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Upton Sinclair (1878–1968) published his first novel, *Springtime and Harvest*, in 1901. He followed this with several others, but they all sold poorly. Sinclair is best known for his novel about the Chicago meat-packing industry, *The Jungle*. His novel *Dragon's Teeth*, on the rise of Nazism, won him the Pulitzer Prize. By the time Sinclair died, he had published more than ninety books.

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