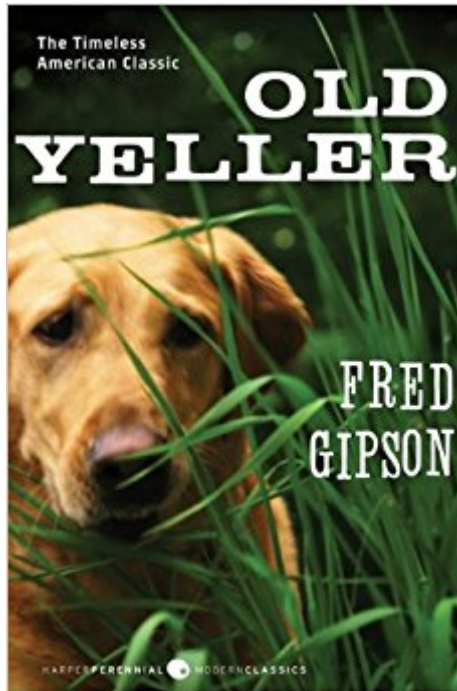




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# Old Yeller (Perennial Classics)



## Synopsis

Awarded the Newbery Honor When a novel like Huckleberry Finn, or The Yearling, comes along it defies customary adjectives because of the intensity of the response it evokes in the reader. Such a book, we submit, is *Old Yeller*; to read this eloquently simple story of a boy and his dog in the Texas hill country is an unforgettable and deeply moving experience. When his father sets out on a cattle drive for the summer, fourteen-year-old Travis is left to take care of his family and their farm, and he faces new, unanticipated and often perilous responsibilities in the wilderness of early frontier Texas. But Travis is not alone. He finds help and comfort in the courage and unwavering love of the stray animal who comes to be his most loyal and very best friend: the big yellow dog Travis calls "Old Yeller." An enduring and award-winning American classic, Fred Gipson's *Old Yeller* stands as one of the most beloved novels ever produced in this country, and one that will live in the hearts and minds of readers for generations to come.

## Book Information

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This is a classic from my childhood. I had to buy it for my son's reading assignment in school, but I could not help picking it up and reading it while he was asleep. Classic story which will play well with boys, at least from my perspective, but I suspect anyone who has fond memories of life on a farm with a dog as a child will like the book, too. The violence in the book is the normal violence one would expect from encountering wild animals (hogs). I never found it disturbing and neither did my son.

Classic every child should read. A little different than the movie but still follows the theme. I read it to my 7 year old and he follows every word.

I got this book for my 13 year old son who doesn't like to read books, but when he started reading it, he got hooked on it and loved it. I also read it and loved it.

A different ending than the movie, but I enjoyed every page. I highly recommend this to anyone young and old alike.

Loved the movie and was delighted with the book, it had a few twists I did not know about and made the story great reading.

Great classic read. My daughter loved this required summer book.

Classic movie. Great for young kids that are animal lovers. Really gets into a child-pet relationship & bonds.

One of the best books ever written, in my opinion. Just like the movie, it will make you cry, but the ending is not the same. In the film, Travis pens up Yeller and waits for the rabies to become evident, but in the book he only considers this option. His mother convinces him that it is inevitable and he

shoots Yeller while he is still Yeller. Which I think is much harder on both the character and the reader.

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