

Examples of Theme

- *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum: “Believe in yourself.” “It was in you all along.”
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl: “Selflessness brings the greatest reward.” “Honesty.”
- *By Darkness Hid* by Jill Williamson: “Sometimes what you think is true is really a lie.”
- *The Firm* by John Grisham: “Family matters.” “Be careful what you wish for.” It’s also a David and Goliath-type story.
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling: “Love is the greatest power of all.”
- *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien: “Good will ultimately conquer evil, because evil defeats itself.” “Sin consumes you.”
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen: “Character is more important than money, looks, or good humor.”
- *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis: A parable of Jesus
- *Replication: The Jason Experiment* by Jill Williamson: “You were created for a purpose.”
- *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton: “They had their time and nature selected them for extinction.” “There is a time for everything: man and dinosaur.”
- *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card: “The best general must know his enemy enough to love him, and hate his enemy enough to destroy him.”
- *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins: “War is bad.”
- *The Davinci Code* by Dan Brown: “Everything you thought you knew about Jesus is wrong.”

Is the theme of a story always true? No. It’s merely the question or statement the author is trying to convey in his or her story.