



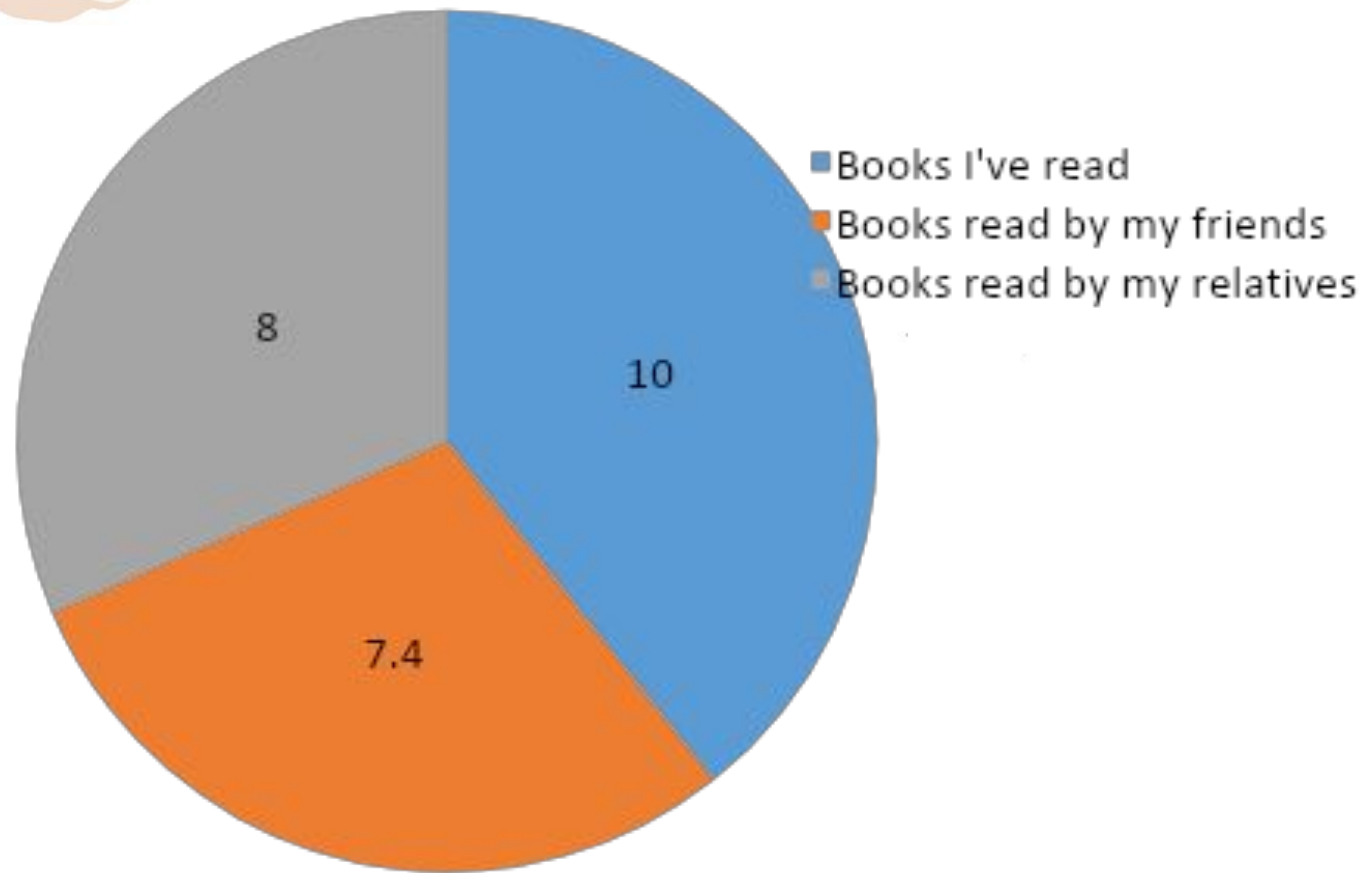
# **Britain's favorite books**

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# The diagram

Readers

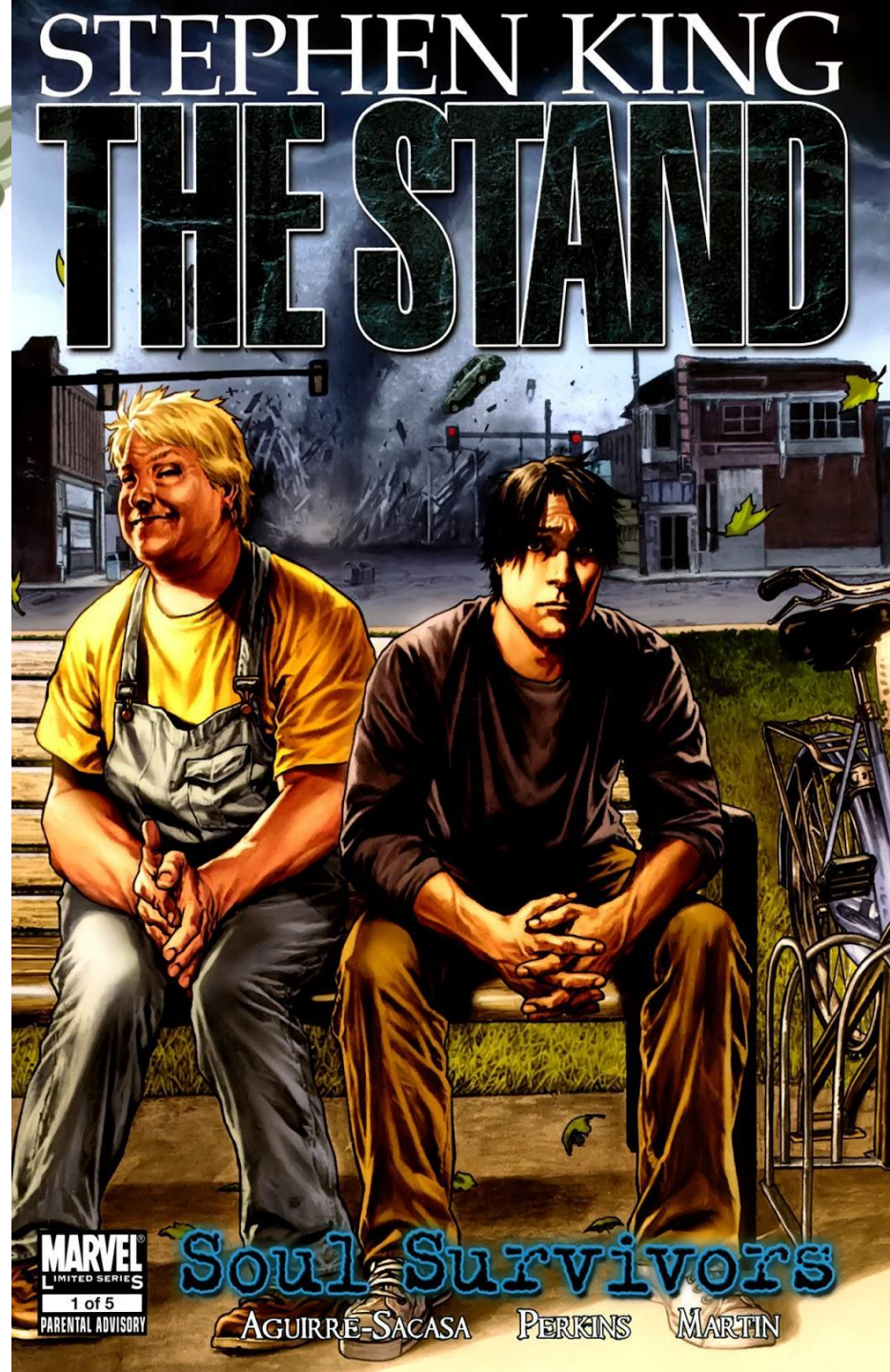




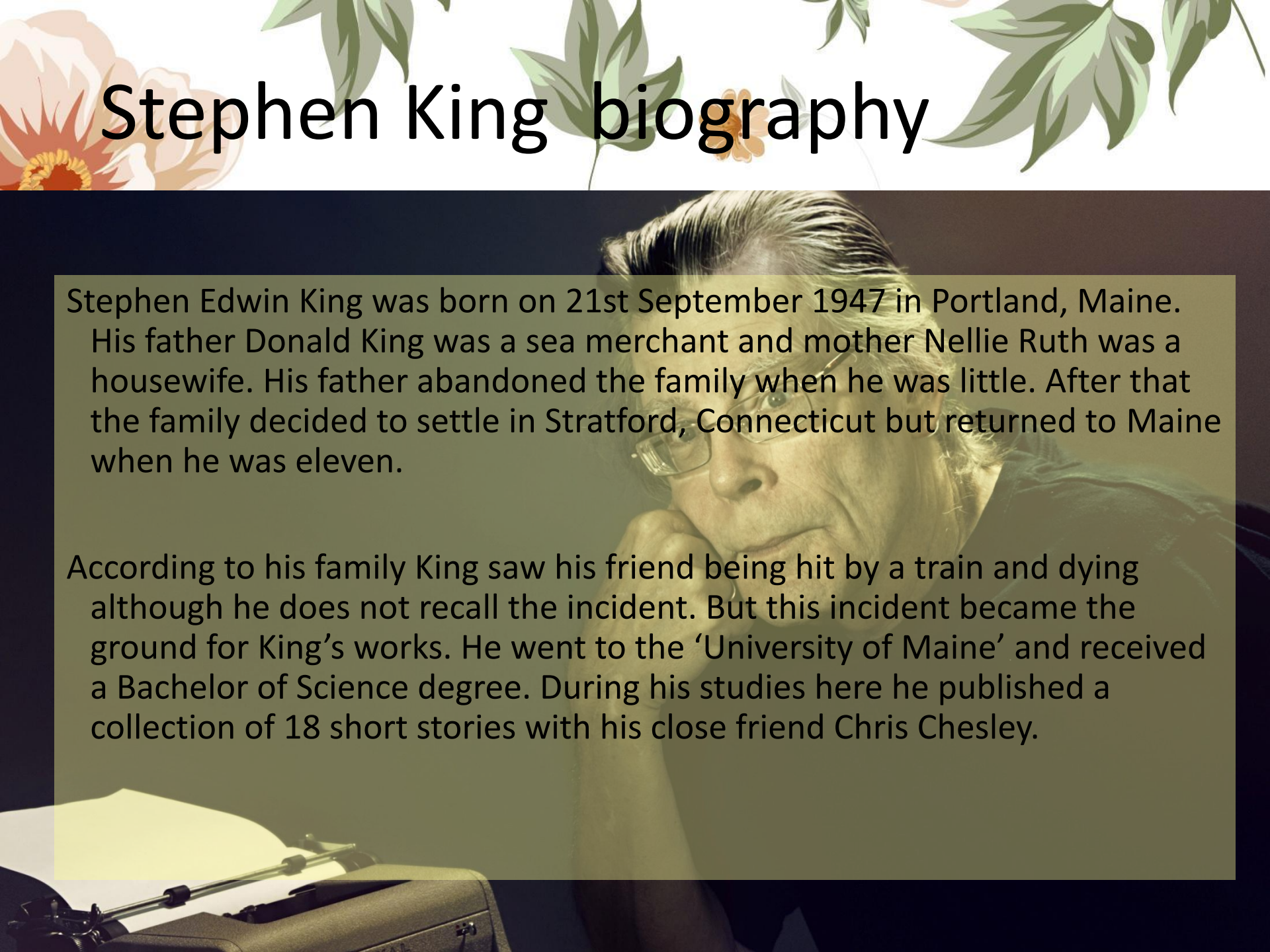
# The book I'd like to read.

The Stand is a post apocalyptic horror/fantasy novel by American author Stephen King.

It was published in the 1978.



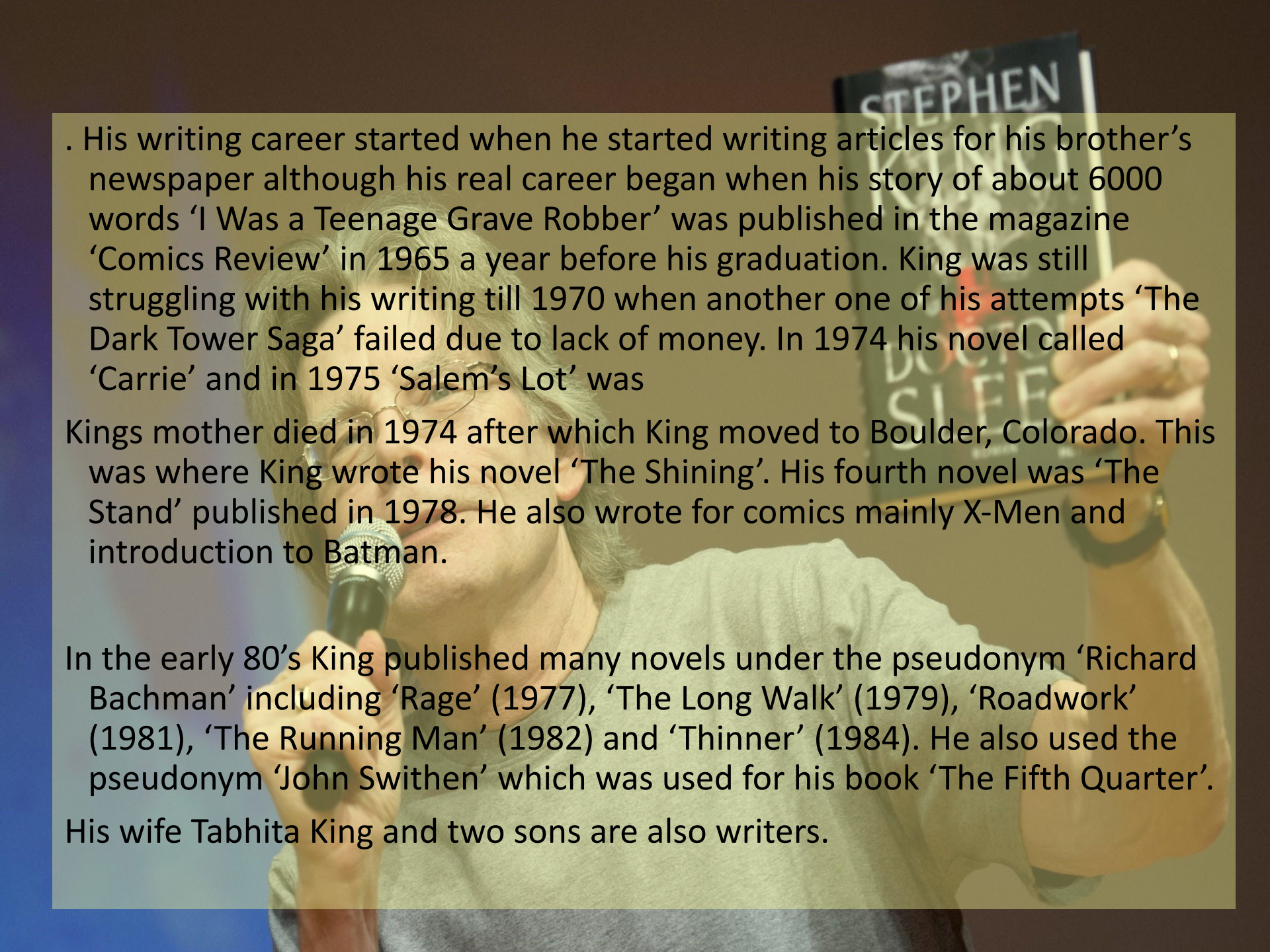
# Stephen King biography



Stephen Edwin King was born on 21st September 1947 in Portland, Maine. His father Donald King was a sea merchant and mother Nellie Ruth was a housewife. His father abandoned the family when he was little. After that the family decided to settle in Stratford, Connecticut but returned to Maine when he was eleven.

According to his family King saw his friend being hit by a train and dying although he does not recall the incident. But this incident became the ground for King's works. He went to the 'University of Maine' and received a Bachelor of Science degree. During his studies here he published a collection of 18 short stories with his close friend Chris Chesley.



A photograph of Stephen King speaking into a microphone. He is wearing glasses and a light-colored shirt. He is holding a book titled "STEPHEN KING DOCTOR SLEEP" in his left hand. The background is dark and out of focus.

. His writing career started when he started writing articles for his brother's newspaper although his real career began when his story of about 6000 words 'I Was a Teenage Grave Robber' was published in the magazine 'Comics Review' in 1965 a year before his graduation. King was still struggling with his writing till 1970 when another one of his attempts 'The Dark Tower Saga' failed due to lack of money. In 1974 his novel called 'Carrie' and in 1975 'Salem's Lot' was

Kings mother died in 1974 after which King moved to Boulder, Colorado. This was where King wrote his novel 'The Shining'. His fourth novel was 'The Stand' published in 1978. He also wrote for comics mainly X-Men and introduction to Batman.

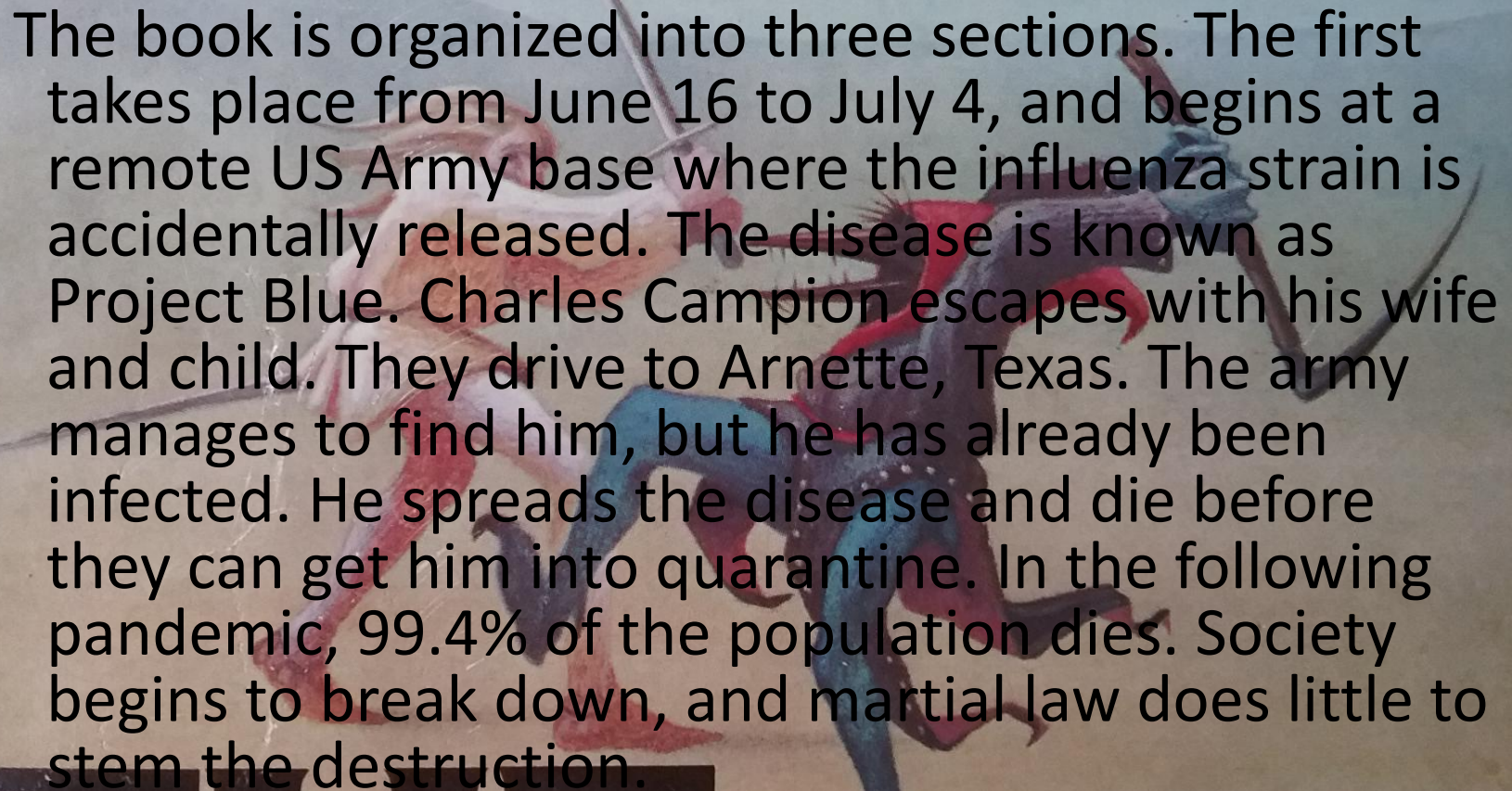
In the early 80's King published many novels under the pseudonym 'Richard Bachman' including 'Rage' (1977), 'The Long Walk' (1979), 'Roadwork' (1981), 'The Running Man' (1982) and 'Thinner' (1984). He also used the pseudonym 'John Swithen' which was used for his book 'The Fifth Quarter'.

His wife Tabhita King and two sons are also writers.

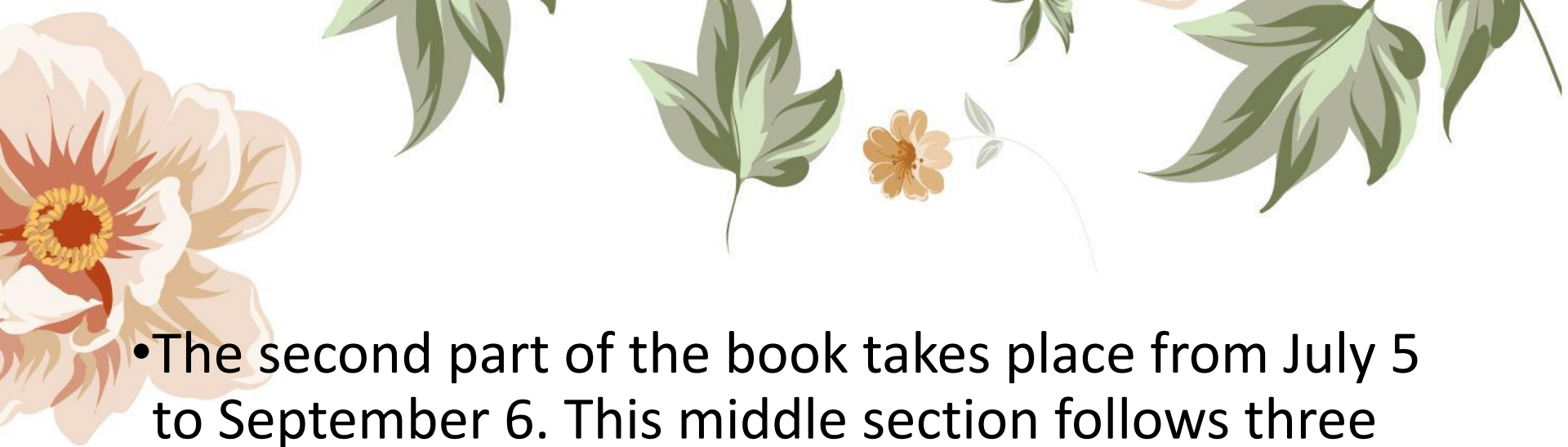




# The plot



The book is organized into three sections. The first takes place from June 16 to July 4, and begins at a remote US Army base where the influenza strain is accidentally released. The disease is known as Project Blue. Charles Campion escapes with his wife and child. They drive to Arnette, Texas. The army manages to find him, but he has already been infected. He spreads the disease and die before they can get him into quarantine. In the following pandemic, 99.4% of the population dies. Society begins to break down, and martial law does little to stem the destruction.



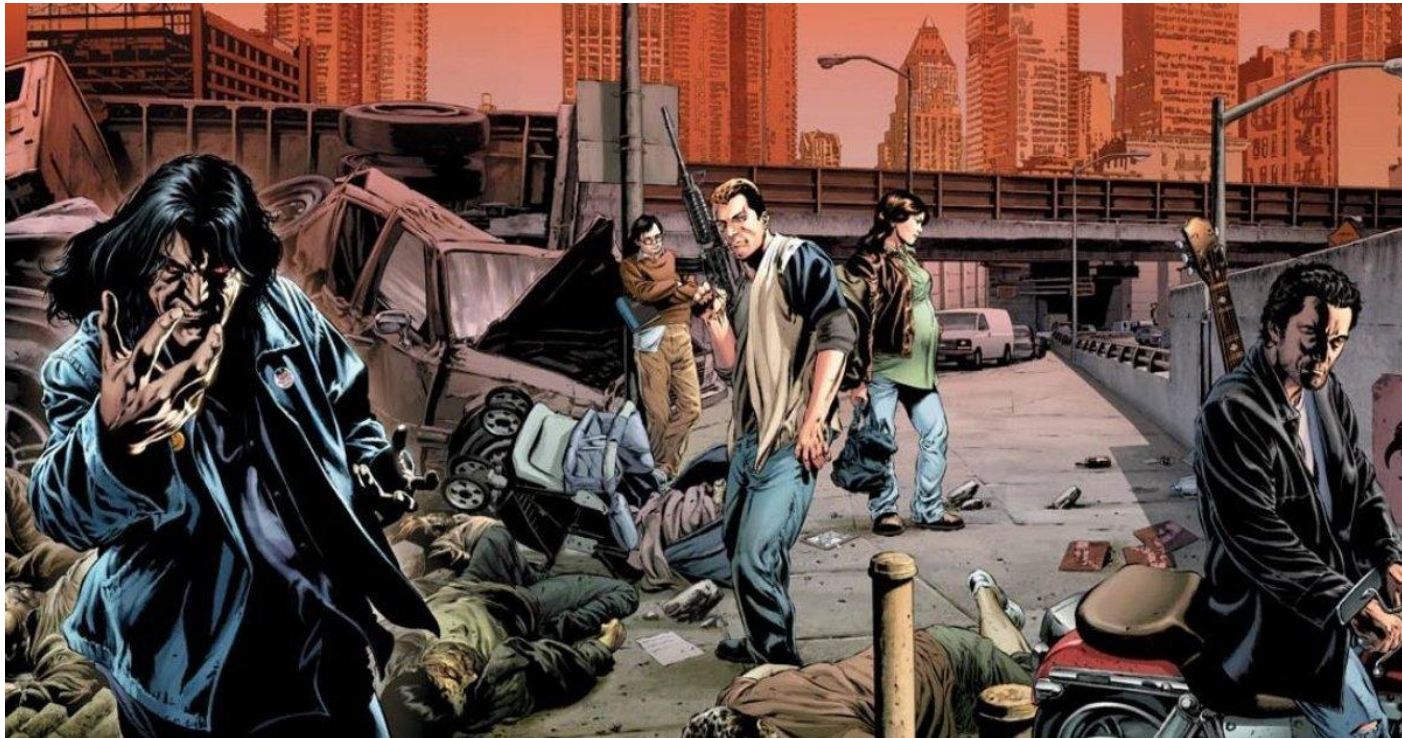
- The second part of the book takes place from July 5 to September 6. This middle section follows three groups that all dream of the same woman—108-year-old Abigail Freemantle. Referred to simply as “Mother Abigail,” these groups travel to find her in Hemingford Home, a small village in western Nebraska. She is a spiritual leader to them, and guides them to travel to Boulder, Colorado, where they try to begin anew. They call their new society, and the area they have claimed, the Free Zone.



- Opposing Mother Abigail is the antagonist Randall Flagg. Flagg possesses supernatural abilities, and rules with an iron fist, utilizing torture and execution to keep those he governs under his control. He leads a group of survivors to Las Vegas, where they try to rebuild the city and a military force. Mother Abigail leaves on a spiritual quest, and the people from the Free Zone send three spies into Flagg's territory. Meanwhile, Flagg convinces two characters—Harold Lauder and Nadine Cross—to set off a bomb in the Free Zone. Though Mother Abigail returns in time to save most of the people, several die.
- The third and final part of the novel takes place from September 7 to January 10. With tensions rising between Las Vegas and the Free Zone, Mother Abigail sends four of the remaining members of the Free Zone leadership committee to confront Flagg's people.



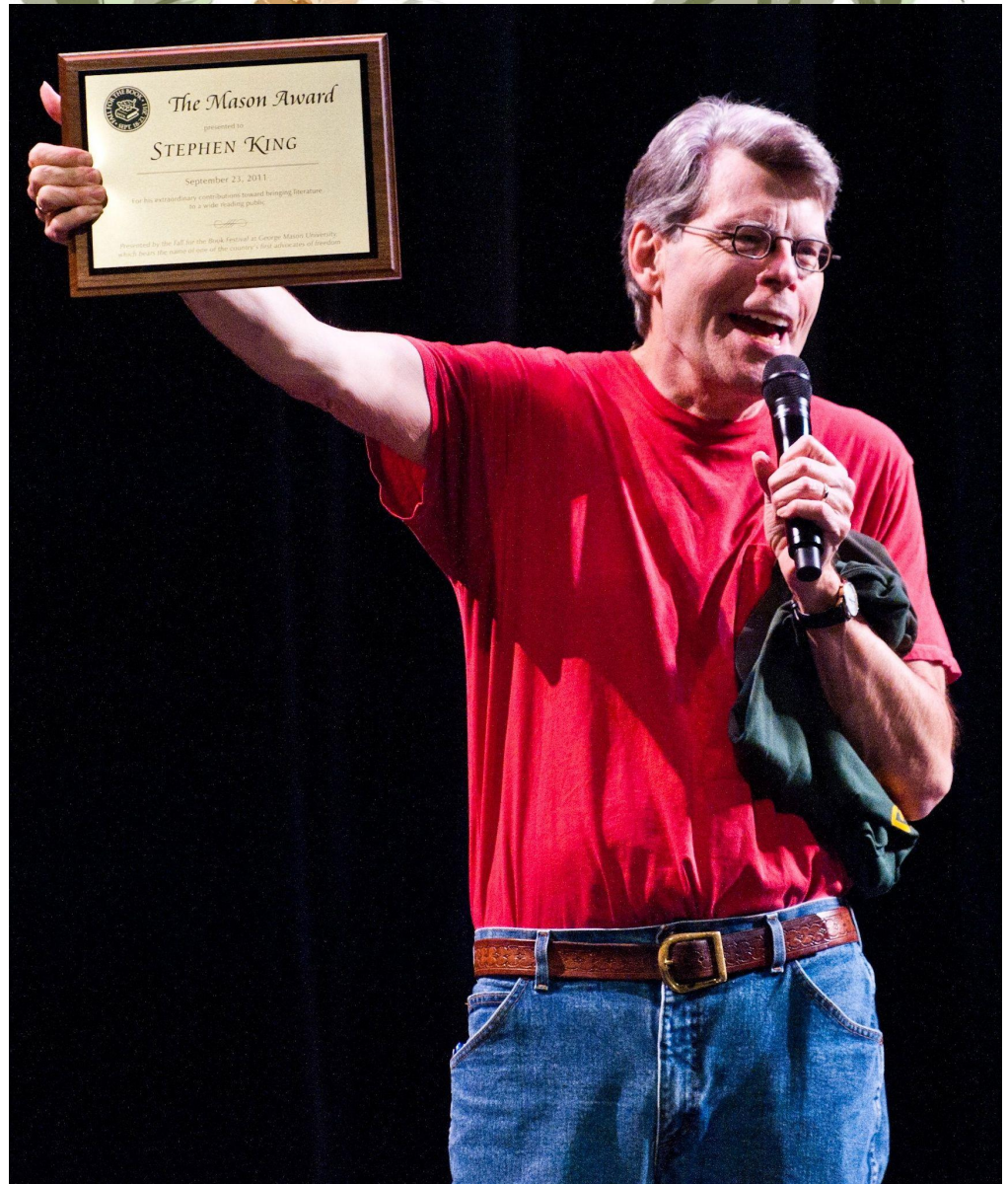
The Stand is a book about human nature. It shows people's attitude toward good or evil. Mostly, it shows how it is in man's nature to build society and to fight for his beliefs.





# Awards

- The Stand was nominated for the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel in 1979, and was adapted into both a television miniseries for ABC and a graphic novel published by Marvel Comics. In 2003, the novel was listed at number 53 on the BBC's The Big Readpoll





## Another bestseller

- Cloud Atlas is the third novel by British author David Mitchell. Published in 2004, it consists of six different "nested" stories across time and space that take the reader from the remote South Pacific in the nineteenth century to a distant post-apocalyptic future.
- Cloud Atlas won the British Book Awards Literary Fiction award and the Richard & Judy "Book of the Year" award. The year it was published, it was short-listed for the Booker Prize, Nebula Award for Best Novel, and Arthur C. Clarke Award, among other awards.

Shortlisted for THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE 2004



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# cloud atlas

'Superbly entertaining' *Daily Telegraph*

'A masterful feast' *Evening Standard*

'Shamelessly exciting' *Spectator*

'Remarkable' *Guardian*

'Stunning' *Daily Mail*



# ***Before I Fall***

Before I Fall is a 2010 young adult novel written by Lauren Oliver. It is written in first-person narrative of a teenager who is forced to relive the day of her death every day for a week. In an attempt to understand why this is happening to her, as well as trying to change her fate, she takes new actions each day, some of which are out of character and surprise her family and friends.

The book is the basis for the film of the same name released on March 3, 2017.

Reviews for Before I Fall have been positive, with RT Book Reviews giving the book 4 stars and nominating it for their 2010 "Best Young Adult Paranormal/Fantasy Novel".

