

## Themed Wednesday:

## Quiz 32:

## Literature

*Well following our Quiz on Halloween this week it's a more traditional theme following a suggestion from one of our members. All the questions below are connected with English Literature and hopefully will prove educational and not too difficult.*

*As usual I'll send the answers out next Wednesday.*

***Firstly to quote Julie Andrews "Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start" and as such the first Ten Questions are the opening lines to famous books. How many can you identify?***

1. "Mr and Mrs Dursley of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say they were perfectly normal, thank you very much." .....
2. "It was the best of times: it was the worst of times," .....
3. "Call me Ishmael." .....
4. "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again" .....
5. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife" .....
6. "All children, except one, grow up" .....
7. "All happy families are alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way".....
8. "The primroses were over." .....
9. "It was the day my grandmother exploded" .....
10. "Marley was dead." .....

**The next ten questions are designed to test your knowledge of authors: this time I am giving you the real names of ten authors: but what pen name are they better known under:**

11. Charles Luttwidge Dodgson .....
12. Samuel Langhorne Clemens .....
13. Mary Ann Evans .....
14. Eric Arthur Blair .....
15. Currer Bell .....
16. Helen Goff .....
17. Cecil Smith .....
18. David Cornwell .....
19. Daniel Handler .....
20. James Alfred Wight .....

**And also concerned with Authors the following are better known by their initials but can you identify (guess?) their Christian names:**

- 21. C.S Lewis .....
- 23. H.G. Wells .....
- 24. J R R Tolkein .....
- 25. W B Yeats .....
- 26. A A Milne .....
- 27. E M Forster .....
- 28. G K Chesterton .....
- 29. J K Rowling .....
- 30. P D James .....

**And now some “general knowledge” questions to finish off with:**

- 31. In “The Canterbury Tales” where did the Pilgrims depart from? .....
- 32. And in all how many tales were told? .....
- 33. Who is the current Poet Laureate? .....
- 34. What is the name of the pig in E B White’s Charlotte’s Web? .....
- 35. Whose second novel, released in 2015, is “Go Set a Watchman”? .....
- 36. Who wrote “The Last of the Mohicans”? .....
- 37. Which character travelled around the World in 80 days with Passe Partout? .....
- 38. Pip is the main character in which book by Charles Dickens? .....
- 39. Which is the only play written by Shakespeare in which there is no song?  
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- 40. In which Agatha Christie book did the demise of Poirot take place? .....
- 41. Who wrote “The Female Eunuch”? .....
- 42. And who wrote “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night”? .....
- 43. What book is Winston Smith a main character in? .....
- 44. What was Stephen King’s first published novel? .....
- 45. Captain Yossarian is the main character in which 20<sup>th</sup> century novel? .....
- 46. And which 20<sup>th</sup> century novel was set in The Year of our Lord 632? .....

47. Who was the first Irishman to receive a Nobel Prize for Literature? .....
48. And also with an Irish connection, in Literary Circles what day is June 16<sup>th</sup>? .....
49. In “Wind in the Willows” who “simply hates society”? .....
50. And finally – and appropriately – which classic novel finishes with the line “Reader, I married him”.  
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**Have Fun: stay safe and stay sane!**

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