



SPRING QUIZ 2021

How well do you know your book opening lines?

Closing date 5pm Wednesday 31st March 2021.

1	It was love at first sight. The first time Yossarian saw the chaplain he fell madly in love with him.	
2	Well, Prince, so Genoa and Lucca are now just family estates of the Buonapartes.	
3	Far out in the uncharted backwaters of the unfashionable end of the western spiral of the Galaxy lies a small, unregarded yellow sun.	
4	It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...	
5	As Grego Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect.	
6	It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen.	
7	Hale knew, before he had been in Brighton three hours, that they meant to murder him.	
8	Marley was dead, to begin with.	
9	It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.	
10	It was a queer sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York.	
11	Call me Ishmael. Some years ago... having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world.	
12	You better not never tell nobody but God	
13	1801 – I have just returned from a visit to my landlord – the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with.	
14	Where's Papa going with that axe? Said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.	
15	It's a funny thing about mothers and fathers -even when their own child is the most disgusting little blister you could ever imagine they still think that he or she is wonderful.	
16	When he was nearly thirteen my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow	



17	Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendia was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice.	
18	Somewhere in La Mancha, in a place whose name I do not care to remember, a gentleman lived not long ago, one of those who has a lance and ancient shield on a shelf and keeps a skinny nag and a greyhound for racing.	
19	Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charms as the Tarleton twins were.	
20	He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulf Stream and he had gone eighty-four days now without taking a fish.	
21	I first met Dean not long after my wife and I split up.	
22	I was born in the city of Bombay, once upon a time. No, that won't do, there's no getting away from the date: I was born in Doctor Narlikar's Home on August 15th 1947.	
23	Mr Jones, of the Manor Farm, had locked the hen-houses for the night, but was too drunk to remember to shut the popholes.	
24	All children, except one, grow up.	
25	Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.	

Completed entries should be returned by email to Jan Dawson, janevedaw@gmail.com, or by post to Jan Dawson, 35 Vincent Avenue, Stratford upon Avon. CV37 6SR, by 5pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Remember to include your name, telephone number, and email. Entries received after the closing date will not be judged.

There will be a prize (£10 book token) for the winning entry. In the event of a tie, the winning entry will be randomly selected from all with the highest score.

Thanks for supporting our Spring Quiz, and hope to see you at some of our Evesham Festival of Words events in 2021. All details on our website.

If you are not yet on the Festival email list and would like your name to be added, please email to info@eveshamfestivalofwords.org

www.eveshamfestivalofwords.org

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!