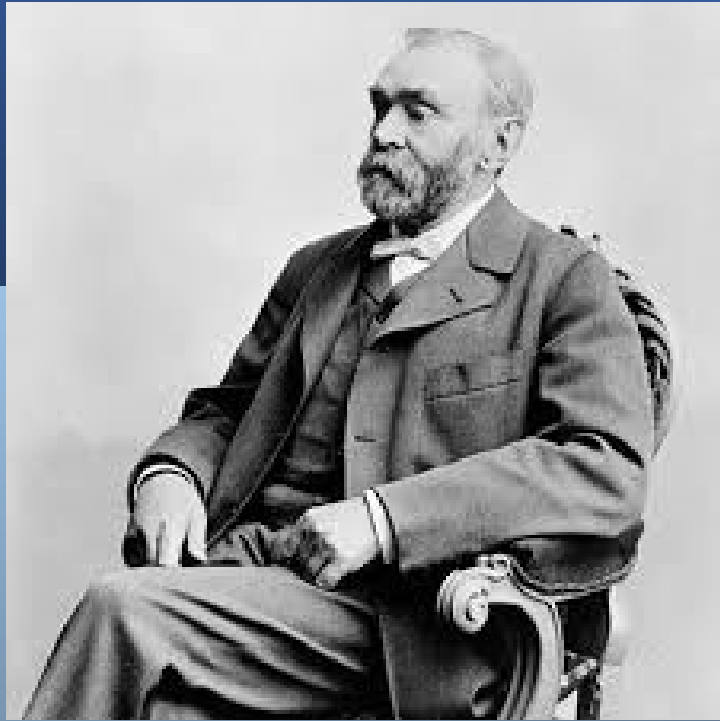


Doris Lessing
Nobel Prize
winner

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Who is Alfred Nobel?

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Goodreads list of books

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Doris Lessing



- dorislessing.org

- Doris May Lessing (née Tayler; 22 October 1919 – 17 November 2013) was a British novelist. She was born to British parents in Iran, where she lived until 1925. Her family then moved to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), where she remained until moving in 1949 to London, England.

- **Born:** October 22, 1919, Kermanshah, Iran

- **Died:** November 17, 2013, London, England

- **Cause of Death:** Old age

- **Spouse:** Gottfried Lessing(m 1943 - 1949), Frank Charles Wisdom(m 1939 - 1943)

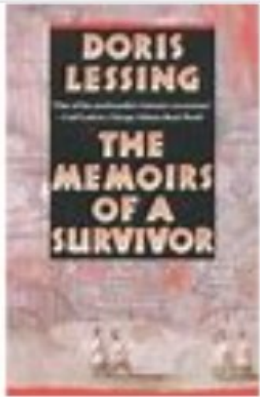
- **Partner:** Clancy Sigal

- **Children:** Peter, John, Jean

- **Education:** Dominican Convent High School

- **Important works:** Memoirs of a Survivor, Adore, The Grass Is Singing, Maupassant, Good Terrorist

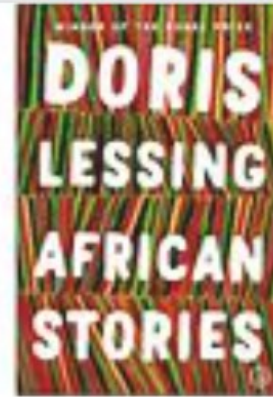
Lessing's Book Covers (from Goodreads)



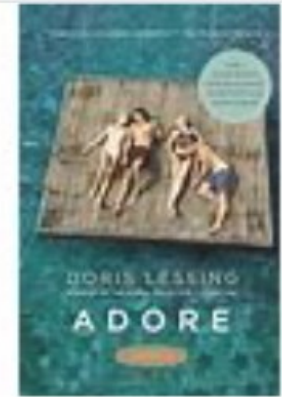
The Memoirs Of
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Sentimental
Agents By...



African Stories -
By Doris Lessi...



Adore By
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Rhodesia/Zimbabwe



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- Lessing's fiction is commonly divided into three distinct phases although her influences were too numerous to categorize easily.
- She began as a [Communist](#) (1944–1956), when she was writing on the theme of radical social issues (to which she returned in *The Good Terrorist* (1985)).
- During the 1960s, she was influenced by the psychology of British radical [psychiatrist, R.D. Laing](#), initiating her [psychological](#) phase (1956–1969). Laing considered the symptoms of his patients as an expression of their reality and not as a mental illness *per se*.
- Later, Lessing turned to the study of Sufism. In conjunction with this new [Sufi](#) phase, she turned to [science fiction](#) writing, setting the *Canopus* series in space. Sufism offered her the same kind of idealism that Communism and radical psychiatry had—a key to the next stage of human development. Through her writing career, Lessing expressed a sense of outrage over injustice and an attempt to find an alternate way of life and social system that would meet her own and humanity's aspirations



Analysis of Doris Lessing's work

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Communist Phase

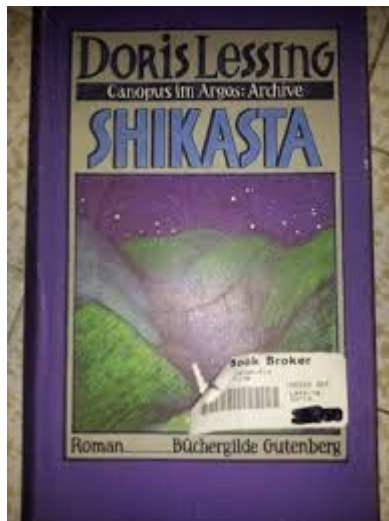
The Grass is Singing
African Stories and she returned
to this phase with
The Good Terrorist

Psychological Phase

The Golden Notebook
Children of Violence

Sufi Phase

Science fiction books:
Canopus of Argos
The Marriages Between Zones
Three, Four and Five
Memoirs of a Survivor
A Briefing for a Descent into Hell



Sufism is a mystical and inward-looking branch of Islam that emphasizes personal and emotional religious experiences.

Sufis aim to gain direct knowledge of the eternal in this life, as opposed to the more traditionalist aspect of Islam that focuses on achieving a state of blessedness after death.

Sufism is influenced by other world religions, such as Christianity and Hinduism, and has contributed to the spiritual well-being of many people

Scenes from the Grass is
Singing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7Lgo_ZJN3k

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Lessing's Biography

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Lessing on Colonialism

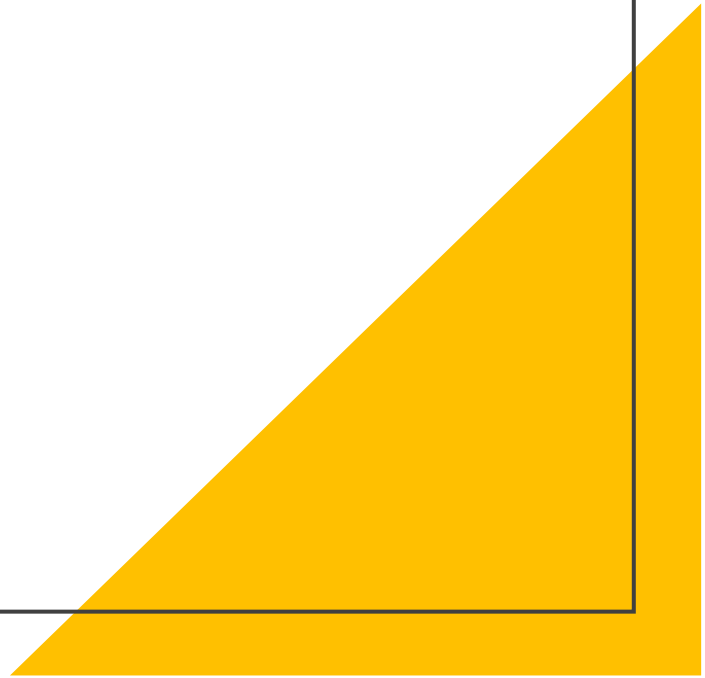
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Facts about Lessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXlgam44u3E>

The Good Terrorist summary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbapQM0J1w>



Quotes

You have to read a book at the right time for you, and I am sure this cannot be insisted on too often, for it is the key to the enjoyment of literature.

Orin Loring

 QuoteStyle

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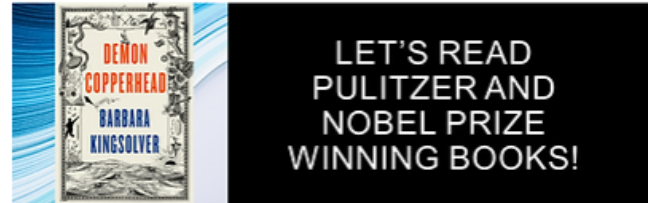
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Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



December's Author