

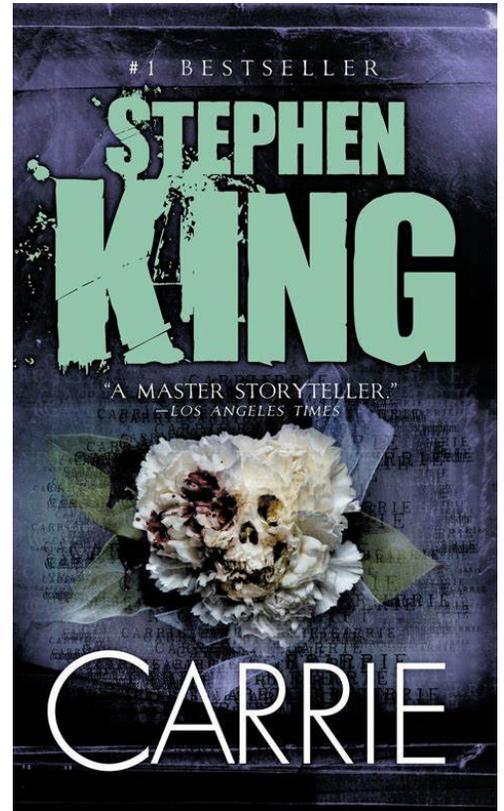
# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Award winning author, Stephen King was born in Portland, Maine in 1947 and has been writing since he was a young child. He sold his first story in 1967 and it was called The Glass Floor and then in the following years, he continued to sell stories to magazines. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1970, with a B.A. in English

He married his wife, Tabitha, in 1971 and then later that year, he began teaching high school English at a public school in Maine until his first book, Carrie, was published in 1974.

They have three children together, Naomi, Joe and Owen.

His books have sold more than 350 million copies worldwide. He has published 63 novels, including the seven that he wrote under the pen name Richard Bachman. He has also written 5 non-fiction books and about 200 short stories.



# ABOUT THE BOOK

Stephen King's legendary debut, about a teenage outcast and the revenge she enacts on her classmates.

Carrie White may be picked on by her classmates, but she has a gift. She can move things with her mind. Doors lock. Candles fall. This is her power and her problem. Then, an act of kindness, as spontaneous as the vicious taunts of her classmates, offers Carrie a chance to be a normal...until an unexpected cruelty turns her gift into a weapon of horror and destruction that no one will ever forget.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Carrie was Stephen King's first published novel. How does his first book compare to his later work?
2. Interspersed throughout the story are news stories and book excerpts. Do you enjoy the epistolary format?
3. What did you think of Carrie White as a character?
4. Blood is an obvious and recurring symbol throughout the book. What did it mean to you?
5. Carrie was horribly bullied her entire life. Do you think that her powers would have developed if that hadn't been the case?
6. Carrie killed hundreds of people by the end of the book. Was she the villain in this story? If not, who was?
7. Did you, as a child or even now as an adult, ever check to see if you have telekinetic powers?

# GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Did you race to the end, or was it more of a slow burn?
2. What did you think of the writing overall? Were there any standout sentences?
3. Which was your favorite part? What about your least favorite?
4. Did reading the book impact your mood? If yes, how so?

