

# Paradise Lost: A Masterpiece of Epic Poetry

John Milton's *Paradise Lost* is an epic poem in blank verse that tells the biblical story of the fall of humanity from the Garden of Eden. It was first published in 1667 and has since become one of the most celebrated works of English literature.

The poem is divided into 12 books, each of which tells a different part of the story. The first book introduces the main characters, Satan, Adam, and Eve, and sets the scene for the fall. The second book describes Satan's rebellion against God and his fall from heaven. The third book tells the story of Adam and Eve's creation and their fall from grace. The fourth book describes the consequences of the fall, including the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden.



## Paradise Lost (Oxford World's Classics (Paperback))

by John Milton

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The fifth book tells the story of Satan's temptation of Christ in the wilderness. The sixth book describes the war in heaven between the forces of good and evil. The seventh book tells the story of the creation of the world. The eighth book describes the fall of the angels. The ninth book tells the story of the flood. The tenth book describes the Tower of Babel. The eleventh book tells the story of the birth of Christ. The twelfth book tells the story of the Last Judgment.

*Paradise Lost* is a complex and challenging work, but it is also a rewarding one. Milton's poetry is rich and beautiful, and his characters are complex and well-developed. The poem is full of insights into human nature, and it offers a profound meditation on the nature of good and evil.

If you are interested in reading a great work of literature, I highly recommend *Paradise Lost*. It is a poem that will stay with you long after you have finished reading it.

### **About the Author**

John Milton was born in London in 1608. He was a brilliant student and attended Christ's College, Cambridge. After graduating, he traveled to Italy, where he met many of the leading artists and intellectuals of the day. Milton returned to England in 1639 and began his career as a poet. He published his first major work, *Comus*, in 1637. In 1642, he published *Lycidas*, a pastoral elegy on the death of a young friend. Milton was a staunch supporter of the Puritan Revolution, and he served as Secretary for Foreign Tongues to the Council of State from 1649 to 1652.

After the Restoration, Milton was dismissed from his post and retired to obscurity. He continued to write poetry, however, and in 1667 he published

his masterpiece, *Paradise Lost*. Milton died in London in 1674.

## Critical Reception

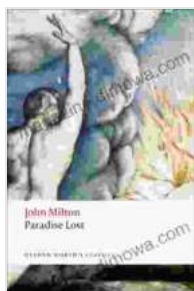
*Paradise Lost* has been praised by critics for its beauty, complexity, and insight into human nature. Samuel Johnson called it "one of the greatest productions of the human mind." William Blake said that it was "the grandest poem that this world contains." And T.S. Eliot said that it was "the most perfect poem in the English language."

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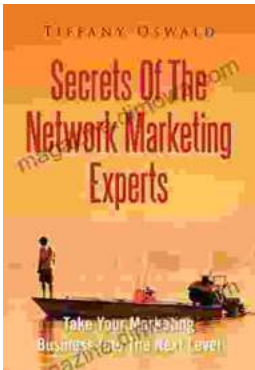
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