



The Fictional 100: Ranking the Most Influential Characters in World Literature and Legend

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iUniverse. Paperback. Condition: New. 496 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 1.1in. Some of the most influential and interesting people in the world are fictional. Sherlock Holmes, Huck Finn, Pinocchio, Anna Karenina, Genji, and Superman, to name a few, may not have walked the Earth (or flown, in Supermans case), but they certainly stride through our lives. They influence us personally: as childhood friends, catalysts to our dreams, or even fantasy lovers. Peruvian author and presidential candidate Mario Vargas Llosa, for one, confessed to a lifelong passion for Flauberts Madame Bovary. Characters can change the world. Witness the impact of Solzhenitsyns Ivan Denisovich, in exposing the conditions of the Soviet Gulag, or Harriet Beecher Stowes Uncle Tom, in arousing anti-slavery feeling in America. Words such as quixotic, oedipal, and herculean show how fictional characters permeate our language. This list of the Fictional 100 ranks the most influential fictional persons in world literature and legend, from all time periods and from all over the world, ranging from Shakespeares Hamlet 1 to Toni Morrisons Beloved 100. By tracing characters varied incarnations in literature, art, music, and film, we gain a sense of their shape-shifting potential in the culture at large. Although not of...



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