A Tale of Two Cities
Charles Dickens (1812 - 1870)

Set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution, A Tale of Two Cities ranks among the most famous works in the history of fictional literature. The novel depicts the plight of the French peasantry demoralized by the French aristocracy in the years leading up to the revolution, the corresponding brutality demonstrated by the revolutionaries toward the former aristocrats in the early years of the revolution, and many unflattering social parallels with life in London during the same time period. The novel was published in 31 weekly installments in Dickens' new literary periodical All the Year Round. (Wikipedia)

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