 1943 he divorced his first wife and married Gwyn Conger in the same year. He was to have two sons with his second wife.

For a period during the Cold War he was widely criticized in the United States for his support for the underprivileged and his attention to social issues. He visited the Soviet Union in 1948 and wrote a book describing the lives of ordinary Russian people which sought to increase people's understanding of the Soviet people at a tense time in international relations.

His works *Of Mice and Men*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and *East of Eden* have all been made into successful movies.

John Steinbeck married for the third time in 1950. In 1962 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. He died six years later in 1968.

### Summary

*East of Eden* tells the story of two generations of brothers. It spans the period between the American Civil War and the end of the First World War. Adam and Charles Trask are half-brothers. They are the sons of Cyrus Trask, who fights briefly during the civil war. He is injured in his first battle then later embellishes his own military record and rises to become an influential military advisor. Adam's mother dies very shortly after Adam is born and Cyrus quickly takes a new wife and has another son. He dotes on his son, Adam, at the expense of his younger son Charles. It is Adam whom Cyrus encourages to follow in his footsteps and join the army.

The relationship between the brothers is not an easy one because Charles is extremely jealous of his brother's relationship with their father. He is very violent towards Adam and one day, after his father has once again shown his preference for Adam, Charles beats his brother to within an inch of this life. Soon afterwards, Adam joins the army and he remains a soldier for ten years. When Cyrus Trask moves away from the family farm to take up a job with the military, Charles is left alone in charge and there follows a period during which the brothers correspond as their relationship improves. Following their father's death, and after some years spent traveling rather aimlessly around the country, Adam finally returns to the family home to live with Charles. The brothers find out that their father has left them a large sum of money in his will

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and they are intrigued as to how he managed to amass such a sum on his army pay.

One day a badly beaten young woman appears on the Trasks' doorstep. She is Cathy Ames, a beautiful but evil and manipulative prostitute, who has been left for dead by her pimp. The brothers give her shelter and take care of her. Adam soon falls in love with her and wants to marry her. Charles is set against the marriage because he is aware of Cathy's true character. His suspicions are confirmed one night when she seduces him as his brother Adam lies sleeping. However, Adam and Cathy are married and she soon finds out that she is pregnant. Cathy doesn't want the child and she tries to induce a miscarriage. The attempt goes badly wrong and she becomes very ill.

Adam decides to leave the family farm and start afresh with his wife and new baby. He looks for some land on which he can build a house and make a new life. But Cathy tells him she doesn't want this new life and that she will leave him when the child is born. Adam doesn't believe her, but soon after she gives birth to twin boys, Cathy packs her things and gets ready to leave. When Adam tries to stop her, she coolly shoots him and leaves him wounded. She leaves and returns to her life as a prostitute.

For the first year of their lives, Adam is too unhappy and depressed to give the boys names. Finally, he is persuaded by a neighbor that it is very important for him to do so, and they look to the biblical story of the Garden of Eden for inspiration. The twins are named Caleb and Aaron.

The twin brothers are raised by Adam and his Chinese servant, Lee. Aaron changes the spelling of his name to Aron (page 54). The brothers are very different and while everybody seems to like Aron, people seem more uneasy in the presence of Caleb. The father, just like in the previous generation, also appears to favor Aron. Both sons vie for their father's affections, but Aron is more successful in this. When Caleb attempts to buy his father's love with a gift of money he has earned via a business venture, he is rebuffed and unfavorably compared to his brother. Caleb is very jealous. He knows of their mother's whereabouts and profession, while Aron believes her to be dead. As an act of vengeance against this father's favorite, Caleb takes Aron to the brothel run by their mother. Aron is so grief-stricken that he enlists in the Army and is killed while fighting in France. Things get worse when Adam Trask suffers a stroke upon hearing

the news of this son's death. Caleb is grief-stricken and blames himself for Aron's death and Adam's sickness. He worries that he is evil because his mother was evil. However, at the end of the book, Adam's final words to Cal seem to imply forgiveness—he reminds us, and his son, that he has free will.

### Background and themes

Published in 1952, *East of Eden* is a story of good and evil. Steinbeck wrote it for his two young sons. He wanted to convey to them the sights, sounds and smells of the Salinas Valley. The novel is partly based on Steinbeck's own life growing up in the Salinas Valley. His mother's name was Hamilton, the same name he chose to give to the Trask's neighbors. He considered this to be his greatest novel. He said about it: "It has everything in it I have been able to learn about my craft or profession in all these years."

The novel is a symbolic recreation of the biblical story of Cain and Abel, told against a backdrop of the history of the Salinas Valley at the turn of the twentieth century. Among the many themes the book explores are the themes of love, jealousy, guilt, acceptance, and freedom. Steinbeck brings themes together by making references to the Book of Genesis and especially the story of Cain and Abel. The link between the novel and the biblical story is made very apparent by the choice of the names of both generations of brothers in the Trask family—the first letters of their names are a perfect match—first Charles and Adam, and then Cal and Aron.

But the parallels do not end there. In the biblical story, Cain works the land and Abel is a keeper of sheep. In *East of Eden*, Charles is a farmer, and then Caleb invests in the bean harvest. In the Bible, Adam rejects Cain's gift of crops and prefers Abel's gift of a lamb, while in *East of Eden*, Cyrus rejects Charles's gift of an expensive knife in favor of Adam's gift of a stray puppy. This pattern is repeated in the subsequent generation when Adam Trask rejects Caleb's gift of money earned by investing in the bean crop and tells him he would rather he led a good life like his brother. In the Bible, Cain kills Abel after being rejected by God, while in the novel Charles almost beats his brother to death in a jealous rage after being rejected by his father. In the second generation, Caleb's jealousy indirectly kills his brother, Aron, when he makes him so distraught over his mother that he enlists and goes to fight in the First World War.

The mark that God put on Cain in order to deter others from killing him in the biblical story is paralleled in both

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generations of Trask brothers. In the first generation, Charles receives a dark scar on his forehead as the result of an agricultural accident. In the second generation, people are frightened of Caleb's appearance, which is described as being darker and more sinister than that of Aron.

In the Bible, Cain is the only brother who has offspring. In the novel, we learn that it is probably Charles, and not his brother who is the real father of the twins. And in the second generation, Aron is killed before he has a chance to produce any children and we are led to assume that Cal will go on to have children, possibly with the former sweetheart of his dead brother.

In the story of Cain and Abel, Cain reaches the Promised Land but Abel doesn't. This suggests that there is hope for Caleb even after he has brought about the death of this brother. He receives the love of a good woman and is given the chance to make a life for himself. He is not doomed to follow in his mother's footsteps; he is free to do good or evil.

Possibly the main moral message of the story is that we have a free will, and we are always able to make a choice, even if that choice is a tough one. Several of the characters in the book have to face difficult choices. There is bad in all of us, but if we set our minds to it we "may rule sin."

### Discussion activities

#### Before reading

- 1 **Discuss:** Put the students into small groups and have them ask and answer the following questions:
  - a *Do you know the stories of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel. Can you recount them to the other students in your group?*
  - b *Have you ever seen the movie "East of Eden"? Who was the star of the movie whose picture is featured on the front cover of the book? What do you know about his life?*

#### Chapters 1–3, pages 1–16

##### After reading

- 2 **Read carefully:** Working in pairs, ask the students to re-read Chapter 1 and to note down two or three important pieces of information that it gives about the history of the Salinas Valley and the history of the Hamilton family. Then, working individually, ask them to note down some similarly key points about their own home town or region and/or their own grandparents. Ask them to write down full sentences. Ask for students to volunteer to read out their sentences. As a follow-up, you could ask them to

expand their sentences into a longer text, written in the style of Chapter 1.

- 3 **Pair work:** Divide the class into two equally-sized groups. Ask group A to imagine the feelings and thoughts of Cyrus and ask group B to imagine the feelings and thoughts of Charles at the point in the story on page 9 when Adam tells his father that his son Charles thinks he doesn't love him. Then put the students into pairs so that one person from group A works with one person in group B and have them act out a conversation between the two characters.
- 4 **Write:** Split the class into two equally-sized groups, A and B. Working individually, ask the students to write a letter. Students in group A write a letter from Charles to Adam. Students in group B write a letter from Adam to Charles. Before they start writing, elicit from the class a few ideas concerning what each of the brothers might want to say to the other in writing that they could not say face-to-face. As a follow up, get students to exchange letters with a student from the other group and to write a reply.
- 5 **Discuss:** Working individually, asks students to consider the following question: *Why does Adam join the army?* After a few minutes, put the students into small groups and ask them to come up with reasons why they think Adam re-enlists in the army for a further five years. Then write up some of their suggestions on the board and turn the activity into a whole-class discussion.
- 6 **Role play:** Ask the students to think about the conversation between Adam and his father when his father offers to have him posted to Washington so they can work together. Ask them to imagine how each of them feels. Then put students into pairs and ask them to act out the conversation between them.

#### Chapter 4, pages 16–28

##### Before reading

- 7 **Discuss:** At the beginning of Chapter 4, we are told that Cathy Ames "was born without kindness or a conscience." Put the students into pairs and ask them to consider the following question: *Can the way a person will grow up be determined from birth or is the environment responsible for a person's behavior?*

##### After reading

- 8 **Read carefully:** Still working in pairs, ask the students to re-read the chapter and note down the ways in which Cathy Ames is presented as being evil. Then ask them to discuss the following question: *Do you agree that Cathy Ames is "an evil beauty"?*
- 9 **Role play:** Divide the class into three equally-sized groups. Allocate one of the following characters to each of the groups: Cathy Ames, Adam Trask, and Charles Trask. Ask each of the groups to re-tell the events of Chapter 4 from the point of view of their character. Ask one student per group to present the account orally in front of the whole class.

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**10 Guess:** Working in small groups, ask the students to imagine what is going to happen next in the story. You might like them to consider the following questions: *Will Adam and Cathy go to California? Will Adam find out that his wife and his brother have slept together? What will happen if he does?*

### Chapters 5–6, pages 28–47

**11 Read carefully:** They say that love is blind. Ask the students to re-read Chapter 5 to find examples of how Adam Trask is blinded by his love for Cathy. After five or ten minutes, conduct a feedback session and write students' suggestions on the board.

**12 Discuss:** Following on from exercise 12, put students into pairs and ask them to discuss the following question: *Do you have much sympathy for Adam, or do you think that he brings many of his problems upon himself?*

**13 Role play:** Put students in pairs and have them act out the dialogue between Adam Trask and Horace Quinn on pages 38–39. Ask two or three of the pairs to act out the dialogue in front of the whole class.

**14 Debate:** Is honesty always the best policy? Divide the class into two equally-sized groups. Tell them that they are going to have a debate on the above question. Write the following statement on the board: *This house believes that honesty is always the best policy.* Regardless of their personal views, allocate to one half of the class the role of arguing in favor of the statement, and to the other half, allocate the role of arguing against the statement. Give the groups enough time to prepare their arguments and to elect two spokespersons. Then proceed with the debate, with the two speakers in favor going first. At the end of the debate have the class vote on the question.

**15 Discuss:** Put the students into small groups. Have them answer the following question: *Does Kate feel any real affection for Faye? Back up your answers with evidence from Chapter 6.* After ten or fifteen minutes, conduct a feedback session with the whole class.

### Chapters 7–9, pages 47–62

#### After reading

**16 Role play:** Put the students into pairs. Ask each pair to prepare to play the role of either Lee or Samuel Hamilton. Tell them they are to role play a conversation between the two men in which they decide what needs to be done about Adam and the twins.

**17 Discuss:** Put the students into small groups. Ask them to discuss the following question: *Is Samuel Hamilton justified in hitting Adam Trask, or was there a more peaceful way of making him see sense?*

**18 Role play:** Put the students into groups of four and have them think about the following question: What are the problems faced by people when their parents become elderly and can no longer look after

themselves? Write some of their ideas on the board. Then allocate the role of one of the Hamilton children to each of the students and have them act out a conversation during which they decide what needs to be done with their father, Samuel.

**19 Discuss:** At the end of Chapter 9, Samuel finally reveals the truth about Adam's wife working in a whorehouse. Put the students into small groups and ask them to discuss the following questions: *Was Samuel right to reveal the truth to Adam? If so, why didn't he do so earlier?* After ten or fifteen minutes, broaden the discussion out into a whole-class activity.

**20 Guess:** Samuel Hamilton says that by telling Adam Trask the truth about his wife he has forced him the chose to live or die. Put the students into pairs and have them imagine what Adam is going to do now that he knows the truth. Ask several pairs to tell the rest of the class what they think will happen and write up their ideas on the board.

**21 Role play:** Ask the students to think about how Adam Trask must feel after seeing Cathy/Kate after so many years. *Does he still love her? Does he hate her?* Ask them to consider how Lee, Adam's faithful servant feels about Adam. Then put them into pairs and tell them to write a dialogue between Adam and Lee on Adam's return from seeing his wife again. Get them to act out their dialogues in front of the class.

### Chapters 10–12, pages 62–78

#### After reading

**22 Role play:** Tell the students to re-read Chapter 10, paying particular attention to the description of the characters of Aron and Cal, and of the relationship between them. Working in pairs, ask the students to imagine a conversation between Aron and Cal that takes place after they have gone to bed on page 67, and during which they discuss the day's events—their fight, their meeting with the Bacons, their potential move to Salinas, and the fact their father told them their mother was buried on the other side of the country.

**23 Discuss:** Put the students into small groups and have them discuss the following question: *Should Adam tell his sons the truth about their mother? Do you agree with Lee that the greatest danger is that when they do find out that he lied about her they will never believe anything he has ever said or done?* After ten or fifteen minutes, get the different groups to share their ideas with the whole class.

**24 Write:** As a whole-class activity, ask the students to think of reasons why Adam wants to contact his brother Charles again. Put their suggestions on the board. Then put the students into pairs and have each pair draft the letter that Adam writes to his brother Charles at the end of Chapter 10. When they have finished, ask some of the pairs to read their letter out loud to the rest of the class.

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- 25 Role play:** Put the students into groups of four. Ask them to imagine that they are a group of friends of Adam Trask and that he has come to them for advice about what to do about the news of his brother's will. He doesn't know whether to tell his wife about the inheritance or not. Regardless of their actual opinions, allocate roles to the students so that two of them are in favor of telling her and two of them are against.
- 26 Debate:** Put the students into pairs and ask them to consider their answers to the following question: *Do you agree with the assertion on page 72 that "a man will have only one question left at the end of his life: was it good or evil?"* After ten minutes or so, ask one of the pairs to volunteer their opinions and invite the rest of the group to react to it. Continue for as long as the group remains interested in the topic.
- 27 Role play:** Ask the students to work in pairs. Tell them they are businessmen who have to choose between the two opportunities that are described in Chapter 12—either they can invest in the refrigeration project and hope to sell frozen vegetables to the people in the East, or they can invest in beans to sell to people in war-torn Europe. Regardless of their personal opinions, allocate roles so that half of the pairs are in favor of the refrigeration venture, and the other pairs are in favor of the bean venture. Give them ten to fifteen minutes to prepare their case. Tell them to bear in mind the risks involved in each venture and to remember that in 1915, refrigeration was a relatively new technology. After the preparation period, create groups of four by bringing the pairs together two pair together, and have them role play a meeting at which they reach a decision.
- 28 Research:** On page 75, Will tells Adam: "People in the East aren't used to vegetables in the winter. They wouldn't buy them." Ask the students to do some research into how the market for imported vegetables has developed over the years. *How many traditionally out-of-season vegetables are currently available in the shops? How has this changed over the past few decades?*
- 29 Pair work:** Ask the students to work in pairs. They should imagine that they can interview Lee or Cathy Ames. Ask them to decide on ten questions that they would ask and how each of the characters might answer. Then ask the pairs to act out their interview in front of the rest of the class.
- 31 Role play:** Put the students into pairs and get each pair to prepare a short monologue by one of the characters in the book. Give them plenty of time to practice the monologue and then ask them to perform it in front of the whole class. The rest of the class has to guess which character they are playing.
- 32 Pair work:** Working in pairs, ask the students to think of reasons why each of the brothers decides not to tell their father of their activities in Chapter 13.
- 33 Debate:** Making money from war. Divide the class into two equal halves. Then divide each half into smaller groups to make sure everybody can participate in the activity. Tell one half of the class to think of all the arguments they can to justify making money from war (the way Cal does). Tell the other half to think of as many arguments as they can to condemn making money from war (the way Adam does). After ten minutes or so, conduct a whole-class debate on the issue. Alternatively, have different pairs of students act out an argument between Adam and Cal.
- 34 Research:** Tell the students to do some research into the First World War. This can be very basic stuff, such as: *When did the War start and finish? How many countries were involved? Where did the fighting take place? How many casualties were suffered by the different countries involved, etc.?*
- 35 Pair work:** Put the students into pairs and ask them to imagine the conversation between Cal and Aron when Cal shows his brother where his mother is on page 88. Get them to practice it and then call on volunteers to perform their dialogue in front of the whole class.
- 36 Write:** Tell the students to imagine how Aron Trask feels when he finds out the truth about his mother. Use the board to note down the students' suggestions. After a few minutes, tell the students to imagine they are Aron and to write a letter to their father explaining their reasons for joining the army.
- 37 Write:** Tell the students to imagine how Kate feels when she sees Aron with Cal in the scene on page 88. Use the board to note down the students' suggestions. After a few minutes, tell the students to imagine they are Kate and to write a letter to Adam explaining her reasons for ending her own life.
- 38 Discuss:** Put the students in small groups and ask them to consider the following questions: *Who is your favorite character in the book and why? Who is your least favorite character in the book and why?*

### Chapters 13–15, pages 79–97

#### After reading

- 30 Discuss:** Put the students into small groups. Write the names of the two brothers on the board—*Cal* and *Aron*. Ask the groups to decide which of the brothers they have more sympathy for and why. Give the groups ten or fifteen minutes to discuss the topic before broadening the activity out into a whole-class activity.

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## While reading

### Introduction, pages v–ix

1 Write the questions for the following answers.

- a .....  
On the never-ending contest in ourselves between good and evil.
- b .....  
They were looking for better opportunities in the new country.
- c .....  
1865.
- d .....  
Almost 1.5 million.
- e .....  
It is based on a journey he made across America with his dog.

2 Are these statements about the information contained in the Introduction true (T) or not true (NT)?

- a ..... *East of Eden* is a true story.
- b ..... Steinbeck worked as a journalist during the Second World War.
- c ..... Steinbeck graduated from Stanford University.
- d ..... Steinbeck believed that everybody is born either good or evil.
- e ..... Steinbeck wrote a number of books about the American poor.

### Chapters 1–3, pages 1–16

## While reading

3 Choose the best answer to each of the following questions. Place a tick in the space provided.

- a What was it about the climate in the Salinas valley that made life difficult for farmers?
  - 1 ..... There was too much sunshine.
  - 2 ..... There was never enough rain.
  - 3 ..... The weather conditions were unstable.
- b Why did people trust Samuel Hamilton?
  - 1 ..... He was a good listener.
  - 2 ..... He never drank whiskey.
  - 3 ..... He never made any money.
- c Why wasn't Samuel Hamilton a good businessman?
  - 1 ..... He was too lazy.
  - 2 ..... He was too kind-hearted.
  - 3 ..... He never had any good ideas.

- d Why did Adam's mother commit suicide?
  - 1 ..... She was ashamed of her husband.
  - 2 ..... She was ashamed of her son.
  - 3 ..... She was ashamed of herself.
- e Why did Charles beat up Adam?
  - 1 ..... He was jealous of his father's affection for Adam.
  - 2 ..... Adam was going to be a better soldier than him.
  - 3 ..... Adam told his father lies about him.
- f Why was Adam sent to jail?
  - 1 ..... He always shot to miss in the army.
  - 2 ..... He was living like a tramp.
  - 3 ..... He deserted from the army.

### Chapters 4–6, pages 16–47

## While reading

4 Complete the following description of Cathy Ames by filling each of the gaps with a suitable word.

Cathy Ames was born ..... . But nobody realized because she was so ..... . She had ..... hair and a small .....-..... face. Her eyes were blue and set wide ..... and this made her seem ..... .

5 Choose the correct words in to complete each of the following sentences.

- a Cathy started a false *rumor / story* about one of her teachers.
- b When she drank alcohol, Cathy became very *jealous / aggressive*.
- c *Adam / Charles* took Cathy's sleeping medicine.
- d Cathy was *happy / unhappy* when she found out she was pregnant.
- e Cathy *wanted / didn't want* to move to California with Adam.
- f The deputy sheriff suspected that Adam might have *kidnapped / murdered* his wife.

6 Who is who? Match the characters in the box with the descriptions below.

Adam Trask	Cathy Ames	Horace Quinn
Faye	Samuel Hamilton	Lee

- a ..... runs a whorehouse.
- b ..... works as Adam Trask's servant.
- c ..... goes to work for Faye.
- d ..... loves Cathy with all his heart.

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- e ..... delivers Cathy's babies.
- f ..... doesn't want to tell Adam the truth about his wife.

### Chapters 7–10, pages 47–67

#### While reading

7 Match the beginnings (A) and ends (B) of the sentences.

- | A                                     | B                                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| a Samuel hit Adam                     | 1 at Samuel Hamilton's funeral.                 |
| b Kate told Adam                      | 2 because he wasn't looking after his children. |
| c Caleb had a secret weapon           | 3 but her legs and feet had thickened.          |
| d There were a lot of people          | 4 but his face remained expressionless.         |
| e Adam looked at his wife             | 5 on their mother's grave.                      |
| f Abra suggested the boys put flowers | 6 that Charles was the father of the twins.     |
| g Kate was still pretty               | 7 with which to hurt his brother.               |

### Chapters 11–13, pages 68–85

#### While reading

8 Which of these sentences are true (T) and which of them are not true (NT)? Correct the ones which are not true.

- a Aron overhears his father talking to Lee about his dead uncle's will.  
.....
- b Kate asks Adam for half of the money in Charles's will.  
.....
- c Lee realized he didn't want to run a bookstore when he got off the train.  
.....
- d Rabbit Holman didn't realize who Cal was when he took him to the whorehouse.  
.....
- e Cal is worried that he will end up being just like his father.  
.....
- f Cal borrows \$30,000 dollars from Adam to go into business with Will.  
.....

### Chapters 14–15, pages 85–98

#### While reading

9 Put the following events in the order of the time at which they occurred.

- a  Adam had a stroke.
- b  Abra told Cal she loved him.
- c  Aron was killed.
- d  Kate committed suicide.
- e  Aron came across Cal wrapping the gift.
- f  Cal took Aron to meet their mother.
- g  The family ate Thanksgiving dinner.
- h  Aron enlisted in the army.
- i  Cal burned the money.

10 Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? What are they talking about?

- a "I don't want to go on at college."  
.....
- b "I wanted you to have the money to make up for your loss."  
.....
- c "It's a surprise. But you'll be interested."  
.....
- d "Oh, my poor darling!"  
.....
- e "He hasn't come home for two nights."  
.....
- f "Now you have some reason to walk away from me."  
.....
- g "I'm going to ask you to do a much harder thing."  
.....

#### After reading

11 Work with another student. Talk about your opinions on how the story ends by asking and answering the following questions about the characters in the box.

Adam Charles Cal Aron Cathy

- a How does the story end for these characters?
- b Do you think the characters get what they deserve?
- c Which of the above characters do you feel most sympathy for?
- d Which of the characters is your least favorite?

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**1 In which order do the following things happen.**

Write the numbers.

- a  Adam names his sons Aaron and Caleb.
- b  Adam tells his brother that he wants to move to California.
- c  Adam Trask falls in love with Cathy Ames.
- d  Adam Trask is sent to prison for being a vagrant.
- e  Cathy goes to work for a woman called Faye.
- f  Cathy shoots Adam when he tries to stop her leaving him.
- g  Charles Trask gives his father a pocket knife.
- h  Cyrus Trask moves to Washington to become a military advisor.
- i  Samuel Hamilton helps deliver Cathy's babies.

**2 Who is who? Complete the following sentences by filling in each of the blanks with the name of one of the characters from the box. Sometimes, there may be more than one correct answer, so compare your opinion with that of another student.**

Cyrus Trask Adam Trask Charles Trask  
 Cathy Ames Samuel Hamilton Aron Trask  
 Caleb Trask Horace Quinn Lee

- a ..... realizes it is too late for him to marry and start a family.
- b ..... is knowledgeable about medicine and the Californian countryside.
- c The father of Aron and Caleb is probably .....
- d The two characters who do the most to help Adam Trask are ..... and .....
- e The first of these characters to die in the story is .....
- f The characters who spent time in the army are ....., ..... and .....
- g The brother who most resembles his mother is .....

**3 Choose the best alternative title for each of the following chapters. Compare your answers with those of another student.**

- 1 Chapter 5 ...
  - a The Power of Love
  - b Lee's disappointment
  - c The Move to California
- 2 Chapter 11 ...
  - a The Death of Charles Trask
  - b Adam's Difficult Decision
  - c Kate's Good Fortune

**4 Are these sentences true (T) or not true (NT)?**

- a ..... All the women who marry a man from the Trask family end up committing suicide.
- b ..... Adam and Charles Trask were rivals for the love of Cathy Ames.
- c ..... Charles Trask and Caleb Trask both felt their father did not love them.
- d ..... The only person who scares Cathy Ames is Samuel Hamilton.
- e ..... Adam's Chinese servant is able to speak perfect English.
- f ..... At the end of the book, it seems that Adam is able to forgive his son Cal.

**5 Fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word from the box.**

army description early favor generations  
 harmony introduced jealous late marriage  
 parallels prostitute rivals tragic younger

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### Book key

1–2 Open answers

3 a arthritis, capsule, eyedropper, labor, morphine, stroke

b draft board, enlist, private

c telegram, will

4 a Liza Hamilton b Samuel Hamilton

c Adam Trask d Cyrus Trask e Alice Trask

f Charles Trask g Adam Trask h Will Hamilton

i John Steinbeck j Charles Trask k Adam Trask

l Cyrus Trask

5–8 Open answers

9 a 4 b 9 c 5 d 7 e 6 f 10 g 1 h 2

i 3 j 8

10 a She doesn't love or fear him, even when he beats her. She plans to steal from him and eventually she kills him.

b She lies to him about her parents and makes him fall in love with her. She uses him to get money but she doesn't care for him.

c She knows that he is rich and can protect her. She pretends to love him but she thinks that he is weak.

d She knows that he distrusts her. She tries to win his affection and eventually she sleeps with him.

e She fears and hates him because he can see the evil inside her.

f She knows that Faye is a powerful woman and she works hard to please her. Faye loves her like a daughter but Kate plans to kill her and inherit the whorehouse.

11 a They are killed in a house fire that Cathy started.

b He supplies whores to small hotels in New England.

c Cathy makes him jealous and doesn't return his love.

d She is afraid that he knows about the house fire that killed her parents.

e He wants to start a new life and has heard about the richness of the West.

f She tries to destroy the baby and loses a lot of blood.

g He doesn't want the sheriff to catch Cathy and put her in jail.

h She goes to Faye's whorehouse in Salinas.

i She leaves her everything she owns in her will.

j She inherits the whorehouse.

12–14 Open answers

15 a Lee b different c Abel d may

e Samuel f predictably cruel

g young and free h immediately

16 a Samuel to Adam b Tom to Samuel

c Samuel to Lee d Lee to Samuel

e Kate to Adam f Adam to Kate

g Lee to Adam h Adam to Lee

17–19 Open answers

20 a ✓ b ✗ c ✓ d ✗ e ✗ f ✗ g ✓ h ✗

i ✓ j ✓

21 a 4 b 10 c 3 d 7 e 5 f 6 g 1 h 2

i 9 j 8

22–23 Open answers

24 a father -> mother

b upset -> happy

c Aron -> Will

d Lee -> Adam

e lettuce -> beans

f hatred -> jealousy

g Cal -> Aron

h strengths -> imperfections

i stroke -> death

25 a Adam buys Aron a gold watch to celebrate his success in his exams. Adam never celebrates Cal's successes.

b Cal makes a lot of money by buying beans from farmers and selling them at a profit to the British Purchasing Agency.

c Cal gives the \$15,000 profit to his father. Adam refuses the money. He thinks it is wrong to make profit out of the farmers in war time.

d Kate uses morphine to kill herself.

26 a Cal believes that he has not inherited his mother's evil character. His character is his own.

b Cal has upset his brother by showing him that their mother is a whore.

c Aron knows about his mother's character and fears that he is like her.

d Lee wants Adam to forgive Cal so that Cal will no longer feel guilty about Aron.

e Cal has the choice to live a good or an evil life.

27–37 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

1 a Open answer

b James Dean was a young Hollywood star in the 1950s. He was killed in a car crash at the age of 24.

2–7 Open answers

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8 She is presented a deceitful liar. She is cold and manipulative, and able to use her sexual power to control people. She murders her parents for money. She uses Edwards and steals from him too. She lets Adam fall in love with her and marries him for his money. She drugs her husband and sleeps with his brother.

9–10 Open answers

11 He doesn't notice when she doesn't reply when he asks her opinion of the place in California. He doesn't believe her when she tells him she doesn't want to stay with him.

12–33 Open answers

34 The war started in 1914 and ended in 1918. The Entente powers and their empires—Russia, France, Great Britain, and the United States (from 1917)—fought against the Austro-Hungarian, the German and the Ottoman empires. Nearly 9 million people were killed during the war. The battles took place in many different places including in Western and South-Eastern Europe and Africa.

35–38 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a On what are all novels and all poetry built?  
 b Why did so many immigrants come to the United States between 1862 and 1918?  
 c When did the American Civil War end?  
 d How many American soldiers fought in the First World War?  
 e On what did Steinbeck base his book called *Travels with Charley*, published in 1962?
- 2 a NT b T c NT d NT e T
- 3 a 3 b 1 c 2 d 3 e 1 f 2
- 4 evil; pretty; golden; heart-shaped; apart; innocent
- 5 a rumor b aggressive c Adam d unhappy  
 e didn't want f murdered
- 6 a Faye b Lee c Cathy Ames d Adam Trask  
 e Samuel Hamilton f Horace Quinn
- 7 a 2 b 6 c 7 d 1 e 4 f 5 g 3
- 8 a NT Cal overhears his father talking to Lee about his dead uncle's will.  
 b NT Kate asks Adam for \$45,000.  
 c NT Lee realized he didn't want to run a bookstore before he got onto the train.  
 d T  
 e NT Cal is worried that he will end being just like his mother.

f NT Cal borrows \$5,000 dollars from Lee to go into business with Will.

9 a 9 b 7 c 8 d 4 e 1 f 3 g 2 h 5 i 6

10 a Aron is talking to Cal before the family eat Thanksgiving dinner about his decision not to go back to college.

b Cal is talking to Adam after giving him a gift of \$15,000 that he made from selling beans to the British Army.

c Cal is talking to Aron just before he takes him to meet their mother.

d Adam says this to himself when he finds out his wife has killed herself.

e Adam is asking Cal where Aron has gone.

f Cal is talking to Abra about how guilty he feels for having taken his brother to see Kate.

g Lee is asking Adam, who is on his deathbed, to forgive Cal.

11 a Cal is the only character still alive. He has the chance to make a good life for himself.

b–d Open answers

### Progress test key

1 a 8 b 5 c 4 d 3 e 9 f 7 g 1 h 2 i 6

2 a Lee

b Samuel Hamilton

c Charles Trask

d Lee and Samuel Hamilton

e Cyrus Trask

f Cyrus, Adam and Aron Trask

g Aron Trask

3 Possible answers: (But note that students may disagree, so accept alternative answers if they make a good case for their choice.)

1 c

2 b

4 a NT b NT c T d NT e T f T

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ISBN	Reader Title	Author	Language	Word Count	Headwords	Pages	Blurbs
<b>Pearson English Readers Level 6</b>							
9781405882705	The Runaway Jury (Book)	John Grisham	American English	27313	3,000	120	Pynex, a tobacco company, could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in a big court case. The jury is being watched. One of the jurors is working with a mysterious woman outside the court. Both sides will do anything to win.
9781408274392	The Runaway Jury (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	John Grisham	American English	27313	3,000	120	Pynex, a tobacco company, could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in a big court case. The jury is being watched. One of the jurors is working with a mysterious woman outside the court. Both sides will do anything to win.
9781405882736	Snow Falling On Cedars	David Guterson	British English	35501	3000	128	It is 1954 and Kabuo Miyamoto is on trial for murder. He is a Japanese American living on the island of San Pedro, off the north-west coast of America. The Second World War has left an atmosphere of anger and suspicion in this small community. Will Kabuo receive a fair trial? And will the true cause of the victim's death be discovered?
9781405865296	Anna Karenina (Book)	Leo Tolstoy	British English	32959	3000	120	Anna Karenina, one of world literature's greatest novels, tells the story of a beautiful young woman who is unhappily married to a man much older than herself. When she falls in love with a handsome young soldier, life suddenly seems wonderful. But real happiness is not so easily found...
9781408274187	Anna Karenina (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Leo Tolstoy	British English	32959	3,000	120	Anna Karenina, one of world literature's greatest novels, tells the story of a beautiful young woman who is unhappily married to a man much older than herself. When she falls in love with a handsome young soldier, life suddenly seems wonderful. But real happiness is not so easily found...
9781405882583	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	British English	35240	3000	136	Aldous Huxley's Brave New World is one of the great works of science fiction. It is the year After Ford 632 in the New World. People are born and live by scientific methods. There is worldwide happiness and order. Then John comes from the Savage Reservation to the New World and with him he brings strong emotions - love, hate, anger, fear. Suddenly, danger threatens the New World.
9781405882606	Captain Corelli's Mandolin (Book)	Louis de Bernieres	British English	33222	3,000	120	The Italian officer, Captain Corelli, falls in love with Pelagia. But Pelagia's fiance is fighting the Italian army. This is a great love story set in the tragedy of war.
9781408274361	Captain Corelli's Mandolin (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Louis de Bernieres	British English	33222	3,000	120	The Italian officer, Captain Corelli, falls in love with Pelagia. But Pelagia's fiance is fighting the Italian army. This is a great love story set in the tragedy of war.
9781405882620	Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoevsky	British English	32748	3000	120	Raskolnikoff is a poor and lonely a young student. He plans to murder a greedy old moneylender, but this crime is just the beginning of the story.
9781408274385	Crime and Punishment (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Fyodor Dostoevsky	British English	32748	3000	120	Raskolnikoff is a poor and lonely a young student. He plans to murder a greedy old moneylender, but this crime is just the beginning of the story.
9781405865265	East of Eden (Book)	John Steinbeck	American English	30902	3000	120	East of Eden is John Steinbeck's epic novel about two families set against the backdrop of the Salinas Valley at the turn of the twentieth century. East of Eden is a story of love and jealousy, forgiveness and revenge, and good and evil, that was adapted into the classic 1955 film starring James Dean.
9781408274224	East of Eden (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	John Steinbeck	American English	30902	3000	120	East of Eden is John Steinbeck's epic novel about two families set against the backdrop of the Salinas Valley at the turn of the twentieth century. East of Eden is a story of love and jealousy, forgiveness and revenge, and good and evil, that was adapted into the classic 1955 film starring James Dean.
9781405865289	Great Expectations (Book)	Charles Dickens	British English	35437	3000	128	Pip is a poor orphan whose life is changed forever by two very different meetings - one with an escaped convict and the other with an eccentric old lady and the beautiful girl who lives with her. And who is the mysterious person who leaves him a fortune?
9781408274231	Great Expectations (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Charles Dickens	British English	35437	3000	128	Pip is a poor orphan whose life is changed forever by two very different meetings - one with an escaped convict and the other with an eccentric old lady and the beautiful girl who lives with her. And who is the mysterious person who leaves him a fortune?
9781405882651	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Book)	Maya Angelou (retold by Jacqueline Kehl)	American English	33,055	3,000	120	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings recounts the trials and tribulations of Maya Angelou's life growing up as an impoverished black woman in the southern United States. Its story reveals the prejudice, poverty, and hardship suffered during that time, but also the importance of love, hope and dignity.
9781408274248	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Maya Angelou (retold by Jacqueline Kehl)	American English	33,055	3,000	120	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings recounts the trials and tribulations of Maya Angelou's life growing up as an impoverished black woman in the southern United States. Its story reveals the prejudice, poverty, and hardship suffered during that time, but also the importance of love, hope and dignity.
9781405865272	Les Miserables (Book)	Victor Hugo	British English	30142	3000	120	After spending nineteen years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread, Jean Valjean is at last a free man. But he is a cold, tired, hungry man with no money and not a friend in the world. But then something happens that will change his life forever. As a result, he spends the rest of his life helping the victims of poverty and social injustice: 'les miserables.'
9781408274255	Les Miserables (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Victor Hugo	British English	30142	3000	120	After spending nineteen years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread, Jean Valjean is at last a free man. But he is a cold, tired, hungry man with no money and not a friend in the world. But then something happens that will change his life forever. As a result, he spends the rest of his life helping the victims of poverty and social injustice: 'les miserables.'

9781405865319	Madame Bovary (Book)	Gustave Flaubert	British English	32593	3,000	120	Emma Bovary lives in a romantic dream world, filled with mental images taken from youthful reading of romantic novels. As Emma grows more and more dissatisfied with her husband and their way of life, she longs for a more glamorous, romantic life. And one of literature's great tragedies begins to unfold.
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9781405882668	Man from the South and Other Stories (Book)	Roald Dahl	British English	31438	3000	120	Roald Dahl is the master of the unexpected. Things are not always what they seem and nobody should be trusted. In this collection of his short stories we learn some strange lessons about the dangerous world we live in. But you will have to wait until the final pages of each story to discover the last, terrible twist!
9781408274293	Man from the South and Other Stories (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Roald Dahl	British English	31438	3000	120	Roald Dahl is the master of the unexpected. Things are not always what they seem and nobody should be trusted. In this collection of his short stories we learn some strange lessons about the dangerous world we live in. But you will have to wait until the final pages of each story to discover the last, terrible twist!
9781405882675	Memoirs of a Geisha (Book)	Arthur Golden	American English	31483	3000	120	We follow Sayuri's life from her early years in a small fishing village to her life as a geisha in Gion. What struggles does she face? Who does she love?
9781405876650	Misery (Book)	Stephen King	British English	27217	3,000	112	Paul Sheldon is a world famous novelist. On his way to deliver his latest book, he has an accident on a snow-covered road. Paul wakes up in pain, but in a bed on a nearby farm. The woman who saved him, Annie Wilkes, is one of his biggest fans. But when Annie reads his latest book about her favorite character, Misery, Paul know he's in trouble.
9781405867818	North and South (Book)	Elizabeth Gaskell	British English	32755	3,000	120	Life changes completely for Margaret Hale when she moves to a smokey northern city. There, Margaret meets Mr. Thornton and dislikes him immediately. But Mr. Thornton falls in love with Margaret.
9781408274309	North and South (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Elizabeth Gaskell	British English	32755	3,000	120	Life changes completely for Margaret Hale when she moves to a smokey northern city. There, Margaret meets Mr. Thornton and dislikes him immediately. But Mr. Thornton falls in love with Margaret.
9781408221105	Northanger Abbey (Book)	Jane Austen	British English	32059	3,000	120	On a visit to the fashionable city of Bath, 17-year old Catherine Morland looks for the excitement she finds in romantic fiction. She makes friends and falls in love. But when she is invited to Northanger Abbey, she also experiences desperate unhappiness. What is real, and what is the product of her wild imagination?
9781408232149	Northanger Abbey (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Jane Austen	British English	32059	3,000	120	On a visit to the fashionable city of Bath, 17-year old Catherine Morland looks for the excitement she finds in romantic fiction. She makes friends and falls in love. But when she is invited to Northanger Abbey, she also experiences desperate unhappiness. What is real, and what is the product of her wild imagination?
9781405865258	Oliver Twist (Book)	Charles Dickens	British English	35613	3,000	136	His mother is dead, so little Oliver Twist is brought up in the workhouse. Beaten and starved, he runs away to London, where he joins Fagin's gang of thieves. By chance he also finds good new friends - but can they protect him from people who rob and murder without mercy?
9781408274286	Oliver Twist (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Charles Dickens	British English	35613	3000	136	His mother is dead, so little Oliver Twist is brought up in the workhouse. Beaten and starved, he runs away to London, where he joins Fagin's gang of thieves. By chance he also finds good new friends - but can they protect him from people who rob and murder without mercy?
9781405882712	Saving Private Ryan (Book)	Max Allan Collins	American English	26903	3,000	120	Set in Europe during World War II, Saving Private Ryan follows Captain Miller and his soldiers as fight to find Private Ryan, the last surviving brother of three killed soldiers. This story is based on the screenplay for the 1998 award-winning movie by Steven Spielberg that featured Tom Hanks.
9781408274415	Saving Private Ryan (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Max Allan Collins	American English	26903	3,000	120	Set in Europe during World War II, Saving Private Ryan follows Captain Miller and his soldiers as fight to find Private Ryan, the last surviving brother of three killed soldiers. This story is based on the screenplay for the 1998 award-winning movie by Steven Spielberg that featured Tom Hanks.
9781405882576	The Beach (Book)	Alex Garland	British English	27944	3,000	112	Richard arrives in Thailand. He hears about 'the Beach' on a secret island. It sounds like paradise on earth. But this heaven on earth is not what it seems.
9781408274194	The Beach (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Alex Garland	British English	27944	3,000	112	Richard arrives in Thailand. He hears about 'the Beach' on a secret island. It sounds like paradise on earth. But this heaven on earth is not what it seems.
9781408263884	The Bourne Ultimatum (Book)	Robert Ludlum	American English	29851	3,000	116	Carlos the Jackal is back! He is getting older and he wants the blood of his enemy, Jason Bourne, while he still has his assassin's skills. Bourne has no choice. To protect his family and himself, he must leave his quiet academic life and hunt the hunter. Will this be a battle to the death?
9781408263952	The Bourne Ultimatum (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Robert Ludlum	American English	29851	3,000	116	Carlos the Jackal is back! He is getting older and he wants the blood of his enemy, Jason Bourne, while he still has his assassin's skills. Bourne has no choice. To protect his family and himself, he must leave his quiet academic life and hunt the hunter. Will this be a battle to the death?
9781405882613	The Chamber (Book)	John Grisham	American English	29239	3,000	120	Seventy-year old Sam Cayhall has been on death row for more than twenty years. Then a young lawyer named Adam Hall appears on the scene and declares his mission to save him. Can Adam save Sam from execution? And what does he discover about Sam's past?
9781408274378	The Chamber (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	John Grisham	American English	29239	3,000	120	Seventy-year old Sam Cayhall has been on death row for more than twenty years. Then a young lawyer named Adam Hall appears on the scene and declares his mission to save him. Can Adam save Sam from execution? And what does he discover about Sam's past?
9781408221143	The King of Torts (Book)	John Grisham	American English	29872	3,000	116	Clay Carter has worked in the Office of the Public Defender for years for low pay when he defends another murderer. But the murderers are not what they seem. Soon Clay has the opportunity to make money and a reputation as he battles with large pharmaceutical companies. Will he become the King of Torts?

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9781405882682	The Moonstone (Book)	Wilkie Collins	British English	29704	3,000	128	The Moonstone is an ancient Indian diamond which brings disaster to everyone who owns it. Rachel Verinder's uncle gives her the diamond as a birthday present, but that same night it is stolen... The Moonstone is now seen as the first, and one of the best, English detective novels.
9781408274279	The Moonstone (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Wilkie Collins	British English	29704	3,000	128	The Moonstone is an ancient Indian diamond which brings disaster to everyone who owns it. Rachel Verinder's uncle gives her the diamond as a birthday present, but that same night it is stolen... The Moonstone is now seen as the first, and one of the best, English detective novels.
9781405882743	The Testament (Book)	John Grisham	American English	27868	3,000	120	Nate O'Riley is a powerful Washington lawyer. Returning to work after a long stay in hospital is difficult for Nate. Then he is sent on a journey that takes him from the tense courtrooms of Washington to the dangerous swamps of Brazil. It is a journey that will change his life forever...
9781405882767	The Woman in White (Book)	Wilkie Collins	British English	25937	3000	112	Only the Woman in White knows the truth of Laura Fairlie's cruel husband. Can Walter Hartwright discover the terrible secret? From the moment Walter meets this mysterious woman, his future and that of Laura are linked forever.
9781408274408	The Woman in White (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Wilkie Collins	British English	25937	3000	112	Only the Woman in White knows the truth of Laura Fairlie's cruel husband. Can Walter Hartwright discover the terrible secret? From the moment Walter meets this mysterious woman, his future and that of Laura are linked forever.
9781292231280	Animal Farm (Book) - Full Text	George Orwell	British English	30113	3000	144	All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others. When the animals take over the farm, they think it is the start of a better life. Their dream is of a world where all animals are equal and all property is shared. But soon the pigs take control and one of them, Napoleon, becomes leader of all the animals. One by one, the principles of the revolution are abandoned, until the animals have even less freedom than before. Animal Farm is one of the classic stories of modern English fiction, and is a powerful study of the use and abuse of political power.
9781292243221	Animal Farm (Book with Audio CD) - Full Text	George Orwell	British English	30113	3000	144	All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others. When the animals take over the farm, they think it is the start of a better life. Their dream is of a world where all animals are equal and all property is shared. But soon the pigs take control and one of them, Napoleon, becomes leader of all the animals. One by one, the principles of the revolution are abandoned, until the animals have even less freedom than before. Animal Farm is one of the classic stories of modern English fiction, and is a powerful study of the use and abuse of political power.
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9781292293110	Misery (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Stephen King	British English	27217	3,000	112	Paul Sheldon is a world famous novelist. On his way to deliver his latest book, he has an accident on a snow-covered road. Paul wakes up in pain, but in a bed on a nearby farm. The woman who saved him, Annie Wilkes, is one of his biggest fans. But when Annie reads his latest book about her favorite character, Misery, Paul know he's in trouble.