

Literary Trivia Challenge



1. Which Nobel Prize-winning author wrote a short story that took place at Osler?

- A) Margaret Atwood
- B) David Adams Richards
- C) Alice Munro
- D) W. O. Mitchell

2. Where was the location of Collingwood's original Public Library?

- A) Simcoe Street
- B) Second Street
- C) Hurontario Street
- D) St Paul Street

3. Which Canadian author wrote *Luke Baldwin's Vow*, a story of a boy who came to live in Collingwood?

- A) Robertson Davies
- B) Morley Callaghan
- C) George Bowering
- D) Gabrielle Roy

4. Who is Collingwood's poet laureate?

- A) Susan Wismer
- B) Maya Angelou
- C) Robert Frost
- D) Day Merrill

5. What book won CBC's Canada Reads contest in 2019?

- A) *Bakr al Rabeeah*, Winnie Yeung
- B) *The Testaments*, Margaret Atwood
- C) *By Chance Alone*, Max Eisen.
- D) *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, Heather Morris

6. What is the name of the narrator in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*?

- A) Scout Finch
- B) Boo Radley
- C) Atticus Finch
- D) Dill Harris

7. What is the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve?

- A) Ghost of Christmas Past
- B) Bob Cratchit
- C) Ghost of Christmas Spirit
- D) Jacob Marley

8. Who is known for collecting folklore tales such as Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White?

- A) Hans Christian Andersen
- B) Brothers Grimm
- C) Walt Disney
- D) All of the above

9. What was Mark Twain's real name?

- A) Twain Mark
- B) Samuel Clemens
- C) Henry James
- D) Walt Whitman

10. The Lion King is a Disney re-imagining of which Shakespeare play?

- A) King Lear
- B) Macbeth
- C) Hamlet
- D) Othello

Answer Key

1. Which Nobel Prize-winning author wrote a short story that took place at Osler?

Answer C: Alice Munro won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2013. Her short story “Deep Holes” features Osler Buff and appears in the *Too Much Happiness* Collection.

2. Where was the location of Collingwood’s original Public Library?

Answer B: Second Street. Collingwood’s first library was built on Second Street at the corner of Second and Maple Streets in 1903. The land was donated by the Long brothers. American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie contributed funds towards the construction of the building.

3. Which Canadian author wrote Luke Baldwin’s Vow, a story of a boy who came to live in Collingwood?

Answer B: Morley Callaghan. Luke Baldwin’s Vow is about a boy named Luke who comes to live with his aunt and uncle in Collingwood. It was originally published in the Saturday Evening Post in 1947.

4. Who is Collingwood’s poet laureate?

Answer D: Day Merrill became Collingwood’s first poet laureate in 2018. As poet laureate, Day Merrill has worked to change the way Collingwood residents think about poetry.

5. What book won CBC’s Canada Reads contest in 2019?

Answer C: *By Chance Alone* by Max Eisen. The theme of Canada Reads in 2019 was “the one book that will move all Canadians.” In the winning book, holocaust survivor, Max Eisen recounts his traumatic experiences during the Second World War.

6. What is the name of the narrator in Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*?

Answer A: Scout Finch. Jean Louise “Scout” Finch is the narrator and protagonist of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

7. What is the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Eve?

Answer D: Jacob Marley. Scrooge’s business partner is the first ghost to visit on Christmas Eve. Marley tells Scrooge he will be visited by three spirits that night.

8. Who is known for collecting folklore tales such as Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White?

Answer B: Brothers Grimm. Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm were German academics and authors who collected and published folklore during the 19th century.

9. What was Mark Twain’s real name?

Answer B: Samuel Clemens. The exact origins of the pen name Mark Twain are unknown but it is thought that it comes from Samuel Clemens’ time operating a riverboat. Mark twain is a nautical term referring to the depth of a river.

10. The Lion King is a Disney reimagining of which Shakespeare play?

Answer C: Hamlet. Creators of the Lion King modelled the themes and relationships of the Disney film after Shakespeare’s Hamlet. The protagonist of both stories is a fatherless prince with an uncle acting as the villain.