

# Philip Pullman



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“**S**tories are the most important thing in the world. Without stories, we wouldn't be human beings at all.”

—Philip Pullman

Philip Pullman is the highly acclaimed and popular author of novels—from contemporary fiction to Victorian thrillers—plays and picture books for readers of all ages. Notably, he is the author of the widely celebrated *His Dark Materials* trilogy.

# About the Author

Growing up, Philip Pullman lived in England, Zimbabwe, and Australia. As a child, he read “books I wasn’t supposed to read—books for adults” and comic books. Pullman received his degree in English from Oxford University and taught middle school English for many years. *The Golden Compass*, the first of the His Dark Materials trilogy, won the Carnegie Medal and the *Guardian* Fiction Prize, and is

considered one of the best juvenile fantasy novels of the past 20 years. *The Amber Spyglass*, the trilogy’s astonishing finale, was the first children’s book in history to win the Whitbread Book of the Year Award. It was also nominated for the Booker Prize. When he is not writing books, Pullman enjoys drawing, woodworking, and playing the piano. He lives with his family in Oxford, England.

## Praise for:

### THE GOLDEN COMPASS

★ “As always, Pullman is a master at combining impeccable characterizations and seamless plotting, maintaining a crackling pace to create scene upon scene of almost unbearable tension. . . . [A] glittering gem.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

### THE SUBTLE KNIFE

★ “The intricacy of the plot is staggering. . . . There is no doubt that the work is stunningly ambitious, original, and fascinating.”

—*The Horn Book*, Starred

### THE AMBER SPYGLASS

★ “The book rollicks and careers with the narrative gale force we’ve come to expect. . . . In any given chapter Pullman offers more sensuous description and narrative brio than are found in most entire novels.”

—*The Horn Book*, Starred

## Book List

### HIS DARK MATERIALS

Ages 12 up • Alfred A. Knopf

#### THE GOLDEN COMPASS

HC: 978-0-679-87924-4

(0-679-87924-2)

Deluxe HC: 978-0-375-83830-9

(0-375-83830-9)

Deluxe GLB: 978-0-375-93830-6

(0-375-93830-3)

Knopf PB: 978-0-375-82345-9

(0-375-82345-X)

Yearling PB: 978-0-440-41832-0

(0-440-41832-1)

Laurel-Leaf PB: 978-0-440-23813-3

(0-440-23813-7)

- An ALA YALSA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults

- An ALA Notable Children’s Book

- A Carnegie Medal Winner

- An American Booksellers Book of the Year

- A *Booklist* Editors’ Choice

- A *Horn Book* Fanfare

- A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year

- A Maine Student Book Award Winner

- A Massachusetts Children’s Book Award Winner

- A Texas Lonestar Reading List Book

#### THE SUBTLE KNIFE

HC: 978-0-679-87925-1

(0-679-87925-0)

Deluxe HC: 978-0-375-84672-4

(0-375-84672-7)

Deluxe GLB: 978-0-375-94672-1

(0-375-94672-1)

Knopf PB: 978-0-375-82346-6

(0-375-82346-8)

Yearling PB: 978-0-440-41833-7

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Laurel-Leaf PB: 978-0-440-23814-0

(0-440-23814-5)

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- A Maine Student Book Award Master List Book

- Winner of a Parents’ Choice Gold Book Award

- A *Booklist* Editors’ Choice

- A *Bulletin* Blue Ribbon

- A *Horn Book* Fanfare Honor Book

- A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year

#### THE AMBER SPYGLASS

HC: 978-0-679-87926-8

(0-679-87926-9)

Deluxe HC: 978-0-375-84673-1

(0-375-84673-5)

Deluxe GLB: 978-0-375-94673-8

(0-375-94673-X)

Knopf PB: 978-0-375-82335-0

(0-375-82335-2)

Yearling PB: 978-0-440-41856-6

(0-440-41856-9)

Laurel-Leaf PB: 978-0-440-23815-7

(0-440-23815-3)

- An ALA YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

- An ALA Notable Children’s Book

- A Fall Children’s Book Sense Pick

- A *Horn Book* Fanfare

- A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

- An Alaska Association of School Librarians Puffin Award Winner

- A Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award Nominee

- A Pacific Northwest Young Readers’ Choice Award Nominee

#### HIS DARK MATERIALS

##### OMNIBUS

Knopf PB: 978-0-375-84722-6

(0-375-84722-7)

GLB: 978-0-375-94722-3

(0-375-94722-1)

#### LYRA’S OXFORD

HC: 978-0-375-82819-5

(0-375-82819-2)

Knopf PB: 978-0-375-84369-3

(0-375-84369-8)

#### THE SCARECROW

##### AND HIS SERVANT

Illustrated by Peter Bailey

Ages 8–12 • Alfred A. Knopf

HC: 978-0-375-81531-7

(0-375-81531-7)

GLB: 978-0-375-91531-4

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Yearling PB: 978-0-440-42130-6

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GLB: 978-0-375-91601-4

(0-375-91601-6)

Yearling PB: 978-0-440-41881-8

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Illustrated by Ian Beck

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- A Maine Student Book Award Master List Book

- A Pacific Northwest Young Readers’ Choice Award Nominee

- A Virginia Readers’ Choice Master List Book

- A Washington Sasquatch Reading Award Nominee

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#### THE WHITE MERCEDES

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#### THE SALLY LOCKHART

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- A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year

- A *Horn Book* Fanfare

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#### THE TIN PRINCESS

Ages 12 up • Alfred A. Knopf

Laurel-Leaf PB: 978-0-679-87615-1

(0-679-87615-4)

In this prequel episode from Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials universe, Lee Scoresby -- Texan aeronaut and future friend to Lyra Belacqua -- is 24 years old. The story reveals the origins of Scoresby's friendship with Iorek Byrnison as well as Scoresby's aeronautical career. After winning his hot-air balloon in a poker game, Scoresby finds himself floating north.

Philip Pullman is the award winning author of the His Dark Materials series. Born in Norwich, England, the son of Audrey Evelyn Pullman and Royal Air Force pilot Alfred Outram Pullman. His family travelled with his father's job, including to Southern Rhodesia, though most of his formative years were spent in Llanbedr in Ardudwy, Wales. Pullman attended Philip Pullman, Writer: The Golden Compass. Philip Pullman was born on October 19, 1946 in Norwich, Norfolk, England as Philip Nicholas Outram Pullman. He is a writer and producer, known for Kultainen kompassi (2007), His Dark Materials (2019) and The Adventures of John Blake. He has been married to Judith Speller since April 15, 1970.