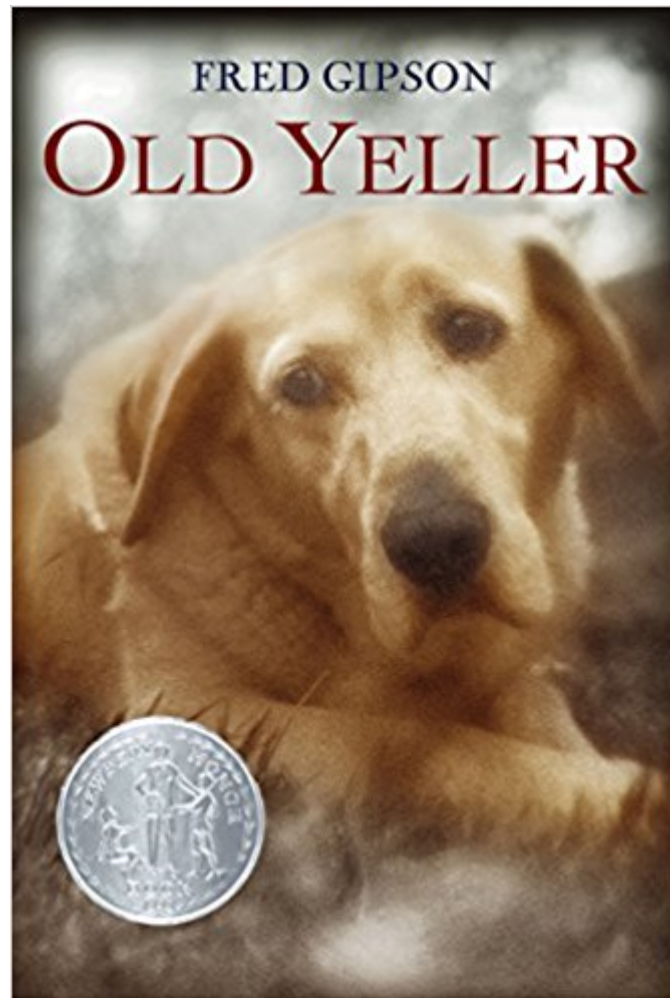




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# Old Yeller (HarperClassics)



## Synopsis

A timeless American classic and one of the most beloved children's books ever written, *Old Yeller* is a Newbery Honor Book that explores the poignant and unforgettable bond between a boy and the stray dog who becomes his loyal friend. When his father sets out on a cattle drive toward Kansas for the summer, fourteen-year-old Travis Coates is left to take care of his family and their farm. Living in Texas Hill Country during the 1860s, Travis comes to face new, unanticipated, and often perilous responsibilities in the frontier wilderness. A particular nuisance is a stray yellow dog that shows up one day and steals food from the family. But the big canine who Travis calls "Old Yeller" proves his worth by defending the family from danger. And Travis ultimately finds help and comfort in the courage and unwavering love of the dog who comes to be his very best friend. Fred Gipson's novel is an eloquently simple story that is both exciting and deeply moving. It stands alongside works like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, and *Shiloh* as a beloved and enduring classic of literature. Originally published in 1956 to instant acclaim, *Old Yeller* later inspired a hit film from Walt Disney. Just as *Old Yeller* inevitably makes his way into the Coates family's hearts, this book will find its own special place in readers' hearts.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

“Exciting and heartwarming.” (School Library Journal)  
“Occasionally, but very rarely, one reads a book with the increasing certainty, as one turns the pages, that a classic is unfolding before one’s eyes.” (Chicago Tribune)  
“The combination of excellent writing and the sensitivity to human emotions places it on a shelf with the classics in juvenile literature.” (Saturday Review of Literature)

At first, Travis couldn’t stand the sight of Old Yeller. The stray dog was ugly, and a thieving rascal, too. But he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier, especially with Papa away on a long cattle drive up to Abilene. Strong and courageous, Old Yeller proved that he could protect Travis’s family from any sort of danger. But can Travis do the same for Old Yeller?

This is a classic from my childhood. I had to buy it for my son’s reading assignment in school, but I could not help picking it up and reading it while he was asleep. Classic story which will play well with boys, at least from my perspective, but I suspect anyone who has fond memories of life on a farm with a dog as a child will like the book, too. The violence in the book is the normal violence one would expect from encountering wild animals (hogs). I never found it disturbing and neither did my son.

Classic every child should read. A little different than the movie but still follows the theme. I read it to my 7 year old and he follows every word.

I got this book for my 13 year old son who doesn’t like to read books, but when he started reading it, he got hooked on it and loved it. I also read it and loved it.

A different ending than the movie, but I enjoyed every page. I highly recommend this to anyone young and old alike.

Loved the movie and was delighted with the book, it had a few twists I did not know about and made the story great reading.

Great classic read. My daughter loved this required summer book.

Classic movie. Great for young kids that are animal lovers. Really gets into a child-pet relationship & bonds.

One of the best books ever written, in my opinion. Just like the movie, it will make you cry, but the ending is not the same. In the film, Travis pens up Yeller and waits for the rabies to become evident, but in the book he only considers this option. His mother convinces him that it is inevitable and he shoots Yeller while he is still Yeller. Which I think is much harder on both the character and the reader.

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