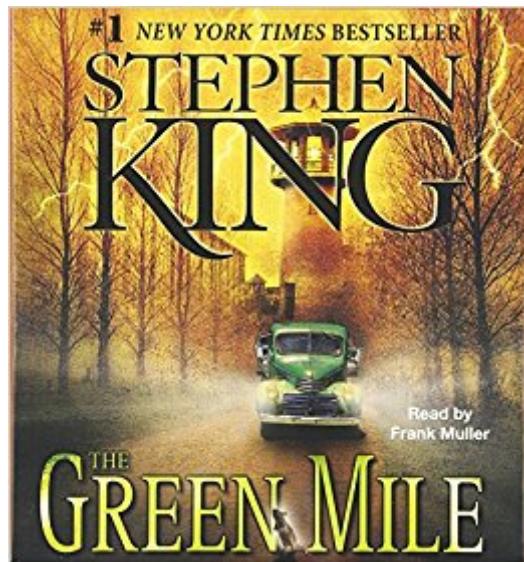


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The Green Mile: The Complete Serial Novel



Synopsis

Here this history-making serial novel -- from cliffhanger to cliffhanger -- in its entirety. When it first appeared, one volume per month, Stephen King's *The Green Mile* was an unprecedented publishing triumph: all six volumes ended up on the New York Times bestseller list -- simultaneously -- and delighted millions of fans the world over. Welcome to Cold Mountain Penitentiary, home to the Depression-worn men of E Block. Convicted killers all, each awaits his turn to walk the Green Mile, keeping a date with "Old Sparky," Cold Mountain's electric chair. Prison guard Paul Edgecombe has seen his share of oddities in his years working the Mile. But he's never seen anyone like John Coffey, a man with the body of a giant and the mind of a child, condemned for a crime terrifying in its violence and shocking in its depravity. In this place of ultimate retribution, Edgecombe is about to discover the terrible, wondrous truth about Coffey, a truth that will challenge his most cherished beliefs...and yours.

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Customer Reviews

This novel taps into what Stephen King does best: character-driven storytelling. The setting is the small "death house" of a Southern prison in 1932. The charming narrator is an old man looking back on the events, decades later. Maybe it's a little too cute, maybe the pathos is laid on a little thick, but it's hard to resist the colorful personalities and simple wonders of this supernatural tale. As Time magazine put it, "Like the best popular art, *The Green Mile* has the courage of its cornier convictions ... the palpable sense of King's sheer, unwavering belief in his tale is what makes the novel work as well as it finally does." And it's not a bad choice for giving to someone who doesn't understand the

appeal of Stephen King, because the one scene that is out-and-out gruesome can be easily skipped by the squeamish. *The Green Mile* was nominated for a 1997 Bram Stoker Award. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Entertainment Weekly A literary event.

King has composed a good novel here, free from the blood and gore of his middle books. For quite some time I passed on his novels because they all began to sound alike and all the characters got whacked in bizarre style. In *The Green Mile*, King's platform is to tell a compelling story of an extraordinary man on death row who is accused of raping and killing two little girls in the South during the Depression. The main character, Paul Edgecombe, is the supervisor of Cold Mountain Penitentiary and King uses him on three levels. The entire story is a flashback, so there is Paul's voice first as the story-teller, second, as the embedded Paul, the character in the live action of the past, and thirdly, King uses Paul as a voice against capital punishment by illustrating the nature of John Coffey in such a way that even the hardest shelled capital punishment advocate would have sympathy for Coffey's plight. Coffey has healing powers, and as Paul gets to know him and "sees" the past when Coffey touches him, he understands that the man is wrongly on death row. The story reveals the true offender and illustrates a host of different and well-developed characters that will keep you interested in the plot. Even if the text is a bit preachy, the story is excellent.

Watched the movie...love the book...book goes into more detail

I had bought all the *Green Mile* books years ago, and hadn't read them. I went on a 14 days cruise and figured it would be a great time to read them all, even though, this was not Mr King's intent--they were to be, as he had said, "to be continued", like when he was a boy, and his family read the new instillation of the stories in the Saturday Evening Post. You had to wait until the next issue was out to see what happened. Well, it ended up that way for me, in that, I grabbed the *Green Mile* books. I read each one and was excited to get to the next and when I was on book 5, I only realized at the end, that I should have had a book 6! So, I had to wait until I got home and ordered it from you. There I realized that the was the movie starring Tom Hanks. So I ordered that too! They were both excellent! I was sorry when they were over!

This story is legendary for all of the right reasons. From the first few pages I was in, immersed

entirely and already seeing The Green Mile itself and almost feeling the stifling heat inside of the prison. King will always be a master, and I love that this book, which isn't technically horror, is one of the first ones people think of when they hear his name. I've been a fan since I was in grade school, and I'm glad I've finally had the chance to read this book.

I haven't seen the movie, but I had an idea of what it's about....WOW this is a great read. King is such an incredible writer. I didn't realize the original book was written as a "serial" series of novellas. The background story, told by King's publisher and by him, gives a great overview of the challenges and reception of the original publications. The story itself is wonderful. I couldn't put it down, and highly recommend it. Watch out for a bit of risque language and situations, but it's done in a way that is so HUMAN, it isn't gratuitous or offensive to me.

As good as the movie was, the book is even better. Might be my new favorite Stephen King novel!

I loved this book. The characters were the best part, they were developed really well. The plot was incredible. The pace was perfect. Every part of this book was tragic and perfect. Guaranteed to leave you feeling horrified and depressed. Just excellent.

Most people have seen the movie as I have, but the book goes way beyond the quality of the movie. I never tell the story in my reviews, just how I liked (or disliked) it. This is my favorite SK novel by far that I have read of his many works. It has much more depth than most of his thriller types of books. It was graphic regarding the electric chair, yet very moving emotionally and philosophically. I really enjoyed the whole story and all of the characters.

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