AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Stephen King

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

85 books · 5 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1974 *Carrie*
  Novel
  His first published novel; Doubleday paid a $2,500 advance.
- ☐ 1975 *'Salem's Lot*
  Novel
- ☐ 1977 *Rage*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.

The Shining

Series · 2 books · 1977–2013

- ☐ 1977 *The Shining*
  Novel
  Written during a year in Boulder, Colorado.
- ☐ 2013 *Doctor Sleep*
  Novel

- ☐ 1978 *Night Shift*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1978 *The Stand*
  Novel
- ☐ 1979 *The Dead Zone*
  Novel
- ☐ 1979 *The Long Walk*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- ☐ 1980 *Firestarter*
  Novel
- ☐ 1981 *Cujo*
  Novel
- ☐ 1981 *Danse Macabre*
  Nonfiction

- ☐ 1981 *Roadwork*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- ☐ 1982 *Different Seasons*
  Story collection

The Dark Tower

Series · 8 books · 1982–2012

- ☐ 1982 *The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1987 *The Dark Tower II: The Drawing of the Three*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1991 *The Dark Tower III: The Waste Lands*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 1997 *The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 2012 *The Dark Tower: The Wind Through the Keyhole*
  Book 4.5 · Novel
- ☐ 2003 *The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla*
  Book 5 · Novel
- ☐ 2004 *The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*
  Book 6 · Novel
- ☐ 2004 *The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower*
  Book 7 · Novel

- ☐ 1982 *The Running Man*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- ☐ 1983 *Christine*
  Novel
- ☐ 1983 *Cycle of the Werewolf*
  Novella
- ☐ 1983 *Pet Sematary*
  Novel
- ☐ 1984 *The Eyes of the Dragon*
  Novel

The Talisman

Series · 3 books · 1984–2026

Written with Peter Straub.

- ☐ 1984 *The Talisman*
  Book 1 · Novel · with Peter Straub
- ☐ 2001 *Black House*
  Book 2 · Novel · with Peter Straub
- ☐ 2026 *Other Worlds Than These*
  Book 3 · Novel · with Peter Straub
  The last Talisman novel, published October 6, 2026.

- ☐ 1984 *Thinner*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- ☐ 1985 *Skeleton Crew*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1986 *It*
  Novel
- ☐ 1987 *Misery*
  Novel
- ☐ 1987 *The Tommyknockers*
  Novel
- ☐ 1988 *Nightmares in the Sky*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1989 *The Dark Half*
  Novel
- ☐ 1990 *Four Past Midnight*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1991 *Needful Things*
  Novel
- ☐ 1992 *Dolores Claiborne*
  Novel
- ☐ 1992 *Gerald's Game*
  Novel
- ☐ 1993 *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1994 *Insomnia*
  Novel
- ☐ 1995 *Rose Madder*
  Novel

- [ ] 1996 *Desperation*
  Novel
- [ ] 1996 *The Green Mile*
  Novel
- [ ] 1996 *The Regulators*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- [ ] 1998 *Bag of Bones*
  Novel
- [ ] 1999 *Hearts in Atlantis*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1999 *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*
  Novel
- [ ] 2000 *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*
  Memoir
  Written partly while he recovered from being struck by a van in 1999.
- [ ] 2000 *Secret Windows*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 2001 *Dreamcatcher*
  Novel
- [ ] 2002 *Everything's Eventual*
  Story collection
- [ ] 2002 *From a Buick 8*
  Novel
- [ ] 2004 *Faithful*
  Nonfiction · with Stewart O'Nan
- [ ] 2005 *The Colorado Kid*
  Novel
- [ ] 2006 *Cell*
  Novel
- [ ] 2006 *Lisey's Story*
  Novel
- [ ] 2007 *Blaze*
  Novel
  Published under the pen name Richard Bachman.
- [ ] 2008 *Duma Key*
  Novel
- [ ] 2008 *Just After Sunset*
  Story collection

- [ ] 2009 *Under the Dome*
  Novel
- [ ] 2010 *Full Dark, No Stars*
  Story collection
- [ ] 2011 *11/22/63*
  Novel
- [ ] 2013 *Joyland*
  Novel

Bill Hodges

Series · 3 books · 2014–2016

Holly Gibney, from these books, returns in Holly and Never Flinch.

- [ ] 2014 *Mr. Mercedes*
  Book 1 · Novel
  Won the 2015 Edgar Award for Best Novel.
- [ ] 2015 *Finders Keepers*
  Book 2 · Novel
- [ ] 2016 *End of Watch*
  Book 3 · Novel

- [ ] 2014 *Revival*
  Novel
- [ ] 2015 *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*
  Story collection

Gwendy

Series · 2 books · 2017–2022

- [ ] 2017 *Gwendy's Button Box*
  Novella · with Richard Chizmar
- [ ] 2022 *Gwendy's Final Task*
  Novel · with Richard Chizmar

- [ ] 2017 *Sleeping Beauties*
  Novel · with Owen King
- [ ] 2018 *Elevation*
  Novella
- [ ] 2018 *The Outsider*
  Novel
- [ ] 2019 *The Institute*
  Novel
- [ ] 2020 *If It Bleeds*
  Story collection

- [ ] 2021 *Billy Summers*
  Novel
- [ ] 2021 *Later*
  Novel
- [ ] 2022 *Fairy Tale*
  Novel
- [ ] 2023 *Holly*
  Novel
- [ ] 2024 *You Like It Darker*
  Story collection
- [ ] 2025 *Hansel and Gretel*
  Children's book · illustrated by Maurice Sendak
  A retelling of the Grimm tale, made with the Maurice Sendak Foundation.
- [ ] 2025 *Never Flinch*
  Novel
  A Holly Gibney novel.