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Oscar Wilde - Short Stories

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Novels and Fairy Tales of Oscar Wilde

Shakespearean influences are a collection of lectures and quotes by Oscar Wilde, in which he talks about various topics and themes. In Slaves of Fashion, Wilde criticizes the evils of couture, and in Woman's Dress, he advises women to suspend the weight and reduce the number of layers of clothing and make it more hygienic. He advises them to wear more antique dresses. Other pieces such as Costume, Pleasures, and Philosophy for the Use of the Young and The American Invasion are also included in the volume.

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Classic Tales of Oscar Wilde

A young man is in love. He needs one red rose to win the heart of the woman he loves. But it is winter and there are no roses anywhere. A kind nightingale hears the man's cries and decides to help him. How will the nightingale find a red rose in the middle of winter?

The Nightingale and the Rose

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The Model Millionaire

This volume of Poems and Poems in Prose inaugurates the Oxford English Texts Complete Works of Oscar Wilde. It provides texts of Wilde's one-hundred and nineteen poems and poems in prose, including twenty-one never published in his lifetime, together with the publishing history of each poem, and a detailed commentary on allusions and echoes, imagery, and points of biographical interest.

The Complete Short Stories

Stories for Children

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (16 October 1854 - 30 November 1900) was an Irish poet and playwright. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, he became one of London's most popular playwrights in the early 1890s. He is best remembered for his epigrams and plays, his novel The Picture of Dorian Gray, and the circumstances of his criminal conviction for "gross indecency", imprisonment, and early death at age 46. Wilde's parents were successful Anglo-Irish intellectuals in Dublin. Their son became fluent in French and German early in life. At university, Wilde read Classics; he proved himself to be an outstanding classicalist, first at Trinity College Dublin, then at Oxford. He became known for his involvement in the rising philosophy of aestheticism, led by his tutor, Walter Pater and John Ruskin. After university, Wilde moved to London in fashionable cultural and social circles. As a spokesman for aestheticism, he tried his hand at various literary activities; he published a book of poems, lectured in the United States and Canada on the "English Renaissance in Art" and interior decoration, and then returned to London where he worked prolifically as a journalist. It seems for his biting wit, flamboyant dress and sparkling conversational skill. Wilde became one of the best-known personalities of his day. At the turn of the 1890s, he refined his ideas about the supremacy of art in a series of dialogues and essays, and incorporated themes of decadence, duplicity, and beauty into what would be his only novel, The Picture of Dorian Gray (1895). The opportunity to construct aesthetic details precisely, and combine them with larger social themes, drew Wilde to write dramas. He wrote Salome (1891) in French while in Paris but it was refused a licence for England due to an absolute prohibition on the portrayal of Biblical subjects on the English stage. Unperturbed, Wilde produced four society comedies in the early 1890s, which made him one of the most successful playwrights of late-Victorian London.

Fairy Tales of Oscar Wilde: The Devoted Friend/The Nightingale and the Rose

Wilde wrote these delightful fairy tales for his two young sons. They were all published in the collection The Happy Prince and Other Stories in 1888. The Young King tells how a shepherd boy becomes a king. The Stone Child tells the story of a baby found in the forest and how he believes himself to be a magic Star Child and in 'The Nightingale and the Rose' a little nightingale sacrifices her life to create the perfect red rose for a young student in love. This reader uses the EXPANSIVE READING approach, where the text becomes a springboard to improve language skills and to explore historical background, cultural connections and other topics suggested by the text. As well as the story and a playscript, this reader contains: Wide range of activities practising the four skills ; PET-style activities and Trinity-style activities (Grade 5) ; Dossiers : Life in Victorian Times and others ; Full recording of the text with additional listening activities.

The complete shorter fiction of Oscar Wilde

A beautiful, golden, jewel-studded statue and a little swallow give all they have to help the poor.

Selected Poems of Oscar Wilde & Selected Prose of Oscar Wilde

A Selection is an anthology of the works of Oscar Wilde that contains his poetry, plays, poems in prose, and prose works. The poems include Ravenna (1878), an early work about the ancient Italian city, and The Ballad of Reading Gaol (1898), which deals with death penalty. The Canterville Ghost (1887) is a parody of both the American and English cultures and traditions. Among the plays are A Sullivan Courtship and A Fiery Temper.

7 best short stories by Oscar Wilde

A Selection

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Complete Works of Oscar Wilde


The Happy Prince

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