

# One Letter Away

Just one letter can make a whole lot of difference. We've changed one - and *only* one - letter in each of the titles of a variety of songs, books, TV shows, movies, plays, and poems. Given a description of the resulting work, please give us the NEW title of the thing in question.

(For example, if the clue were "SONG: Our national anthem, which was written in honor of a villainous lion from a Disney movie," the answer you'd need to give would be "The Scar-Spangled Banner." Get it? Got it? Good.)

## BOOKS

1. The tale of one man's doomed, obsessive quest to find and kill the waterfowl that maimed him.
2. As it turns out, the FBI's resident conspiracy theorist is able to determine that there really was a conspiracy amongst the other thirteen passengers on his train.
3. On his eleventh birthday, a boy wakes up to a changed world and learns that he is the last of a race of magical beings engaged in an ongoing battle against a bunch of total dweebs.
4. Another magical eleven-year-old boy and his friends must work together to obtain a powerful artifact: an author portrayed by Jack Black.
5. The timeless classic of growing up, the human dignity that unites us all, and dressing passerines in Highland attire.
6. Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote the droghte of Marche hath perced to the roote, yew'll nede to sende yewr governmente soome cashe for hem to adde into theyr budget stashe.
7. A very lengthy novel about five noble families and the French invasion of a Georgia orchard.
8. Seven generations of tragically insane kings found and inhabit a city of mirrors.
9. This satirical novel takes aim at the idea that this is the best of all possible worlds by having its titular character "cultivate" a really nasty yeast infection.
10. The story of an anti-imperialist captain and his lengthy journeys beneath Dorothy Zbornak.

11. Two soldiers devise an ultimately unsuccessful plan to rule over the planet Mongo by having one of them pretend to be the reincarnation of its former emperor, who had been impaled by his own rocket ship.
12. Left by themselves after a plane crash, a group of young boys become increasingly violent towards one another in their efforts to control a bunch of chimneys.
13. It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, or 13 wives.
14. An innocent young Darjeeling is raped by an aristocratic Keemun, causing her to lose the love of a hypocritical Rize.
15. This Pulitzer-winning nonfiction bestseller argues that Eurasian cultures managed to survive and conquer others not due to inherent superiority but instead thanks to Edward Lewis, Billy Flynn, and Zach Mayo.
16. A man who perpetually wears bright yellow attire captures a primate with anger issues and brings him to the big city.
17. An angsty teenager flunks out of his boarding school and spends a few days wandering around New York and thinking about how he'd like to protect kids from goddamn phony caviar.
18. Two beatniks ride cross-country to free-living hotspots like Denver and Mexico atop a fugitive Okie Dust Bowler.
19. An obese criminal, his effete ally, a private investigator, and a femme fatale maneuver against each other to gain possession of a medieval statue that sings historical medleys of hip-hop songs.
20. The story of how Bertha Rochester went mad after being forced by her husband to leave her home in the Caribbean and move to Baltimore to be part of a gritty crime drama.
21. A man is exiled from his village for offending the gods, and returns to find that white colonists have moved in and begun convincing his people to abandon their traditional way of life in favor of wearing sexy underwear.
22. A dystopian novel in which a profoundly anti-feminist theocracy forces young women into sex slavery in order to produce minerals with a hardness of 1 on the Mohs scale.
23. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (since adapted into both a successful movie and a musical) tells the story of a poor woman in the 1930s dealing with racism, sexism, abuse, and the leftmost part of a text-based smiley face.

24. A young man, all of whose female family members have biblical names, searches for gold, learns about his family's history, and uses a handy filtration system to get, like, thoroughly stoned, dude.
25. Using only fifty different words, two acquaintances debate whether one of them will try environmentally-friendly aspects of the psyche operating under the reality principle (and also some pig legs).
26. A falsely-imprisoned man escapes, gets rich thanks to the discovery of hydrogenated vegetable oil, and seeks revenge on the men responsible for his imprisonment.

## MOVIES

27. A grumpy old man fulfills his dead wife's lifelong dream by traveling to ancient Sumer.
28. A black-and-white film tells the story of a German businessman who heroically overcomes his speech impediment.
29. An irreverent, fourth-wall-breaking masked mercenary uses the restroom.
30. A boy's best friend is the mortal spouse of a deity within the Greco-Roman pantheon.
31. Two sisters engage in sibling rivalry within the first professional baseball league for animals of the Strigiformes order.
32. Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn whether yours has a phoenix feather, a unicorn tail hair, or a dragon heartstring as its core.
33. A manipulative young sheep plots to steal the career, friends, and romantic partner of her famous idol.
34. A group of WWII soldiers must go behind enemy lines to find a horse with a mixture of white and pigmented hairs and send it home.
35. Although this long-awaited sequel is the highest-grossing film domestically of all time, no one expected it to contain quite so many cases of mistaken identity, absurd misunderstandings, or people stepping on rakes.
36. This story of an animatronic bovine trying to make it as a prostitute was the only X-rated film ever to win the Academy Award for Best Picture.
37. Naively honest congressman (and future president) Matt Santos engages in a 24-hour filibuster in an attempt to clear his name.

38. But whyyyyyyyyyy does all work and no play make Jack a dull boy?
39. A masked, mischievous, omnipotent being from another dimension trains a young woman to follow in his footsteps and become a vigilante fighting against an oppressive government.
40. I am shocked - shocked! - to find that chess is being played using chancellors and archbishops in here!
41. Misogynists fumed about this reboot featuring oddball scientists aiming to hit creatures gently into the infield.
42. A reporter interviews the friends and associates of a famous and wealthy man (who twice won the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical by playing roles originally made famous by Zero Mostel) in an attempt to figure out the meaning of the last word he spoke before he died.
43. Will Smith turned in an impressive performance in this athlete biopic, in which he played a female gymnast with six Olympic medals and two entertainingly anxious parents.
44. The heartwarming tale of a father's ocean-spanning quest to locate a tyrannical, suicidal, possible-arsonist emperor.
45. We're willing to bet that at least one member of your team can quote extensively from this film, in which noble adventurers must face such perils as terrifying beasts, fearsome giants, obnoxious Frenchmen, and very horny young women while they seek to obtain sacred barley.
46. A young boy adopts a silent magician, but is forced to shoot him after he is bitten by a rabid wolf.
47. A washed-up actor most famous for playing Shakespeare in a series of blockbuster films two decades earlier attempts to revive his career by writing and starring in a Broadway show.
48. After a heist goes wrong, a bunch of criminals with colorful pseudonyms try to figure out both who betrayed them and how to keep from being shut back up in a movie studio's watertower with their brothers.
49. A man is deluged with letters from women after his son gets him to tell the listeners of a radio talk show about how sad and lonely he is after losing his ovine companion.
50. When their family members accidentally leave Love, Erlandson, and their bandmates behind in their hurry to get to the airport, the rockers are forced to use booby traps to stymie a pair of bumbling burglars.

# TV SHOWS

51. A man named Steve solves puzzles with some help from the guys who performed "Song 2."
52. With the help of her friends and her school's librarian, a teenage girl comes to accept her destiny: to participate in a popular horror-themed LARP.
53. A show about the owner of a New England chicken coop and the regulars who like to hang out there.
54. A bunch of fairy-tale characters await a savior who can break the curse that keeps them all trapped inside invisible boxes.
55. A high school teacher embarks on a secret new career: manufacturing Panko.
56. A comedy writer must deal with kooky actors and an arrogant boss at her job inside a bottle of strong German lager.
57. A socially-challenged forensic anthropologist solves murders with a little help from her colleagues, Beldar and Prymaat.
58. A sarcastic, tiny, wingless, bloodsucking insect solves difficult medical cases in a New Jersey hospital.
59. In this long-running series set in a fictional New York neighborhood, children might learn to count like so: "SEVENTEEN Oscar nominations (ah-ah-ah!), EIGHTEEN Oscar nominations, (ah-ah-ah!), NINETEEN Oscar nominations (ah-ah-ah)!"
60. In this anime series, a talking cat gives a schoolgirl the ability to magically transform into a dude with gynecomastia.
61. Suicide is painless...being whipped, not so much.
62. Here's the story of a lovely lady, who, one day, met this fellow and socked him right in the jaw.
63. The doctors of County General Hospital in Chicago work together to produce *The Sims* and *Madden NFL*.
64. Each week, this show told three loosely-connected stories about romances between large, non-venomous snakes aboard a cruise ship.
65. Some plane crash survivors explore a very strange island while also indulging in something Jimmy Carter did in his heart.

66. The most watched show on cable TV features a ragtag group of people trying to survive after a disease infects the entire human race, causing millions of people to turn really, really lovable.
67. This primetime, musical soap opera loosely based on "The Lion in Winter" depicts drama and power struggles within a family of baseball officials.
68. The protagonist of *A Wrinkle in Time* gets a job at a Manhattan marketing firm in the 1960s.
69. A theme park for the very rich is filled with extremely realistic androids, all of whom wear garments favored by Han Solo, Marty McFly, and Doug Funnie.
70. A gross (yet brilliant) ball of phlegm tries to balance a career as a surgeon with life as a normal teenager.

## SONGS

71. A young girl is a victim of incest and responds by visibly gaining some weight.
72. An inspirational, pump-yourself-up anthem about the affirmative vote cast by a large cat.
73. The singer vows revenge for the pain her ex caused her, and notes that they could have had it all if only his sport utility vehicle hadn't been involved in a particularly dangerous sort of crash.
74. A man named Steve (but not that one who was solving puzzles in Question #51, we think) notices that an additional person has referenced fine, dry particles of dirt in their paper's endnotes.
75. I've finished packing my luggage, so, while I hate to go, I'm ready to depart on this rocket-powered piece of lumber.
76. The singer watches his acquaintances, John, Paul, and Davy, while reflecting on his own identity as a resident of the ninth-largest city in Texas.
77. The singer wishes to identify and congratulate the person whose explosive device helped him acquire a romantic partner.
78. My musical compositions are aware of the time you spent picnicking, playing Frisbee, and walking your dog.
79. Oh yeah, I guess it makes me smile when I encounter a black-capped seabird. Hello, hello, hello.

80. Because you're mine, I've learned to perambulate across a bunch of six-second video clips.
81. It's amazing how good that kid is at this arcade game, considering that he's a reptile.
82. I'll be nodding my head like yeah and moving my hips like yeah while I make sure you don't have any liquids in containers larger than 3.4 ounces.
83. Just think, while you've been getting down and out about all that stubble you need to remove, you could have been getting down to this sick beat.
84. This melodramatic song describes a deadly car crash and the singer's final moments with his girlfriend, a cat-headed Egyptian goddess.
85. Little darling, I see that one of the nomadic people who controlled much of Eastern Europe in the late fourth and early-to-mid fifth centuries is on his way, so I think things are going to be okay now.
86. In this ode to stalking, the singer croons that he'll be watching you each time you put exhalations in the oven.
87. If Wilma's husband leaves here tomorrow, would she still remember him?
88. Some disgruntled appliance delivery men lament that they cannot simply play music in order to obtain *Boulevard des Capucines*, *Saint-Georges Majeur au Crépuscule*, or *The Cliffs at Etretat*.
89. Generally considered to be the first rock & roll song to achieve significant commercial success, this ditty describes how we'll continue boogieing around a bunch of sheep until morning.
90. The classic Christmas song about an ungulate finding his purpose thanks to the psychotic chihuahua attached to his face.
91. In 2008, almost everyone was trying to imitate the dance from the music video for this song about the women responsible for telling us all what the best part of waking up is, what fresh goes better with, and what the ingredients of a Big Mac are.
92. The singer acknowledges that she's no angel and has continued to screw with someone's affections by talking like the Librarian of Unseen University.
93. The singer has been looking forward to having the chance to tell you that if you found yourself trapped underwater after your Russian space station crashed into the Pacific Ocean, he wouldn't do anything to help you.
94. Accommodations in Lonely Street turned out to be hard to come by, so after being dumped, the singer is forced to live in a dirty old shed.

# PLAYS OR MUSICALS

95. Having escaped imprisonment, an amphibian returns to London to seek revenge on the villainous judge who ruined his life.
96. An orphaned jar of green fruits stuffed with cherry peppers wonders where it will ever find love.
97. A man is convinced to marry a bad-tempered ogre so that the ogre's father will allow his younger, more agreeable child to get married as well.
98. A group of bohemian New Yorkers and one eponymous Englishman protest the planned destruction of their homes, but it turns out not to matter very much since the entire Earth is destroyed shortly thereafter.
99. Ran on Broadway for eighteen years, but the costumes for the tube-nosed, ghost-faced, and hammer-headed characters might give you nightmares.
100. An aristocratic family fails to prevent the sale and destruction of their very upbeat grove of trees.
101. An older couple horrifies a younger one with their vicious mind games and arguments about angora, merino, and cashmere.
102. A poor milkman compares his life in Russia to playing an instrument while standing on a potato.
103. A professor of phonetics bets that he can teach Cousin Itt to speak in perfect Received Pronunciation.
104. Scarlet Witch uses her powers to make a guy commit incest and then blind himself.
105. An orphaned but optimistic little belly button is adopted by a billionaire.
106. Two Pacific hake flop around near a tree by the side of the road, anticipating the arrival of someone who never shows up.
107. A fourth-wall-breaking show about Charlemagne's son, who wears a chef's hat and giggles when you poke him.
108. A shy, self-conscious girl spends most of her time taking care of her collection of lip-coloring makeup while her mother worries about finding her a boyfriend.

109. The misbehaving captain from an all-too-short-lived space Western goes a little crazy and imagines himself to be a knight-errant.
110. A bunch of dead-end characters sit around a bar talking about all the things they plan to do someday while they wait for the arrival of their nicknamed friend, who turns out to be both homicidally insane and also the 34th President of the United States.

## POEMS

111. A wealthy industrialist shoots himself in the head...and it's really, really icky.
112. Beauty is an Athenian sea-bird; an Athenian sea-bird beauty - that is all you need to know.
113. The poet mourns his lost love, who was killed and then made into a human version of lutefisk by jealous angels.
114. A lengthy, heavily annotated poem with references to everything from Tarot cards to Hindu mantras, as performed by the Swedish Nightingale.
115. The poet reflects on how one time, while he was catering to people's basest instincts, he saw a whole shitload of flowers.
116. Look, dad, you're old, so rather than burning and raving, I think you should just get on with the dying already. Chop chop!
117. As it turns out, riding into the valley of death wasn't really such a big deal, considering that the riders had already died and been reanimated by the White Walkers.
118. Contrary to the Latin phrase, war is neither particularly honorable nor an actor famous for playing Mozart.
119. I don't care what crappy things happen to me – I'm in charge of my destiny and my soul can't be conquered, so you can go right ahead and formally charge me and that other person with a crime!
120. Were you to manage to trust yourself when no one else trusts you, hold on when you've got nothing left, start over without complaint when you lose everything, and, of course, keep your head when everyone around you starts shouting the opening syllable of an exhortation to a terrifying elder god, the world would be yours, at least until the terrifying elder god rises from the ocean and annihilates the human race.

121. A wedding guest is cornered by an old man, who proceeds to tell him a long story about how he has to wander the earth explaining how to prevent scurvy to everyone he meets.
122. This sonnet argues that even towheaded people can find a way to serve God, even if it's just by putting up with their towheaded state.
123. Now, I know you won a posthumous Oscar for your role as a comic book villain, but you're really not all that mighty or dreadful, your friends suck, and you're not even particularly good at putting people to sleep, so get over yourself, dude.
124. A nobleman reveals his selfish (and possibly murderous) nature while showing a portrait of his extremely fat former wife to a guest.
125. I was going to make some Holocaust allusions, talk about accidents and suicide attempts, and compare myself to a phoenix, but honestly I just can't be bothered to make the effort.