Book Opening Lines Quiz (Round 2)

Books

From the author and opening line, can you name the book.

- 1) Thomas Hardy The schoolmaster was leaving the village, and everybody seemed sorry.
- 2) Albert Camus Mother died today. Or maybe yesterday; I can't be sure.
- 3) Ernest Hemingway 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.
- 4) Gabriel García Márquez Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendía was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice.
- 5) Leo Tolstoy Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
- 6) Charles Dickens Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show.
- 7) Miguel de Cervantes 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.
- 8) Kurt Vonnegut All this happened, more or less.

Answers

- 1) Thomas Hardy The schoolmaster was leaving the village, and everybody seemed sorry. **Jude the Obscure**
- 2) Albert Camus Mother died today. Or maybe yesterday; I can't be sure.

The Stranger

3) Ernest Hemingway - 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.

The Old Man and the Sea

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One Hundred Years of Solitude

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David Copperfield

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Don Quixote

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Slaughterhouse-Five