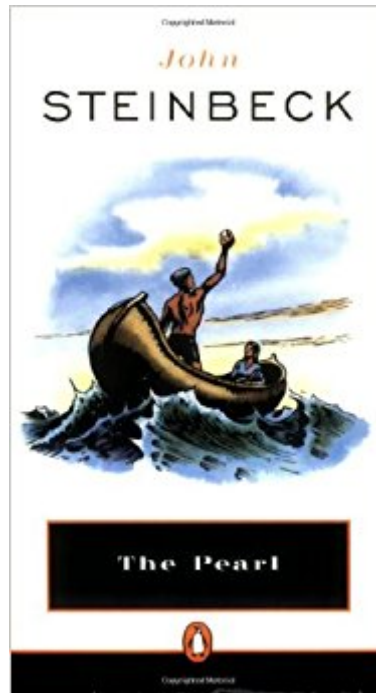




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Synopsis

“There it lay, the great pearl, perfect as the moon.” Like his father and grandfather before him, Kino is a poor diver, gathering pearls from the gulf beds that once brought great wealth to the Kings of Spain and now provide Kino, Juana, and their infant son with meager subsistence. Then, on a day like any other, Kino emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a sea gull’s egg, as “perfect as the moon.” With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and of security....A story of classic simplicity, based on a Mexican folk tale, *The Pearl* explores the secrets of man’s nature, the darkest depths of evil, and the luminous possibilities of love.

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â œ[The Pearl] has the distinction and sincerity that are evident in everything he writes.â •#151;The New Yorkerâ œForm is the most important thing about him. It is at its best in this work.â •#151;Commonweal â œ[Steinbeck has] long trained his prose style for such a task as this: that supple unstrained, muscular power, responsive to the slightest pull of the reins.â •#151;Chicago Sunday Times

The book doesn't keep your attention it is not interesting at all would not recommend at all to anyone ever.

I thought the book was very simple in its story line as I began reading. it surprised me as I couldn't put it down once I got into it. All of the emotions the characters experienced were so well expressed that there was nothing you didn't feel yourself. The story forced them to make certain choices and showed how those decisions effected each of their lives.

great

I love this collection of penguin classics. They are beautiful to look at and a pleasure to hold and read. The Pearl was the first John Steinbeck book I read so I was very happy to see it as part of this collection.

Great story about a family living in poverty, close to nature, in a community of pearl fishers. Greed is a major theme - that of the doctor, the pearl merchants, and even the main character. A quick read and a page-turner.

I give the book 4.5 stars. If your looking for a suspenseful twist this is a must read. The Pearl will catch your attention right away.

good

This is a fantastic story to use for teaching language learners. Focus on the symbolism, they will enjoy it.

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