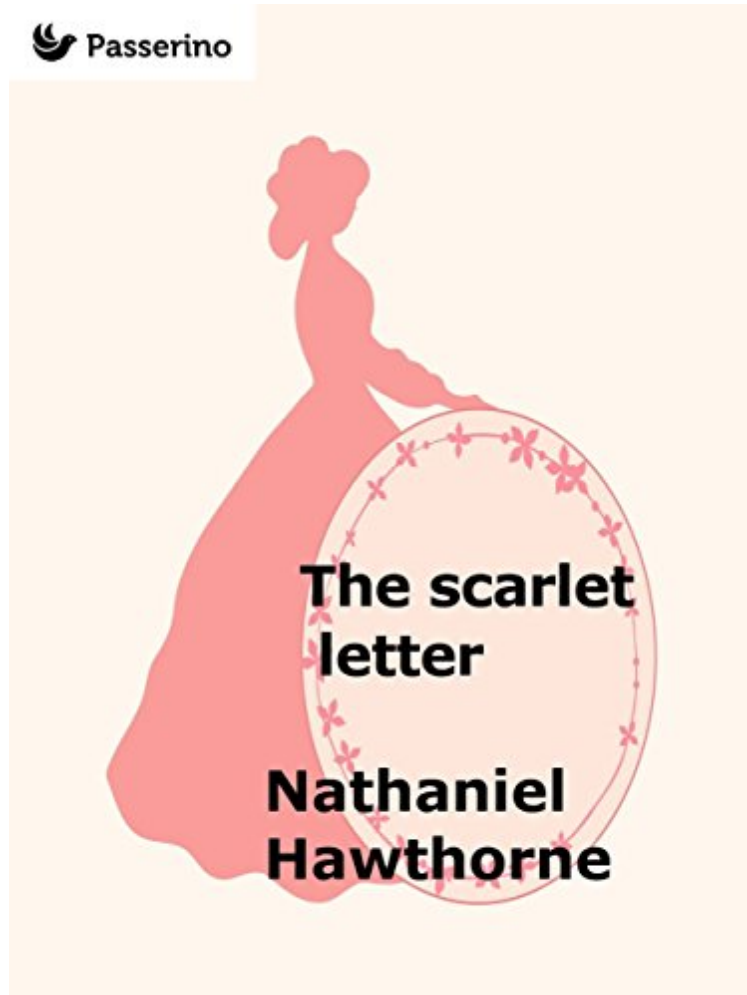


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stuffer!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A study of the Puritan mind setBy CustomerThe "Puritans" were those who wanted to to rid -- "purify" -- the Church of England of any and all Roman Catholic -- "papist" -- practices. Persecuted by members of the Church of England, many Puritans emigrated to New England and settled throughout. They brought with them their beliefs and practices, many of which were extremely austere and severe.Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" is set in the late 1600's and early 1700's in "Puritan" Boston. The story is about fornication and adultery and the consequences those acts -- "sins" -- have on the lives of four people. The story goes into some very dark places of the mind. However, in the end, "light and love" prevail over "darkness and evil".All-in-all I think the story has a happy ending. I loved it!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 50 Shades of ScarletBy euonymousThis is not only a great story with characters that we can all understand, it is such a seminal classic that American media, discourse, and entertainment are sprinkled with subtle and not so subtle references to the story. Years ago a good friend, bridge partner, and mathematics professor at MIT told me she had just completed classes for the year with an arcane but funny joke. (Yes, she told it to me and I didn't get it.) After the class laughed, she explained to them that she had to wait until the end of the year to tell that joke because they would not have understood it earlier. And that's one of the reasons we learn and study... we can share inside jokes! (Ok, the title line is a tad lame, but that's how we play with cultural references, new and old.)

"The Scarlet Letter" is an 1850 romantic work of fiction in a historical setting, written by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and is considered to be his magnum opus. Set in 17th-century Puritan Boston, Massachusetts, during the years 1642 to 1649, it tells the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter through an affair and struggles to create a new life of repentance and dignity. Throughout the book, Hawthorne explores themes of legalism, sin, and guilt.The authorNathaniel Hawthorne (July 4, 1804 ndash; May 19, 1864) was an American novelist and short story writer.

From School Library JournalGr 8 Up-Actress Elizabeth McGovern reads this acceptable abridgement with precise, clear diction. Her expressive voice is pleasant, effectively using breath sounds and pauses to recreate dramatic moods. Her usually quick tempo keeps the text from being ponderous, but it can be slower when necessary. Given the time period of the original work, her formal tone is appropriate. Her speech changes slightly for the different characters, but there is not much dialogue. The abridgement retains the continuity of the story. Consider purchasing this version for special education students who can't handle the longer, original text.-Claudia Moore, W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VACopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. Novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne, published in 1850. It is considered a masterpiece of American literature and a classic moral study. The novel is set in a village in Puritan New England. The main character is Hester Prynne, a young woman who has borne an illegitimate child. Hester believes herself a widow, but her husband, Roger Chillingworth, returns to New England very much alive and conceals his identity. He finds his wife forced to wear the scarlet letter A on her dress as punishment for her adultery. Chillingworth becomes obsessed with finding the identity of his wife's former lover. When he learns that the father of Hester's child is Arthur Dimmesdale, a saintly young minister who is the leader of those exhorting her to name the child's father, Chillingworth proceeds to torment the guilt-stricken young man. In the end Chillingworth is morally degraded by his monomaniacal pursuit of revenge; Dimmesdale is broken by his own sense of guilt, and he publicly confesses his adultery before dying in Hester's arms. Only Hester can face the future bravely, as she plans to take her daughter Pearl to Europe to begin a new life. --The Merriam-Webster Encyclopedia of Literature "Anyone interested in how novels refract history will be enriched by the Broadview edition of *The Scarlet Letter*. The valuable introduction and extensive archival material will give readers a great foundation for using Hawthorne's historicist methodology as a model for discussing the complexities of history and storytelling not only for Hawthorne but for contemporary readers as well." (Lauren Berlant )"John Stephen Martin's meticulously prepared edition of *The Scarlet Letter* offers both students and general readers the most comprehensive introduction to Hawthorne's life and work currently available in one volume. With its historical contextualization, enormously helpful annotations, and judicious assessment of Hawthorne's greatest work, it establishes itself as the single best guide to this great American masterpiece." (Joel Porte )"This edition is the most effective teaching tool for Hawthorne's text that I know. Contained within a single volume, students have everything that is necessary for a rich understanding of one of the most important moments in American literary history. Especially donative are the substantial contextualizations provided heremdash;literary, social, and historicalmdash;and in turn, these contextualizations ground the principal issues with which Hawthorne's romance engages. Supplementary to all this is the extensive bibliography, far-ranging and comprehensive. This edition is easily the most comprehensive introduction to the work that is currently available." (Ian Bell )