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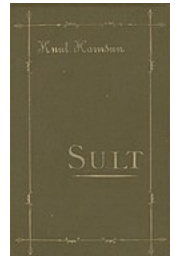
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July's featured text

Hunger is a novel written by Norwegian author Knut Hamsun, who was awarded the 1920 Nobel laureate in literature.

Hunger (Norwegian: *Sult*) was first published in 1890. The novel has been hailed as the literary opening of the 20th century and an outstanding example of modern, psychology-driven literature. *Hunger* portrays the irrationality of the human mind in an intriguing and sometimes humorous manner over the course of four extended scenes. The protagonist, an unnamed vagrant with intellectual leanings, relates his experiences as he struggles to earn a living and wanders the streets of Norway's capital in pursuit of nourishment.

It was during the time I wandered about and starved in Christiania: Christiania, this singular city, from which no man departs without carrying away the traces of his sojourn there.



I was lying awake in my attic and I heard a clock below strike six. It was already broad daylight, and people had begun to go up and down the stairs. By the door where the wall of the room was papered with old numbers of the *Morgenbladet*, I could distinguish clearly a notice from the Director of Lighthouses, and a little to the left of that an inflated advertisement of Fabian Olsens' new-baked bread.

The instant I opened my eyes I began, from sheer force of habit, to think if I had anything to rejoice over that day. I had been somewhat hard-up lately, and one after the other of my belongings had been taken to my "Uncle." I had grown nervous and irritable. A few times I had kept my bed for the day with vertigo. Now and then, when luck had favoured me, I had managed to get five shillings for a feuilleton from some newspaper or other.

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by William Spooner

The Defendant (1904)

by Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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by [Parliament of the United Kingdom](#)

An Essay on the Influence of a Low Price of Corn on the Profits of Stock (1815)

by [David Ricardo](#)

The Jests of Hierocles and Philagrius (1920)

by attr. [Hierocles](#) and [Philagrius](#), translated by [Charles Clinch Bubb](#)

John Hus: the commencement of resistance to papal authority on the part of the inferior clergy (1882)

by [Albert Henry Wratislaw](#)

Revised Penal Code, 1946 version (1946)

by [Philippine Legislature](#)

The Poems of Charles Fenno Hoffman (1873)

by [Charles Fenno Hoffman](#), edited by [Edward Fenno Hoffman](#)

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