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# A Modest Proposal

It is a melancholy object to those, who walk through this great town, or travel in the country, when they see the streets, the roads and cabbin-doors crowded with beggars of the female sex, followed by three, four, or six children, all in rags, and importuning every passenger for an alms. These mothers instead of being able to work for their honest livelihood, are forced to employ all their time in stroling to beg sustenance for their helpless infants who, as they grow up, either turn thieves for want of work, or leave their dear native country, to fight for the Pretender in Spain, or sell themselves to the Barbadoes. I think it is agreed by all parties, that this prodigious number of children in the arms, or on the backs, or at the heels of their mothers, and frequently of their fathers, is in the present deplorable state of the kingdom, a very great additional grievance; and therefore whoever could find out a fair, cheap and easy method of making these children sound and useful members of the common-wealth, would deserve so well of the publick, as to have his statue set up for a preserver of the nation.

#### A Modest Proposal by Jonathan Swift - Delphi Classics (Illustrated)

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"A Modest Proposal" was written in times before the morrow, This type of Classical work you will never find in the modern age. A Modest Proposal by Dr. Jonathan Swift is a book of Fiction first published in 1729 Dublin. A true book of worth, a classic that lives in an era of timeless distinction. Early books emit excellence unlike any from modern times. You will not be dissatisfied with this works A MODEST PROPOSAL at its finest. Sneak Peak "It is a melancholy object to walk through this great town, or travel in the country, when they see the streets, the roads, and cabin doors crowded with beggars of the female sex, followed by three, four, or six children, all in rags and all importuning every passenger for an alms." "whoever could find out a fair, cheap, and easy method of making these children sound and useful members of the common-wealth, would deserve so well of the public, as to have his statue set up for a preserver of the nation." Synopsis A Modest Proposal is all time famous classic. The originality, concentrated power, and 'fierce indignation' of his satirical writing have earned Jonathan Swift a reputation as the greatest prose satirist in English literature. Gulliver's Travels is, of course, his world-renowned masterpiece in the genre; however, Swift wrote other, shorter works that also offer excellent evidence of his inspired lampoonery. An amazing historical vintage read for all history lovers. Originality we take every step possible to ensure the original integrity of this book has been upheld to its highest standard. This means that the texts in this story are unedited and unchanged from the original author's publication, preserving its earliest form for your indulgence. This title is one of the best Fiction, of all time that you just do not see in the modern age. This title will make an excellent gift to the classic lover buff in your life or a fantastic addition to your current collection. We are ready to ship this book off to you today at lightning speed, so you will find yourself indulging in this title without delay. Title Details Original 1729 Scripture Epic Fiction 6 x 9 Inches Matte Cover White Paper

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The political dilemma of Ireland; the state of faith in England; the charms of the Beggar's Opera; the importance of puns . . . This selection gathers together some of Swift's most brilliant prose, from high politics to social gossip, from savage tirades to lighthearted social satire. In addition to his classic essays, the collection includes several of Swift's letters to Alexander Pope and other great thinkers of the age.

# A Modest Proposal and Other Writings

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#### Modest Proposal by Jonathan Swift

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A Modest Proposal and Other Satires is a collection of satirical works of political, social, and religious commentary by Jonathan Swift. The most famous of his essays--perhaps the most famous essay of satire in the English language--is "A Modest Proposal for Preventing the Children of Poor People in Ireland from Being a Burden to Their Parents of Country; and for Making Them Beneficial to the Public." This essay was published anonymously in 1729, a year in which Ireland suffered from poverty and famine. "A Modest Proposal" suggests, as a method for dealing with the destitution, that the Irish eat their babies.

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A Modest Proposal (1729) [in, A Modest Proposal and Other Writings: Edited with an Introduction by Carole Fabricant] (Penguin Classics).

Soon after my return from Leyden, I was recommended by my good master, Mr. Bates, to be surgeon to the Swallow, Captain Abraham Pannel, commander; with whom I continued three years and a half, making a voyage or two into the Levant, and some other parts. When I came back I resolved to settle in London; to which Mr. Bates, my master, encouraged me, and by him I was recommended to several patients. I took part of a small house in the Old Jewry; and being advised to alter my condition, I married Mrs. Mary Burton, second daughter to Mr. Edmund Burton, hosier, in Newgate-street, with whom I received four hundred pounds for a portion.

# A Modest Proposal by Dr. Jonathan Swift's

- The book includes 10 unique illustrations that are relevant to its content.- contains pencil drawings made by Eugenia A.

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derives from the fact that the first portion of the essay describes the plight of starving beggars in Ireland, so that the reader is unprepared for the surprise of Swift's solution when he states, "A young healthy child well nursed, is, at a year old, a most delicious nourishing and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled; and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a fricassee, or a ragout." Readers unacquainted with its reputation as a satirical work often do not immediately realize that Swift was not seriously proposing cannibalism and infanticide, nor would readers unfamiliar with the satires of Horace and Juvenal recognize that Swift's essay follows the rules and structure of Latin satires.

#### Gulliver's Travels

Meanwhile, those books that were advocates for the Moderns, chose out one from among them to make a progress through the whole library, examine the number and strength of their party, and concert their affairs. This messenger performed all things very industriously, and brought back with him a list of their forces, in all, fifty thousand, consisting chiefly of light-horse, heavy-armed foot, and mercenaries; whereof the foot were in general but sorrily armed and worse clad; their horses large, but extremely out of case and heart; however, some few, by trading among the Ancients, had furnished themselves tolerably enough.

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# A Modest Proposal - Classics in Large Print

From the master of satire, Jonathan Swift, comes a collection of his classic satirical works. "A Modest Proposal and Other Satires" includes the following works: A Tale of a Tub, The Battle of the Books, An Argument Against the Abolishment of Christianity, A Modest Proposal, A True and Faithful Narrative, A Meditation Upon a Broomstick, Predictions for the Year 1708, and The Accomplishment of the First Year of Mr. Bickerstaff s Predictions.

#### The Battle of the Books and Other Short Pieces

This authoritative edition brings together a unique selection from the full range of Swift's fifty-year career--prose, poetry, and letters--to give the essence of his work and thinking. Jonathan Swift (1667-1745) is best known as the author of Gulliver's Travels, which alone would have secured his place in the history of English literature. But in addition to this classic fictional satire, Swift wrote numerous works concerning politics, religion, and Ireland, some savage, others humorous, all suffused with his tremendous wit and inventiveness. This anthology includes satirical works such as A Tale of a Tub and The Battle of the Books, political pamphlets, pieces for the popular press, poems, and a generous selection from Swift's correspondence. Presented chronologically, the anthology offers a new and clearer awareness of the unity as well as the complexity of Swift's vision, and the powerful bonds between disparate pieces.

# A Modest Proposal Illustrated

Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read "It is universally read, from the cabinet council to the nursery," remarked Alexander Pope when Gulliver's Travels was published in 1726. One of the unique books of world literature, Swift's masterful satire describes the astonishing voyages of one Lemuel Gulliver, a ship's surgeon, to surreal kingdoms inhabited by miniature people and giants, quack philosophers and scientists, horses endowed with reason and men who behave like beasts. Written with great wit and invention, Gulliver's Travels is a savage parody on man and his institutions that has captivated readers for nearly three centuries. As bestselling author and critic Allan Bloom observed: "Gulliver's Travels is an amazing rhetorical achievement. Swift had not only the judgment with which to arrive at a reasoned view of the world but the fancy by means of which he could re-create that world in a form which teaches where argument fails and which satisfies all while misleading none." This representative collection of Swift's major writings includes the complete

Gulliver's Travels as well as A Tale of a Tub, "The Battle of the Books," "A Modest Proposal," "An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity," "The Bickerstaff Papers," and many more of his brilliantly satirical works. Here too are selections from Swift's poetry and portions of his Journal to Stella. Swift's savage ridicule, corrosive wit, and sparkling humor are fully displayed in this comprehensive collection.

# A Modest Proposal and Other Satires

Jonathan Swift (30 November 1667 - 19 October 1745) was an Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, political pamphleteer (first for the Whigs, then for the Tories), poet and cleric who became Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, hence his common sobriquet, "Dean Swift". He wrote the three pieces of this collection: Gulliver's Travels is a prose satire, satirizing both human nature and the "travelers' tales" literary sub genre. It is Swift's best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature. Swift claimed that he wrote Gulliver's Travels "to vex the world rather than divert it". A Modest Proposal, is a Juvenalian satirical essay written and published anonymously by Jonathan Swift in 1729. The essay suggests that the impoverished Irish might ease their economic troubles by selling their children as food to rich gentlemen and ladies. This satirical hyperbole mocked heartless attitudes towards the poor, as well as British policy toward the Irish in general. A Tale of a Tub was the first major work written by Jonathan Swift, arguably his most difficult satire and perhaps his most masterly. The Tale is a prose parody divided into sections each delving into the morals and ethics of the English. The "tale" presents a consistent satire of religious excess, while the digressions are a series of parodies of contemporary writing in literature, politics, theology, Biblical exegesis, and medicine.

#### Jonathan Swift

By turns a children's fantasy and a social satire for adults, Gulliver's Travels is one of the most popular adventure tales of all time. Gulliver's Travels describes the four fantastic voyages of Lemuel Gulliver, a kindly ship's surgeon. Swift portrays him as an observer, a reporter, and a victim of circumstance. His travels take him to Lilliput where he is a giant observing tiny people. In Brobdingnag, the tables are reversed and he is the tiny person in a land of giants where he is exhibited as a curiosity at markets and fairs. The flying island of Laputa is the scene of his next voyage. The people plan and plot as their country lies in ruins. It is a world of illusion and distorted values. The fourth and final voyage takes him to the home of the Houyhnhnms, gentle horses who rule the land. He also encounters Yahoos, filthy bestial creatures who resemble humans. This edition includes: -A concise introduction that gives readers important background information -A chronology of the author's life and work -A timeline of significant events that provides the book's historical context -An outline of key themes and plot points to help readers form their own interpretations -Detailed explanatory notes -Critical analysis, including contemporary and modern perspectives on the work -Discussion questions to promote lively classroom and book group interaction -A list of recommended related books and films to broaden the reader's experience Enriched Classics offer readers affordable editions of great works of literature enhanced by helpful notes and insightful commentary. The scholarship provided in Enriched Classics enables readers to appreciate, understand, and enjoy the world's finest books to their full potential.

# Gulliver's Travels and Other Writings

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#### Jonathan Swift Collection

The full title of Swift's pamphlet is "A Modest Proposal for Preventing the Children of Poor People from Being a Burthen to their Parents, or the Country, and for Making them Beneficial to the Publick." The tract is an ironically conceived attempt to "find out a fair, cheap, and easy Method" for converting the starving children of Ireland into "sound and useful members of the Commonwealth." Across the country poor children, predominantly Catholics, are living in squalor because their families are too poor to keep them fed and clothed. The author argues, by hard-edged economic reasoning as well as from a self-righteous moral stance, for a way to turn this problem into its own solution. His proposal, in effect, is to fatten up these undernourished children and feed them to Ireland's rich land-owners. Children of the poor could be sold into a meat market at the age of one, he argues, thus combating overpopulation and unemployment, sparing families the expense of child-bearing while providing them with a little extra income, improving the culinary experience of the wealthy, and contributing to the overall economic well-being of the nation. The author offers statistical support for his assertions and gives specific data about the number of children to be sold, their weight and price, and the projected consumption patterns. He suggests some recipes for preparing this delicious new meat, and he feels sure that innovative cooks will be quick to generate more. He also anticipates that the practice of selling and eating children will have positive effects on family morality: husbands will treat their wives with more respect, and parents will value their children in ways hitherto unknown. His conclusion is that the implementation of this project will do more to solve Ireland's complex social, political, and economic problems than any other measure that has been proposed.

# Gulliver's Travels and A Modest Proposal

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#### Swift

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# Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift, the essayist, political pamphleteer, poet and cleric, is widely regarded as the foremost prose satirist of the English language, whose satirical novel 'Gulliver's Travels' remains one of the most enduring classics of English literature. This comprehensive eBook presents the complete works of Jonathan Swift, with numerous illustrations, informative introductions and the usual Delphi bonus material. (Version 1) \* Beautifully illustrated with images relating to Swift's life and works \* Concise introductions to the satires and other works \* Images of how the books were first printed, giving your

eReader a taste of the original texts \* Excellent formatting of the texts \* GULLIVER'S TRAVELS is illustrated with contemporary illustrations \* Provides both the adapted 1726 and the authoritative 1735 versions of GULLIVER'S TRAVELS \* Rare satires appearing for the first time in digital print \* An exhaustive offering of political, religious and journalism works \* Special chronological and alphabetical contents tables for the poetry \* Easily locate the poems you want to read \* Includes Swift's letters to 'Stella' - spend hours exploring the author's personal correspondence \* Features two biographies - discover Swift's literary life \* Scholarly ordering of texts into chronological order and literary genres Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to browse our other titles Please note: some obscure poems cannot appear in this eBook, being the result of more recent scholarship and so protected by copyright. Once these works enter the public domain, they will be added to the eBook as a free update. CONTENTS: The Satires A TALE OF A TUB THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS THE BICKERSTAFF-PARTRIDGE PAPERS THE SWEARER'S BANK GULLIVER'S TRAVELS. 1726 GULLIVER'S TRAVELS. 1735 A MODEST PROPOSAL AN EXAMINATION OF CERTAIN ABUSES A COMPLETE COLLECTION OF GENTEEL AND INGENIOUS CONVERSATION DIRECTIONS TO SERVANTS MINOR SATIRES The Sermons THREE SERMONS BROTHERLY LOVE AND OTHER SERMONS Other Religious Works LIST OF RELIGIOUS WORKS The Political Works DRAPIER'S LETTERS LIST OF POLITICAL WORKS The Historical Works THE HISTORY OF THE FOUR LAST YEARS OF THE QUEEN AN ABSTRACT OF THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND REMARKS ON THE CHARACTERS OF THE COURT OF QUEEN ANNE REMARKS ON LORD CLARENDON'S "HISTORY OF THE REBELLION" REMARKS ON BISH-OP BURNET'S "HISTORY OF HIS OWN TIME" NOTES ON THE "FREEHOLDER" The Journalism CONTRIBUTIONS TO 'THE TATLER' CONTRIBUTIONS TO 'THE EXAMINER' CONTRIBUTION TO 'THE SPECTATOR' CONTRIBUTIONS TO 'THE INTELLIGENCER' The Poetry Collection THE POEMS OF JONATHAN SWIFT The Poems LIST OF POEMS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER LIST OF POEMS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER The Memoir A JOURNAL TO STELLA The Biographies SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF DR. JONATHAN SWIFT by R. Phillips DEAN SWIFT by James McGee

# A Modest Proposal in Plain and Simple English (Translated)

A Modest Proposal and Other Short Works is a collection of Jonathan Swift's finest satirical essays, including: A Modest Proposal, The Battle of the Books, The Episode of Bentley and Wotton, A Meditation on a Broomstick, Predictions for the Year 1708, The Accomplishment of the First of Mr. Bickerstaff's Predictions, An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity, Hints Towards an Essay on Conversation, and Thoughts on Various Subjects. Jonathan Swift (1667-1745) was an Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, political pamphleteer, poet and cleric. He is regarded by many as the finest prose satirist in the English language. He is most famous for Gulliver's Travels and A Modest Proposal, which are considered classics of English literature.

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# A Modest Proposal by Jonathan Swift -Illustrated

This Ladybird Classic is an abridged retelling of the classic story of Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift, making it perfect for introducing the story to younger children, or for newly confident readers to tackle alone. Beautiful new illustrations throughout will bring the magic of this classic story to a new generation of children.

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# A Modest Proposal by Dr Jonathan Swift

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"A Tale of a Tub" is a work from Swift's earlier years. It is presented here with "The Battle of the Books\

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#### Jonathan Swift, Collection Novels

Jonathan Swift (30 November 1667 - 19 October 1745) was an Anglo-Irish satirist, essayist, political pamphleteer (first for the Whigs, then for the Tories), poet and Anglican cleric who became Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, hence his common sobriquet, "Dean Swift". Swift is remembered for works such as A Tale of a Tub (1704), An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity (1712), Gulliver's Travels (1726), and A Modest Proposal (1729). He is regarded by the Encyclopædia Britannica as the foremost prose satirist in the English language, and is less well known for his poetry. He originally

published all of his works under pseudonyms - such as Lemuel Gulliver, Isaac Bickerstaff, M. B. Drapier - or anonymously. He was a master of two styles of satire, the Horatian and Juvenalian styles.

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