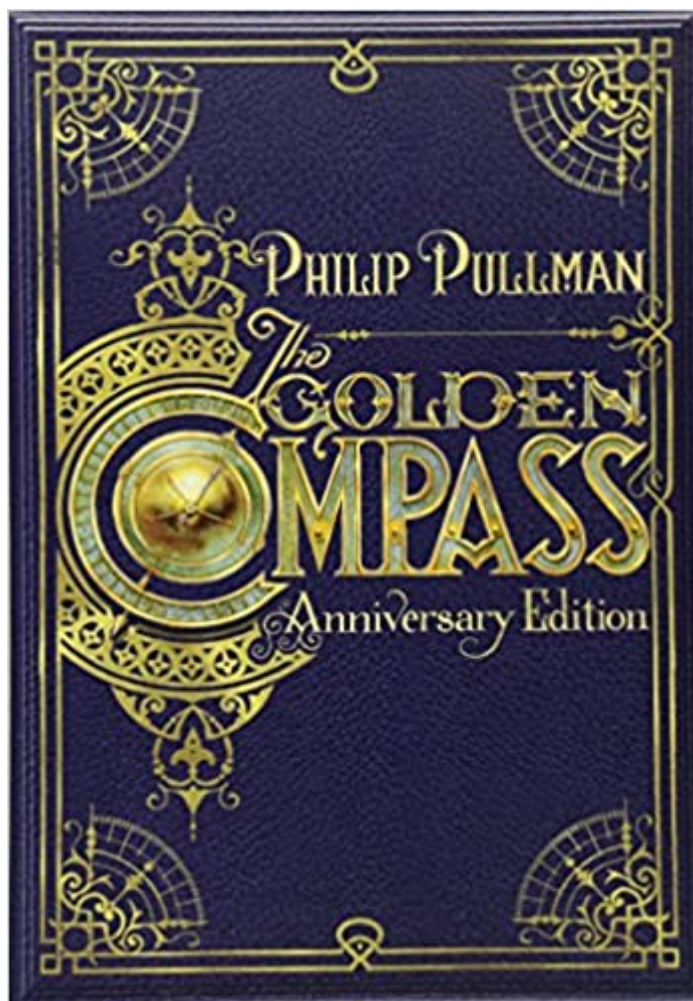


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***** Æ Just announced! Æ THE BOOK OF DUST, Æ the long-awaited new work from Philip Pullman, set in the world of His Dark Materials, will be published as a work in three parts, with the first volume to arrive in October 2017! ***** The modern fantasy classic that Entertainment Weekly named an Æ All-Time Greatest Novel Æ • and Newsweek hailed as a Æ Top 100 Book of All Time Æ • is now available in a slipcased hardcover edition that includes a conversation with Lev Grossman, bestselling author of the Magicians trilogy. Fans, collectors, and new readers alike will appreciate this beautiful book that has been changing worlds for twenty years. Lyra is rushing to the cold, far North, where witch clans and armored bears rule. North, where the Gobblers take the children they steal--including her friend Roger. North, where her fearsome uncle Asriel is trying to build a bridge to a parallel world. Can one small girl make a difference in such great and terrible endeavors? This is Lyra: a savage, a schemer, a liar, and as fierce and true a champion as Roger or Asriel could want. But what Lyra doesn't know is that to help on of them will be to betray the other... A masterwork of storytelling and suspense, Philip Pullman's award-winning The Golden Compass is the first in the His Dark Materials series, which continues with The Subtle Knife, and The Amber Spyglass. This edition includes: * A gorgeous slipcase and new jacket art. * A conversation between Philip Pullman and Lev Grossman, author of the Magicians trilogy, that covers the scope and tradition of fantasy literature, Pullman's influences, and the impact that the entire His Dark Materials series has had since publication. * A letter from Philip Pullman to fans, marking the book's twentieth anniversary. A #1 New York Times Æ Bestseller Winner of the Guardian Prize for Children's Fiction Published in 40 Countries "Arguably the best juvenile fantasy novel of the past twenty years." --The Washington Post "Very grand indeed." --The New York Times "Pullman is quite possibly a genius." --Newsweek Æ

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PHILIP PULLMAN is one of the most acclaimed writers working today. He is best known for the His Dark Materials trilogy (The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass), which has been named one of the top 100 novels of all time by Newsweek and one of the all-time greatest novels by Entertainment Weekly. He has also won many distinguished prizes, including the Carnegie Medal for The Golden Compass (and the reader-voted "Carnegie of Carnegies" for the best children's book of the past seventy years); the Whitbread (now Costa) Award for The Amber Spyglass; a Booker Prize long-list nomination (The Amber Spyglass); Parents' Choice Gold Awards (The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass); and the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in honor of his body of work. In 2004, he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. It has recently been announced that The Book of Dust, the much anticipated new book from Mr. Pullman, also set in the world of His Dark Materials, will be published as a major work in three parts, with the first part to arrive in October 2017. Philip Pullman is the author of many other much-lauded novels. Other volumes related to His Dark Materials: Lyra's Oxford, Once Upon a Time in the North, and The Collectors. For younger readers: I Was a Rat!; Count Karlstein; Two Crafty Criminals; Spring-Heeled Jack, and The Scarecrow and His Servant. For older readers:

the Sally Lockhart quartet:Â The Ruby in the Smoke, The Shadow in the North, The Tiger in the Well,Â andÂ The Tin Princess;Â The White Mercedes; andÂ The Broken Bridge.Â Philip Pullman lives in Oxford, England. To learn more, please visit philip-pullman.com and hisdarkmaterials.com. Or follow him on Twitter at @PhilipPullman.

Ahhhhhhh!!!! I had skimmed this when I was a kid looking for something to fill the emptiness that was finishing the latest Harry Potter and I didn't like it. All these years later I listened to it and it is the bomb!!!!!! Love it!!!!!! The movie didn't do it justice! Highly recommend!!!! In Audio too!

What a great story! I saw the movie before I knew that it was a book, and it in no sense detracted from my enjoyment of reading the story. I'm now reading Book 2: The Subtle Knife; so far, just as good a read as Book 1: The Golden Compass.

Just about to purchase the other two books in this series so I can continue my enjoyment. Interesting characters in a unique story.

Very fine work. Kept my attention waiting to find out what will happen next. Fascinating characters were developed and believable.

This particular book was an amazing read. I read the whole thing on a train while traveling and it kept me completely entertained and even reluctant to leave the train. The plot turns so many times and the pressure of suspense even makes you a tad bit stressed. ;) But the end does not actually end, it leaves even more doors opening into the next book, which I really liked. Over all, I found the concept completely original and gripping. 100% suggest!!!

Saw the movie years ago and loved it. I am equally enjoying the unabridged Audiobook version. Very well acted.

Although the film leaves out much that was in the book, I'm glad I watched it before beginning to read the novel. Pullman's writing focuses on what people are doing with very little physical description. Not usually a problem for me, but in this case, there are so many characters, that it helped to have mental images of them from the movie before reading the book. And it's a good movie anyway. Lot's of big-name talent--Nicole Kidman, Derek Jacobi, Ian McKellen, Sam Elliot,

Christopher Lee, Jim Carter (Carson of Downton Abbey).

As someone who has been deeply moved (emotionally and intellectually) by this trilogy of books, owning such an extraordinary copy of the first book is nothing short of immensely satisfying. The box, the cover slip, and the hardback cover are all beautifully rendered. An excellent purchase I do not regret. I only hope to see 20th Anniversary Editions made in this same style for the subsequent two books in the near future.

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