

## **Novel**

A novel is a long narrative in prose that describes fictional [characters](#) and events. It is the longest genre of narrative prose [fiction](#) in modern literature. A novel generally contains more than 200 pages (above 40,000 words) The term novel is derived from the Italian word novella meaning ‘new’. Novel has a long history and examples for novels can be observed in many countries including Classical Greece and Rome, 10th– and 11th-century Japan, Elizabethan English etc. However. Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, is often referred to as the first significant novelist of the modern era.

Novels can be categorized in to different genres such as supernatural, thriller, fantasy, romance, western, paranormal, adventure, etc.

## **Novella:**

The novella is short and well-structured narrative, often realistic and satiric in tone, that influenced the development of the [short story](#) and the [novel](#) throughout Europe. Originating in Italy during the Middle Ages, the novella was based on local events that were humorous, political, or amorous in nature; the individual tales often were gathered into collections along with [anecdotes](#), [legends](#), and [romantic](#)tales. Novellas contain fewer characters, themes and conflicts than a novel. It generally does not contain chapters and is meant to be read in one sitting. Some prominent examples of novellas in literature include Saint-Exupery’s “The Little Prince”, H. G. Wells’ “The Time Machine”, John Steinbeck’s “Of Mice and Men”, Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” and Ernest Hemingway’s “The Old Man and the Sea”.

[Geoffrey Chaucer](#) introduced the novella to England with [The Canterbury Tales](#). During the Elizabethan period, [William Shakespeare](#) and other playwrights extracted dramatic plots from the Italian novella. The realistic content and form of these tales influenced the development of the English novel in the 18th century and the short story in the 19th century...etc

## **The Difference between Novel and Novella**

Novel is a fictional prose narrative of book length, typically representing character and action with some degree of realism, while Novella is a fictional prose narrative that is longer than a short story and shorter than a novel. Novel generally contains more than 200 pages, while Novella is shorter than a novel. The plot of the novel is more complex than the plot of the novella.

In novel contains a lot of characters and themes and sub themes, while the contains less characters and themes...etc

### **The Elements of a good novel/novella**

The basic elements of a novel/novella are character, plot, setting, dialogue, point of view and length. More subjective elements, such as clarity and a distinctive voice, ....etc