

Five Alcoholic Drinks with a Literary Twist

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Once upon a time there was the invention of the 'cocktail'...

...dating back to the 1800s. You have your classics, 'The Mojito', 'Mai Tai', 'Manhattan', the list could go on. But imagine this, you're choosing a new novel to read, it's heading into summer and you want a cocktail that would perfectly pair with your escape from reality. Here are five word-play cocktails that any English literature fan will enjoy.



Introducing number ONE, the oppressed drink-
'The Handmaid's Cocktale'

A classic drink to couple up with a classic novel, sit yourself down in 1985 with this dystopian novel which is one for the feminists out there. Envisage yourself sipping a dark, luxurious red wine whilst twisting into the horror and dark tales of Offred's life. Thank yourself lucky being able to have one of life's pleasures whilst knowing these women live on the bare minimum of rations. You would locate a drink like this in 'Jezebels', the secret brothel. A place for the commanders in the novel- "wives aren't allowed". So, grab yourself a glass from Jezebels and enjoy the secrecy.

What you'll need:

- A dark red of your taste (we recommend Chateaufneuf de pape)
- A large wine glass

Coming at you at number TWO is the classic you all studied in school

'Rum and Juliet'

Fingers crossed you studied 'Romeo and Juliet' not 'Rum and Juliet' but I'm sure we wouldn't mind giving that one a read. This most famous love story to date. This romantic tragedy really gets you in your feels as you take pleasure in a rum punch cocktail. With all that fighting you'll need something to relax with. Maybe partake in this drink on valentines with the ones you love, create your fantasy like you're seeing your partner for the first time, love at first sight - "thus with a sip I die".

What you'll need:

- Orange juice
- Lime juice
- Malibu
- Dark rum
- Grenadine
- Crushed ice
- And a slice of orange to garnish





At number THREE comes not 'The Wizard of Oz' but the
'Wizard of Cosm'OZ'

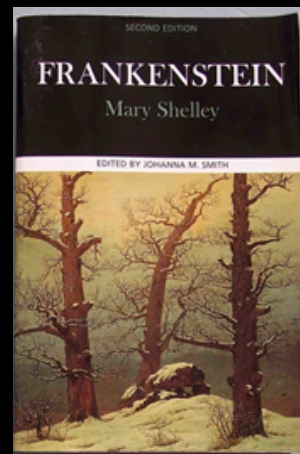
The Scarecrow needs a brain, the Tin Man needs a heart, the Lion needs courage, and you need a Cosm'OZ to lead you down the yellow brick road. Unlike the traditional cosmopolitan, which is red, ours is green to lead you to the Emerald city, after one or two you'll start seeing flying witches. You'll blow yourself through a tornado with this drink.

What you'll need:

- Lemon vodka
- Triple sec
- Cranberry juice
- Lime juice
- Green food colouring
- Ice and orange zest for garnish

For number FOUR it's
'The-Frank-in-a-Stein'

Frankenstein's monster is created in multiple parts, just like 'The Frank', to make it more authentic place your drink in a stein glass and live out the full name. A perfect piece of gothic literature to spook all ages. If you wanted to impress your literature friends you could add some dry ice and pretend, you're the scientist for the night, giving your drink an eerie mist over your green drink.



What you'll need:

- Cognac
- White port
- Maraschino liqueur
- Orange bitters
- Lemon peel
- Dry ice (optional)



Finally at number FIVE and my personal favourite
-'Gin Austen'

Treating you to not, one but two feminist heavy novels, this romance, comedy and independence themed novel provides you with an experience to how life was back in 1812. Pride and Prejudice having a light- hearted spring feel, it was only appropriate to pair it with a fresh and fruity gin. "it is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good gin, must be in want of a wife".

What you'll need:

- An orange or lemon gin (Whitley Neills or Gordans)
- Ice
- Frozen lemon and limes
- Lemonade or tonic water
- And a flower of season to garnish

Sip back and get lost in your book.