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1954 *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse (1877–1962)

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It was Henry Miller who suggested that Peter Owen should publish the first of the ten international Nobel Laureates on his list with this novel – originally secured for just £25. Perhaps the most significant publication in the sixty years of the company, *Siddhartha* was to become a bestseller and a seminal influence on the counterculture generation of the 1960s.