

# BILDUNGSROMAN

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## WHAT IS IT?

German: *Bildungs (education) roman (novel)*.

It is a genre, which focuses on moral growth (coming of age) of the main character in the book. This change is very important and the plot relies on that.

The concept was first introduced by Johann Karl Simon Morgenstern on his lectures.

## CHARACTERISTICS

1. Questioning (the protagonist questions something in their life)
2. Seeking answers
3. Journey
4. Maturing (during the journey)

## POLISH EXAMPLES

Stefan Żeromski - "Przedwiośnie"  
Stefan Żeromski - "Syzyfowe Prace"  
Gustaw Herling-Grudziński - "Inny Świat"

## WORLD AND CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLES

Harper Lee - 'To kill a mockingbird'  
Jane Austen - 'Emma'  
Charlotte Bronte - 'Jane Eyre'  
Charles Dickens - 'Great Expectations'  
Stephen Chbosky - 'The Perks Of Being A Wallflower'  
JK Rowling - 'Harry Potter'

## SOURCES

<https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bildungsroman>  
<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/famous-bildungsroman-examples-and-characteristics.html>