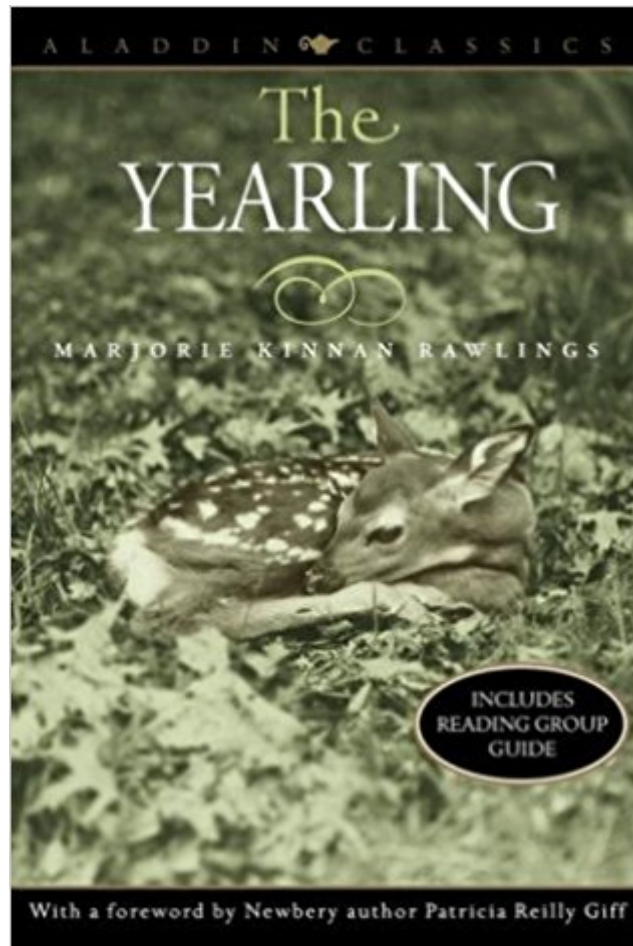


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The Yearling (Aladdin Classics)



Synopsis

No novel better epitomizes the love between a child and a pet than *The Yearling*. Young Jody adopts an orphaned fawn he calls Flag and makes it a part of his family and his best friend. But life in the Florida backwoods is harsh, and so, as his family fights off wolves, bears, and even alligators, and faces failure in their tenuous subsistence farming, Jody must finally part with his dear animal friend. There has been a film and even a musical based on this moving story, a fine work of great American literature.

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Fighting off a pack of starving wolves, wrestling alligators in the swamp, romping with bear cubs, drawing off the venom of a giant rattlesnake bite with the heart of a fresh-killed deer--it's all in a day's work for the Baxter family of the Florida scrublands. But young Jody Baxter is not content with these electrifying escapades, or even with the cozy comfort of home with Pa and Ma. He wants a pet, a friend with whom he can share his quiet cogitations and his corn pone. Jody gets his pet, a frisky fawn he calls Flag, but that's not all. With Flag comes a year of life lessons, frolicking times, and achingly hard decisions. This powerful book is as compelling now as when it was written over 60 years ago. Read simply as a naturalist study of the Florida interior, it fascinates and entices. Add the heart-stopping adventure and heart-wrenching human elements, and this is a classic well worth its Pulitzer Prize. Earthy dialect and homespun wisdom season the story, giving it a unique and unforgettable flavor, and N.C. Wyeth's warm, soft illustrations capture an era of rough subsistence and sweet survival. (Ages 12 and older) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or

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"Never before has Mrs. Rawlings created a set of characters who are so close and real to the reader, whose intimate life one can share without the taint of unconscious patronage." "Heart-stopping adventure and heart-wrenching human elements.... This is a classic well worth its Pulitzer Prize. Earthy dialect and homespun wisdom season the story, giving it a unique and unforgettable flavor, and N.C. Wyeth's warm, soft illustrations capture an era of rough subsistence and sweet survival."

I just gave my nephew this book for his tenth birthday. He spends a lot of time in Florida and I wanted him to imagine the lives once lived beyond the beaches and resorts. This is the story of a boy and the orphaned deer he loves. It is as beautiful and heartbreaking as any story of a child and his beloved pet, and the challenges of his poor white family in Florida, set in the wetlands of Florida, with its hurricanes and floods. It won the Pulitzer Prize for author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, who was enough ahead of her time that she wrote this book years ago (but enough a prisoner of her time that when Zora Neale Hurston came to visit, she had to sleep in the servant's house out back with Rawlings's black maid -- who wrote a fascinating book of her own).

My favorite read from childhood. I am once again re-reading it before going to sleep. Puts me in a very peaceful state. Terrific story, full of richly rendered characters and descriptive writing that evokes strong visualizations and emotionally evocative enough so those mental images stay forever. The illustrations are the same as the originals, and on glossy paper. This is a book to buy for any early teen age boy in particular. Buy extra copies and give them to the school library.

We saw the movie version with Gregory Peck a couple of weeks ago, and I decided to Kindle a copy of the novel. I'm glad I did, especially this version, which featured N.C. Wyeth's lovely illustrations. The volume I had as a child also had these pictures; I loved them then, and enjoyed them now. Nineteen years ago, we moved to Florida, and the description of the Everglades at the end of the 19th century, with its abundant flora and fauna, meant more to me now than it did then. While this may have been intended to be a children's book when Rawlings wrote it, I enjoyed it just as much this time because the characterizations were so vivid, especially that of Penny, the father. I wouldn't have appreciated him as much at the age of 8 as I do now, and I wouldn't have responded to Ory, the mother either. Their son, Jody, grows up before your eyes, and takes on the

responsibilities of a frontier teen. This is a wonderful book, and worthy of a second look.

I loved every page. This story reminded me of the language used when I was a child by relatives from the old south. I felt as if I knew this family.

This is a great day story of a boy growing to manhood. The descriptions of what life was like in Florida for the early settlers were fantastic. The dialogue takes some getting used to but well worth the time to adjust.

I loved this movie, so finally having a copy of the story in my hands is a good thing.

Book was in perfect condition. I've been looking for this hardback for over a year. So happy to have it in my library.

The Yearling is a priceless story about a young boy growing up in the shadow of a wise and kind father who teaches him everything he knows by example. Neighbors, friends, family members, and various wild animals enliven and enrich the boy's growing up experiences. Definitely in my top ten favorite list of books! Beautifully written.

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