AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Patricia Highsmith

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.

29 books · 1 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1950 *Strangers on a Train*
  Novel
  Her first novel.
- ☐ 1952 *The Price of Salt (Carol)*
  Novel
  First published as by Claire Morgan; reissued as Carol under her own name in 1990.
- ☐ 1954 *The Blunderer*
  Novel

Ripley (the Ripliad)

Series · 5 books · 1955–1991

- ☐ 1955 *The Talented Mr. Ripley*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1970 *Ripley Under Ground*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1974 *Ripley's Game*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 1980 *The Boy Who Followed Ripley*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 1991 *Ripley Under Water*
  Book 5 · Novel

- ☐ 1957 *Deep Water*
  Novel
- ☐ 1958 *A Game for the Living*
  Novel
- ☐ 1958 *Miranda the Panda Is on the Veranda*
  Children's book · with Doris Sanders
- ☐ 1960 *This Sweet Sickness*
  Novel
- ☐ 1962 *The Cry of the Owl*
  Novel

- [ ] 1964 *The Glass Cell*
  Novel
- [ ] 1964 *The Two Faces of January*
  Novel
  Won the Crime Writers' Association Silver Dagger.
- [ ] 1965 *A Suspension of Mercy*
  Novel
  Published in the U.S. as The Story-Teller.
- [ ] 1966 *Plotting and Writing Suspense Fiction*
  Nonfiction
  A book on her craft, revised and enlarged in 1981.
- [ ] 1967 *Those Who Walk Away*
  Novel
- [ ] 1969 *The Tremor of Forgery*
  Novel
- [ ] 1972 *A Dog's Ransom*
  Novel
- [ ] 1975 *The Animal-Lover's Book of Beastly Murder*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1977 *Edith's Diary*
  Novel
- [ ] 1981 *The Black House*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1983 *People Who Knock on the Door*
  Novel
- [ ] 1986 *Found in the Street*
  Novel
- [ ] 1987 *Tales of Natural and Unnatural Catastrophes*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1995 *Small g: A Summer Idyll*
  Novel
  Her last novel, published after her death.
- [ ] 2002 *Nothing That Meets the Eye: The Uncollected Stories*
  Story collection
  Published after her death.
- [ ] 2021 *Patricia Highsmith: Her Diaries and Notebooks, 1941–1995*
  Other
  Edited by Anna von Planta and published after her death.