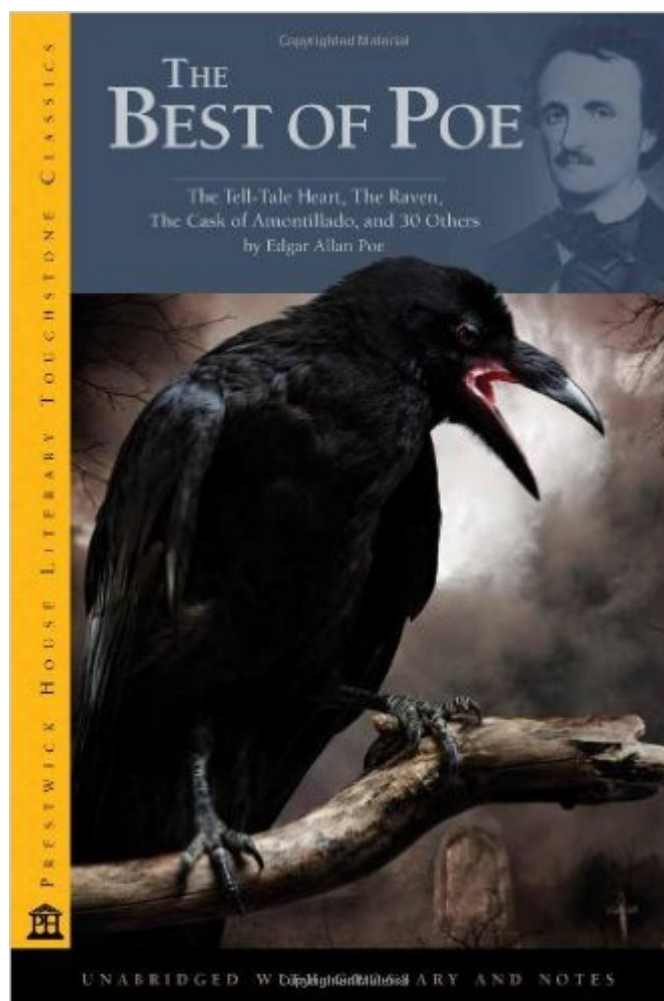


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The Best Of Poe: The Tell-Tale Heart, The Raven, The Cask Of Amontillado, And 30 Others



Synopsis

This Prestwick House Literary Touchstone Classic includes a glossary and reader's notes to help the modern reader contend with Poe's allusions and complicated vocabulary. Edgar Allan Poe's name conjures up thoughts of hearts beating long after their owners are dead, of disease and plague amid wealth, of love that extends beyond the grave, and of black ravens who utter only one word. The richness of Poe's writing, however, includes much more than horror, loss, and death. Alive with hypnotic sounds and mesmerizing rhythms, his poetry captures both the splendor and devastation of love, life, and death. His stories teem with irony and black humor, in addition to plot twists and surprise endings. Living by their own rules and charged with passion, Poe's characters are instantly recognizable — even though we may be appalled by their actions, we understand their motivations. The thirty-three selections in The Best of Poe highlight his unique qualities. Discover for yourself the mysterious allure and genius of Edgar Allan Poe, who remains one of America's most popular and important authors, even more than 150 years after his death.

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Customer Reviews

Nice collection of Poe's works. It's mostly his more popular works but I'm sure one can find several favorites among them. Would have given it 5 stars if not for the very small print. PS The Kindle edition is very nice also.

This little collection is 100% perfect! It has everything you need to understand! For example.... If you read "The Cask of Amontillado" and you don't know what the Latin says... Well there's a part in the

back of the book that tells you all you need to know. Also the many difficult words that Mr. Poe uses can be defined in the back of the book.... Really great help.

There is a dictionary at the back to help understand the different words that Poe is using, it is a great read, filled with some classic literature

Poe is one of my favorites. I have much of The Tell-Tale Heart committed to memory. The Raven is another that sticks with me. There are few authors that have written in his style. One that comes to mind is R.A. Knowlton in one of his short stories about the painting Guernica by Picasso. This collection of writings of Poe is a must read!

I have been a fan of Edgar Allen Poe since I was in Middle School(a very long time ago). The Raven was my very first exposure to Poe's writings and I just fell in love with the almost melodic rhythms of the poem, the earnest in the tone for his lost Lenore, and the foreboding message of the ever haunting raven. It is a poem I have committed to memory. It is because of the Raven that I purchased a book of his entire works. My favorites from that book include The Mask of Red Death, Cast of Amontillado, Tell-Tale Heart, and the House of Usher to name a few. I strongly suggest these books for anyone. Some are a little dark and creepy, and some are focused on points in history (like the Mask of Red Death is thought to be a reference to the Bubonic Plague or some other great sickness), but they are all absolutely fascinating in their own way. They are completely worth it!

I currently have one other, paperback collection of "assorted" works by Edgar Allen Poe. It is an older collection - which I purchased from Scholastic, off of one of my children's monthly "book club" orders - and while I'm not completely unhappy with it, it does not include several of Poe's more popular, more well-known poems which I had become acquainted with while I was in Senior High. THIS book does, and from this particular publisher - is relatively cheap/affordable as well. I already have, and would continue to recommend this collection to anyone out there who is looking for a GOOD, thorough - yet affordable - collection of Poe's works!!

The Poe stories and poem ("The Raven") contained in this collection are the kind that you can read over and over again. You can read them aloud or to yourself and enjoy the language and style. This collection includes the suspenseful "The Cask of Amontillado," the uneasiness of "The Masque of

the Red Death" and the sheer insanity of "The Tell-Tale Heart." One of Poe's masterful skills is his character's! breathless! dialogue! and it's on full display here.

The book is in immaculate condition. My fiancée was so excited when this came in the mail, Poe is her favorite author. If you do not know who this author is, then this book is not for you. Do not leave bad reviews because its not "twilight" or "cinderella," Poe is a dark writer, and some of his stories are gruesome.

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