

LITERATURE TRIVIA QUESTIONS VI



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1> In 1994, what author of "All Creatures Great and Small" was hospitalized after being attacked by a flock of sheep?

- a. David Sedaris
- b. Nick Hornby
- c. James Herriot
- d. PG Wodehouse

2> Three of these are South African writers. One is a South African runner known for racing barefoot ... and for Britain. Who is the odd person out?

- a. Alan Paton
- b. Zola Budd
- c. Athol Fugard
- d. Nadine Gordimer

3> For Frederick Forsyth, it was "of the Jackal", but for Nathanael West it was "of the Locust". What is it?

- a. Heart
- b. Revenge
- c. Day
- d. Range

4> For Thomas Mann, it was "in Venice", for Agatha Christie it was "on the Nile" and for Ernest Hemingway it was "in the Afternoon". What is it?

- a. Love
- b. Holidays
- c. Death
- d. Boating

5> EM Forster wrote about one with a view, and Virginia Woolf wrote about having one of one's own. What?

- a. A window
- b. A room
- c. A lover
- d. A beach

6> Having thoroughly annoyed the world's Muslims with "The Satanic Verse", who vexed its Hindus with "The Moor's Last Sigh"?

- a. Salman Rushdie
- b. Ari Behn
- c. Christopher Hitchens
- d. Irshad Manji

7> What book did William Peter Blatty write with the \$10,000 he won from You Bet Your Life?

- a. The Amityville Horror
- b. The Exorcist
- c. Jaws
- d. Airport

8> Subtitled "A Novel of Fame, Honor, and Really Bad Weather", what was the immodest title of Jincy Willett's 2003 novel, which includes the name of a prize first awarded at New York's Waldorf Astoria in 1950?

- a. Book-of-the-Month Selection
- b. Winner of the National Book Award
- c. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
- d. Winner of the Nobel Prize

9> Novelist Robin Cook has said, "If my books stop selling I can always fall back on" what other career of his?

- a. Rocket science
- b. Brain surgery
- c. Civic architecture
- d. Criminal law

10> In November 1910, after his sixth son died, he finally left his wife and his estate, but he caught pneumonia and died at the railway station of Astapovo. Ironically, one of his most famous creations died at a train station, too. Who was he?

- a. Leo Tolstoy
- b. Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- c. Boris Pasternak
- d. Alexander Solzhenitsyn

11> Ironically enough, what practically blind writer wrote "Eyeless in Gaza" and "The Doors of Perception"?

- a. HG Wells
- b. John Milton
- c. Aldous Huxley
- d. William Blake

12> In 1960, I stabbed my wife, Adele Morales, with a three-inch pen knife after an all-night party. She didn't press charges. Who am I?

- a. Truman Capote
- b. William Burroughs
- c. Norman Mailer
- d. Jack Kerouac

13> Which writer's firm, Charles L Webster and Company, published the memoirs of people like Ulysses Grant, but went bankrupt in 1894 after losing \$200,000 on an automatic typesetting machine?

- a. Charles Dickens
- b. Henry David Thoreau
- c. Mark Twain
- d. Sir Walter Scott

14> What made the 2004 Nicholson Baker's novel Checkpoint, and the 2006 Gabriel Range movie abbreviated DOAP, so controversial?

- a. They suggested that Jesus married Mary Magdalene
- b. They were about assassinating George W Bush
- c. They were about world war against Arabs

d. They graphically depicted sex with children

15> What Shakespeare character had no first name, although she was based on a real-life 11th-century woman named Gruoch?

- a. Lady Macbeth
- b. Cordelia
- c. Desdemona
- d. Juliet

Answers:

1> James Herriot - James Herriot was the pen name of James Alfred Wight.

2> Zola Budd - Zola Budd broke the world record in the women's 5000 metres twice.

3> Day - Forsyth also wrote The Odessa File, The Fourth Protocol and The Dogs of War.

4> Death - Agatha Christie won the Anthony Award for Best Writer Of The Century.

5> A room - EM Forster had five novels published in his lifetime.

6> Salman Rushdie - Death threats were made against Salman, including one issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran, on 14 February 1989.

7> The Exorcist - The Exorcist was inspired by a 1949 case of demonic possession and exorcism that Blatty heard about while he was a student.

8> Winner of the National Book Award - Her third book, a mystery entitled The Writing Class was published in 2008.

9> Brain surgery - Many of Cook's books have been bestsellers on the New York Times Bestseller List.

10> Leo Tolstoy - The Decembrists was a planned novel by Leo Tolstoy, who finished three chapters.

11> Aldous Huxley - Huxley is best known for his novel Brave New World.

12> Norman Mailer - Norman's final novel, The Castle in the Forest, focused on Hitler's childhood.

13> Mark Twain - Mark Twain is the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens. He was born during a visit by Halley's Comet, and he predicted that he would die when it returned. He died the day following its return.

14> They were about assassinating George W Bush - In 1997, Baker received the San Francisco-based James Madison Freedom of Information Award.

15> Lady Macbeth - Lady Macbeth is a character in Shakespeare's Macbeth.