"Gone with the Wind".

My favourite fiction book is "Gone with the Wind". It was written by Margaret Mitchell. Since her childhood the girl had heard stories about the Civil War between the North and the South. When the girl grew up and got married, she decided to write down those stories. So, she wrote "Gone with the wind". The book was published for the first time in 1936. It was a great success and the next year it got the Pulitzer Prize. In 1939 the book was filmed.



I like the book because it has several levels of composition. The first level is the love story - the main and my favourite character, Scarlett O'Hara, loves Ashley Wilkes, but marries for money another man, Rhett Butler. By the end of the book she understands that she and Rhett are alike and have much in common, that she loves Rhett. But Rhett leaves her, and we can only guess if she can get him back.



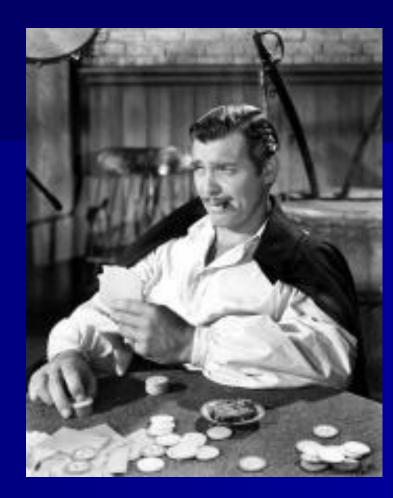




The second level is the description of the strong characters of the Southeners. Scarlett, a daughter of a rich planter, goes to the field and works as a slave when it is needed. Ashley, so quiet and gentle, goes to the war and fights well and bravely. So, this book helps me to go through difficulties of my life.







The third level of the book is the atmosphere of the Southern way of life. On the first page we can read the description of the Tarlton twins. When they are compared, the author does not use the usual English "as two peas"; she says that they were as two cotton balls.







The fourth level is the events of the Civil War between the North and the South, and the post-war life. This is very useful, if you want to understand the modern differences between the northern and southern states in nowadays America.



 I like this book and its characters very much.