

15 Famous Books That Were *Initially* Rejected

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[How to Get a Literary Agent \(and Overcome Rejection\)](#)*

1. **Animal Farm by George Orwell**

Rejected 4 times

2. **Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery**

Rejected 4 times

3. **A Time to Kill by John Grisham**

Rejected 16 times

4. **A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle**

Rejected 26 times

5. **Chicken Soup for the Soul by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen**

Rejected 140 times

6. **The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank**

Rejected 15 times

7. **Dubliners by James Joyce**

Rejected 22 times

8. **Dune by Frank Herbert**

Rejected 23 times

9. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Rejected 12 times

10. Life Of Pi by Yann Martel

Rejected 5 times

11. Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov

Rejected 6 times

12. Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Rejected 20 times

13. Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

Rejected 14 times

14. The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

Rejected 25 times

15. What Was Lost by Catherine O'Flynn

Rejected 20 times