

## Great Opening Lines- grab you!



- 1.) "I was on fire." (shock, questions)
- 2.) "The iron man came to the top of the cliff."  
*The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes (character)
- 3.) "We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold"  
*Fear and loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S Thompson
- 4.) "Mother died today. Or maybe yesterday, I don't know."  
*The Stranger* by Albert Camus (shock- no grief?)
- 5.) "The man in black fled across the desert, the gunslinger followed."  
*The Dark Tower. The Gunslinger* (questions and 2 characters)
- 6.) "So that's settled then, we bury her alive in the iron bridle. That'll keep her tongue still."  
*Company Of Liars* by Karen Maitland
- 7.) "In a hole in the ground lived a hobbit."
- 8.) Everybody lies. Cops lie. Lawyers lie. Witnesses lie. Victims lie."  
*The Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly (sets the tone)
- 9.) "It was inevitable: the scent of bitter almonds always reminded him of the fate of unrequited love."  
*Love in the Time of Cholera* by Marquez (ques. And character)
- 10.) "This gun is not a gun."  
*Single and Single* by John le Carre
- 11.) "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."  
*100 Years of Solitude* by Marquez
- 12.) "Nobody noticed him."  
*Serpent's Tooth* by Faye Kellerman
- 13.) "Coraline discovered the door a little while after they moved into the house."

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

14.) "By the time you read this, I hope to be dead."

*Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult

15.) "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

Dickens

