

Canadian and Mexican Literature Cheat Sheet

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*Authors are listed roughly chronologically, in order of the publication of their most important works.
Bolded terms appear frequently in questions.*

Canadian

Author	Works	Details
John McCrae	"In Flanders Fields"	poem commemorating the dead of World War I after the Second Battle of Ypres; popularized the use of poppies to commemorate veterans in the British Commonwealth
L.M. Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables	orphan Anne Shirley is accidentally sent to be fostered near the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island, at the farm of siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert
Alice Munro		awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature; short story writer
	Lives of Girls and Women; The Moons of Jupiter; Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage	
Joy Kogawa	Obasan	
Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale	the title handmaid, Offred , is a fertile woman assigned to provide a child to " The Commander " and his wife, Serena Joy , in the Republic of Gilead , a religious state that has overtaken parts of North America after a war; against the rules of her assignment, she plays Scrabble with the Commander and befriends Nick and Ofglen
	Oryx and Crake	first novel in the <i>MaddAddam</i> trilogy, along with <i>The Year of the Flood</i> and <i>MaddAddam</i> ; Snowman narrates the events leading up to an apocalyptic pandemic that leaves behind genetically engineered, human-like beings created and taught by the title two people
Michael Ondaatje	The English Patient	during World War II, the badly-burned Almásy is cared for in the Villa San Girolamo by Hana , a Canadian nurse
Yann Martel	The Life of Pi	the title Indian boy survives a shipwreck in a lifeboat with a tiger

Mexican

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Octavio Paz	The Labyrinth of Solitude	essay collection including " The Day of the Dead ," " The Sons of La Malinche ," and "The Conquest and Colonialism"
	"Sunstone"	584-line poem based structurally on the Aztec calendar
Carlos Fuentes	The Death of Artemio Cruz	on his deathbed, the title Mexican tycoon reminisces about the events of his life; he is asked to reveal the location of his will to a priest, his wife, Catalina , and his daughter, Teresa, but lies
	The Old Gringo	inspired by Ambrose Bierce , who disappeared while investigating the Mexican Revolution
	Terra Nostra	