**Most famous literature** [文学](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=literature) [wén​xué​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=literature)

***China***

* **Romance of the Three Kingdoms (**[**三国演义Sān​guó​ Yǎn​yì​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Three+Kingdoms)**) by Luo Guanzhong**

This is a historical novel ([小说](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=novel) [xiǎo​shuō)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=novel) ending with unification ([大一统](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?wdrst=0&wdqb=unification) [dà​yī​tǒng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?wdrst=0&wdqb=unification) of China in the year 280. Three heroes unite to fight against a brilliant ([才华横溢](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=brilliant) [cái​huá​héng​yì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=brilliant)) but cruel Chancellor ([大臣](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Chancellor) [dà​chén​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Chancellor)) named Cao Cao manipulating ([操控](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=manipulate) [cāo​kòng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=manipulate) the emperor.

* **A Dream of Red Mansions**  [**红楼梦**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?wdqr=%E7%B4%85%E6%A8%93%E5%A4%A2%7C%E7%BA%A2%E6%A5%BC%E6%A2%A6&wdrst=0)[**Hóng​lóu​mèng​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=%E7%BA%A2%E6%A5%BC%E6%A2%A6)

This is partly an [autobiographical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autobiographical) ([自述](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=autobiography) [zì​shù)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=autobiography) novel, about the rise ([兴](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=rise) [xīng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=rise) and decay ([兴亡](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=decay) [xīng​wáng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=decay) of author Cao Xueqin's own family and the Qing Dynasty

* **Outlaws of the Marsh** [**水浒传**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?wdqr=%E6%B0%B4%E6%BB%B8%E5%82%B3%7C%E6%B0%B4%E6%B5%92%E4%BC%A0&wdrst=0)[**Shuǐ​hǔ​ Zhuàn​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=%E6%B0%B4%E6%B5%92%E4%BC%A0)

Because of corruption ([腐败](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=corruption) [fǔ​bài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=corruption); [贪腐](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=corruption) [tān​fǔ)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=corruption) in the kingdom ([中国](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=kingdom)) honorable ([尊贵](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=honorable) [zūn​guì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=honorable)) men become outlaws ([犯罪团伙](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=criminal+gang) [fàn​zuì​tuán​huǒ​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=criminal+gang)) living in a marsh ([沼泽地](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=swamp) [zhǎo​zé​dì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=swamp)), but later they join ([加入jiā​rù​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=join)) the emperor’s ([皇帝](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=emperor) [huáng​dì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=emperor)) army ([军队jūn​duì​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=army)).

* **Journey to the West** [**西游记**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?wdqr=%E8%A5%BF%E6%B8%B8%E8%A8%98%7C%E8%A5%BF%E6%B8%B8%E8%AE%B0&wdrst=0)[**Xī​yóu​jì​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=%E8%A5%BF%E6%B8%B8%E8%AE%B0)

Amazing colorful story of the stone monkey king Sun Wu Kong and how he accompanied the Priest [Xuanzang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xuanzang) and two others to India to bring back sacred Buddhist texts [佛书](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Buddhist+text) [Fó​shū​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=Buddhist+text) to China for the emperor and the people.

***England***

* **Pride and Prejudice (**[傲慢与偏见](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pride) [Ào​màn​yǔ​piān​jiàn​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pride)) **by Jane Austin**

The story follows the main character [Elizabeth Bennet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_Bennet) as she deals with issues ([问题](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=issue) [wèn​tí)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=issue) of manners ([礼貌](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=manners) [lǐ​mào​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=manners)), morality ([道德](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=morality) [dào​dé)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=morality), education ([教育](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=education) [jiào​yù​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=education)) and marriage ([婚](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=marriage) [hūn)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=marriage) in the society of the [landed ([地主](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=landowner) [dì​zhǔ​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=landowner)) gentry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landed_gentry) ([绅](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=gentry) [shēn)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=gentry) of early 19th-century England

* **Adventures of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens**

An young [orphan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orphan) ([孤儿](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=orphan) [gū​'ér)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=orphan) [Oliver Twist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Twist_(character)), endures ([忍](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=endure) [rěn](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=endure)) a miserable ([悲惨](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=miserable) [bēi​cǎn)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=miserable) life in a [workhouse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Workhouse) ([厂chǎng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=workhouse) and then is sent to work for an undertaker ([殡仪馆](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=undertaker) [bìn​yí​guǎn)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=undertaker). He escapes ([逃](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=escape) [táo)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=escape) and travels to London where he meets the [Artful Dodger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artful_Dodger), leader of a gang ([地头蛇](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=mafia+boss) [dì​tóu​shé​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=mafia+boss)) of juvenile ([少年犯](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=juvenile) [shào​nián​fàn​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=juvenile)) [pickpockets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pickpocketing) ([扒手](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pickpocket) [pá​shǒu)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pickpocket).

* **Harry Potter (series) by J.K. Rowling**

Series of books about a boy who learns magic ([魔法](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=magic) [mó​fǎ)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=magic) in a very special school and the war ([战争](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=war) [zhàn​zhēng)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=war) between good against evil ([善恶](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=evil) [shàn​'è).​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=evil)

***U.S.A.***

* **Prince and the pauper (**[**穷光蛋**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pauper)[**qióng​guāng​dàn)​**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pauper) **by Mark Twain**

A prince and the unloved son of a beggar ([乞丐](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=beggar) [qǐ​gài​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=beggar)) trade clothing and lives.

* [**The Great Gatsby**](http://www.conservapedia.com/The_Great_Gatsby) **by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

This is a story about a small town guy who moves to New York in the 1920s and is horrified ([毛骨悚然](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=horrified) [máo​gǔ​sǒng​rán​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=horrified)) at the life of moral decay ([不道德bù​dào​dé​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=immoral)), ([放浪](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=immoral) [fàng​làng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=immoral)) there.

* **Walden by Henry David Thoreau**

Walden is the true story of a man who left the city to live by himself in the countryside ([下乡xià​xiāng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=countryside)) by a small pond ([池塘chí​táng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=pond)). It’s about discovering([发现fā​xiàn)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=discover) freedom ([自由zì​yóu)​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=freedom) and his true nature ([原性yuán​xìng​](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=original+nature)).