



**English presentation  
My favourite book**

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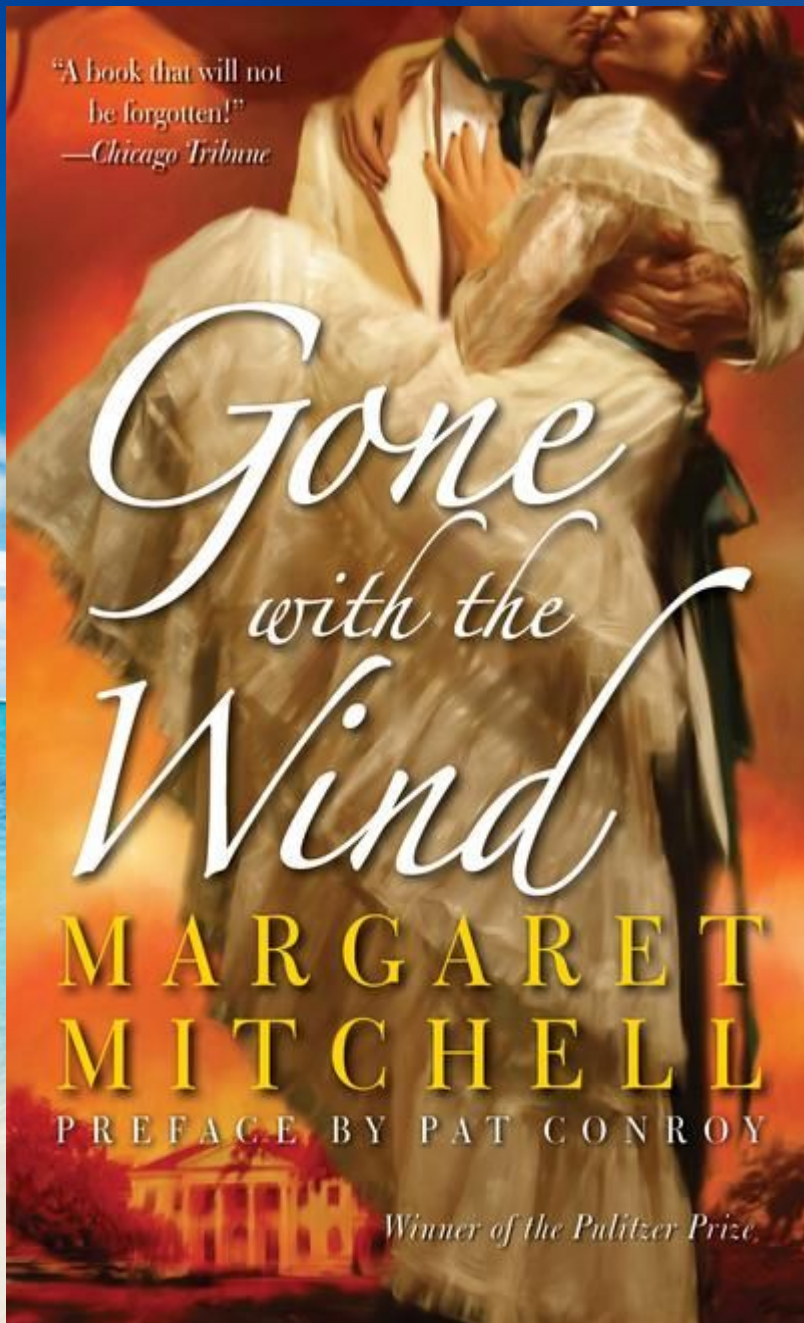
# *Books in our life*

*"Books and friends should be few but good," says an English proverb. "Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book! They teach us and open their hearts to us as brothers," wrote Charles Kingsley, an English writer of the 19th century. The book is certainly one of the greatest human inventions. It is a friend and a teacher. We learn many things by reading books. Books teach people to live. After reading some books it is easy to understand what should be done and what must not be done. Book lists are prepared beforehand to awake a new interest among the visitors. Except reading special and scientific literature it is a great pleasure to read belles-lettres.*

A vibrant tropical beach scene. The foreground shows a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The water is a clear, bright turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. The sky is a brilliant, clear blue with a few wispy white clouds near the horizon. The sun is shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect in the upper center of the image.

**My favourite book is  
“Gone with the Wind”**





I've recently read a book which has made a very deep impression on me. It's called **Gone with the Wind** and it makes really unforgettable reading. The author of the book is **Margaret Mitchell**. She was born in **Atlanta, Georgia**, into a family of the president of the **Atlanta Historical Society**. All the family were interested in **American history** and she grew up in an atmosphere of stories about the **Civil War**.





After graduating from college Margaret Mitchell worked for a time for the Atlanta Journal. In 1925 she got married. In the following ten years she put on paper all the stories she had heard about the Civil War. The result was *Gone with the Wind*. It was first published in 1936 and became the talking point of all America. In 1939 it was made into a highly successful film. Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable played the leading roles. Vivien Leigh won the Oscar. Everyone loved her high-spirited and beautiful heroine, Scarlett O'Hara.

The story is set around the time of the American Civil War (1861-65) when the Southern States went to war with the North to defend their way of life. It was a way of life in which rich gentry lived in large houses and owned huge areas of land, cultivated by black slaves. Scarlett O'Hara was born into one of these rich houses. When this way of life was destroyed and all her family's wealth taken away by the advancing Northerners, the spoiled, willful Scarlet had to grow up and use all her wit and intelligence — and beauty — to build a new life.

# Margaret Mitchell



# Scarlett and Rhett



**But *Gone with the Wind* is also about a love triangle. While Scarlett loves the quiet, gentlemanly Ashley Wilkes, the wild and decidedly ungentlemanly Rhett Butler is in love with her. After Ashley marries someone else, and after many adventures of her own, Scarlett does marry Rhett — but only for money.**

**The marriage is stormy and eventually Rhett walks out on her, but by that time Scarlett has realized that she loves him after all. Scarlett thinks of some way of getting him back, but we never know if she does.**

**Margaret Mitchell never wrote a sequel to answer this burning question. She died in 1949 in a car crash.**



A vibrant tropical beach scene. The foreground is filled with clear, turquoise water with gentle ripples. The horizon line is straight and divides the image. Above the horizon, the sky is a deep blue with scattered, fluffy white clouds. The overall atmosphere is bright and serene.

**Thank you for watching**