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From Benjamin Franklin's contributions to our young nation (*Poor Richard's Almanack*) to trailblazer Nellie Bly (*Around the World in Seventy-Two Days*), Pennsylvania's story is steeped in history.



From the revolutionary writings of Roger Williams (*A Key into the Language of America*) to Jhumpa Lahiri's evocative work (*Interpreter of Maladies*), Rhode Island's creative spirit has long inspired storytellers.



From the Southern Gothic brilliance of Flannery O'Connor (*A Good Man is Hard to Find*) to trailblazer Alice Walker (*The Color Purple*), Georgia has left a lasting mark on American literature.



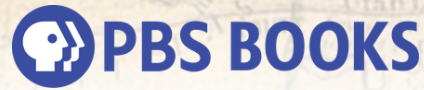
From the pages of Superman comics to the poetry of Mary Oliver (*This Wild and Precious Life*), the Buckeye State has shaped American storytelling.



From the rugged landscapes that inspired Ernest Hemingway (*Death in the Afternoon*) to the birth of the Western genre in Owen Wister's *The Virginian*, Wyoming has shaped generations of imagination.

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## PLACES WE'VE VISITED



From Tennessee Williams (*A Streetcar Named Desire*) to Anne Rice's imaginative *Interview with the Vampire*, Louisiana literature is as rich and layered as a good gumbo.



From Native storytellers whose oral traditions span generations to Jack London (*The Call of the Wild*), Alaska's stories are as vast as its landscape.



From the Golden Age of Lew Wallace (*Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*) to Black Arts Movement authors Mari Evans (*I Am A Black Woman*), Indiana has nurtured boundary-pushing storytellers.



From the satire of Tom Robbins's *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* to the Asian American WWII experience in John Okada's *No-No Boy*, Washington has a diverse literary heritage.



From historic voices like J. Antonio Jarvis (*Brief History of the Virgin Islands*) to science fiction writer Cadwell Turnbull (*The Lesson*), the Virgin Islands' literary culture is as rich and layered as its islands.



From the global voice of Maya Angelou (*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*) to Civil rights crusader Daisy Bates (*The Long Shadow of Little Rock*), Arkansas has nurtured literary voices of lyricism and moral clarity.



From Chief Black Hawk's *Life of Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak* account of the Sauk people's displacement to Forrest Spaulding's *Library Bill of Rights*, born from his commitment to free speech, Iowa is steeped in stories.



From notorious author Mark Twain (*Roughing It*) to Indigenous rights activist Sarah Winnemucca (*Life Among the Piutes*), Nevada's literary heritage is as vibrant as its neon glow.

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