



Susan Eloise Hinton, was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1948. She was and still is, one of the most popular and best known writers of young adult fiction. Her books have been taught in some schools, and banned from others. Her novels changed the way people look at young adult literature. Her passion for writing began when she realized she wasn't satisfied with the literature directed towards young adults. She then wrote, *The Outsiders*, when she was in High School. This book, her first novel, was published originally in 1967 by Viking, it also has sold more than 14 million copies and sells more than 500k a year.

Other books:
That Was Then, This Is Now
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Rumble Fish
Taming the Star Runner

According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back.

Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers -- until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his bifurcated world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser.

"This remarkable novel gives a moving, credible view of the outsiders from the inside – their loyalty to each other, their sensitivity under tough crusts, their understanding of self and society."

- Horn Book

"What it's to live lonely and unwanted and cornered by circumstances... Their is rawness and violence here, but honest hope, too."

- National Observer

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Nothing Gold Can Stay
"Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down today.
Nothing gold can stay."

Robert Frost