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Chapter 1 : SparkNotes: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Context

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Maigret of the Month: He had been producing his popular novels for nearly six years for six publishers since the summer of , as well as numerous short stories for a variety of magazines, again under pseudonyms. He had the ability to write his texts within a self-imposed time limit, and his aim was to make as much money as possible from his popular novels and short stories. It proved to be a difficult time for Simenon. Fayard could foresee a possible loss of revenue, especially as he had an author who could turn out the more lucrative popular novels almost at will. But Fayard still hedged his bets by publishing *Pietr-le-Letton* in 13 instalments 19 July to 11 October in his weekly magazine "Ric et Rac", before considering its publication in book format. Even then it was the fifth Maigret book to be published a year later in May. Some years later, Simenon stated, on a number of occasions, that he wrote the novel *Pietr-le-Letton* and created Maigret in the small north-eastern Dutch port of Delfzijl while he was waiting for his boat, the *Ostrogoth*, to be recaulked. Recent research has shown that the novel he wrote there was *Train de Nuit*, under the pseudonym of Christian Brulls, in which a police detective named Maigret, based in Marseille, appears briefly. In reality it took him some time before he arrived at the point where he found it possible to start writing the novels that would be published under his own name. In retrospect, it is possible to discern, here and there, what might have caught his attention as he was mulling over his ideas later on, resulting in a probable amalgam of certain existing fictional characters with some of the traits of the people he knew and had observed. Two members of the police force, by name, Lucas and Torrence, appear holding various ranks, and there is Maigret, who first appears in a small role as a doctor in the novel *Une Ombre dans la Nuit* *A Shadow in the Night* by Georges-Martin-Georges published in July. All these names occur five or six times throughout the fifteen novels. In developing his creation in *Pietr-le-Letton*, Simenon brings Maigret very much to the foreground of the novel so that he dominates it throughout in pursuit of the main protagonist, Peter the Lett. Although Maigret has the assistance of certain members of his team of detectives, such as Torrence, Dufour and Bornier, they appear only briefly from time to time. The pace is also aided by the author dividing his text into 19 titled chapters 18 in the Penguin paperback English translation. Although it is a novel of crime and detection, there is a feeling throughout of it being like a rather far-fetched adventure story. In gradually attempting to write in a different way, Simenon was not to know what sort of reception the novel would receive when presented to a publisher, and *Pietr-le-Letton* also has the feel of being one of a kind, with Maigret at the end convalescing after having surgery for a bullet wound, as well as having earlier one of the members of his team of detectives murdered. The settings are handled with the now familiar distinctive and succinct way whether of luxury, commonplace or seediness. As on other occasions throughout his work, Simenon alters a name, in this case of a hotel. Simenon was still producing his popular novels and so he was dividing his energies between the two types of work. It is intriguing to read in sequence the four Maigret novels and one other that Simenon wrote between May and December in order to discern any developments that took place between them. This was one of two novels that was launched on the night of February at La Boule Blanche nightclub in Montparnasse in Paris. It was not published in book format until June. This was the other novel launched on the night of February. *Pietr-le-Letton* has been translated into English on two occasions: The communications that went backwards and forwards from Simenon and the publishers at this time are well documented in the two biographies that are listed below: Chapter 6 *En attendant Maigret*, pages Paris, Gallimard, Folio, This is the same as item 2, but with corrections and updates. New York, Alfred A. Translated from the French by Jon Rothschild. Chapter 6 *Waiting for Maigret*, pages Peter Foord *Maigret of the Month: The second effect upon Simenon of his mother taking in students [the first being that he was sent early to convent nursery school] was that it opened his eyes, at a very young age, to a whole new world outside the restricted area where he lived.*

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The students, three or four at a time, some staying only for a year, others for three to four years, all attended Liege University. They mainly came from Eastern Europe, Russians and Poles for the greater part, drawn to Liege because it was the least expensive of the French-speaking universities. Their counterparts are later to appear in many of his novels, especially the early ones. Bresler, p19 Roddy Mairret of the Month:

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Chapter 2 : The strange case of the time travelling stock investor (8 Photos) : theCHIVE

This article presents the poem "The Strange Case of the Lucrative Compromise," by Ogden Nash. First Line: Some people are in favor of compromising, while other people to compromise; Last Line: which is midway between Medicine and Lexicon.

It was a time of unprecedented change, as Great Britain transformed during the Industrial Revolution from an agricultural economy to an industrial one. The period has two distinct phases. Stevenson wrote his book during this later period when there was much criticism of, and dissatisfaction with, politics, religion and daily life. What would you identify as the top five key points about each of these? The Victorian compromise The most popular and stereotypical image of Victorian England is the one of serious, excessively polite men and women standing in drawing rooms discussing the important issues of the day. The playing of a sober piano piece is the usual form of entertainment portrayed. The reality though is very different. The Victorians were actually regular thrill seekers. The News of the World was first published in Laudanum, a mixture of opium and alcohol, was the drug of choice. It was freely available and widely consumed across all social classes. This lifestyle coexisted alongside a strict moral code by which society was expected to live. This promoted church attendance, good manners, academic achievement and professional employment, family values, charity and the highest moral values. Obviously, this required the first kind of behaviour being kept secret in order to preserve the second. Find supporting quotations from the beginning of Chapter 1 to support the idea of the Victorian compromise. Some viewed it as a positive message persuading the western world to support the developing world. This was despite their secretive use of drugs, excessive gambling and drinking, use of prostitutes and exploitation of child labour. Education Education in Victorian England differed depending on gender and class. The upper classes educated their children at home until the boys could attend the elite, private schools of the time such as Eton, before entering an elite university. Girls were also educated at home but did not progress to university. The less wealthy had access to education too. Religion and Bible study featured heavily too.

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Chapter 3 : Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde | W. W. Norton & Company

The Victorian Period and The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: A Time of Change The Victorian period is a time of scientific, economic and social change that took place from to The flourishing England ruled by Queen Victoria was the main setting for this significant slice of human history.

A Time of Change The Victorian period is a time of scientific, economic and social change that took place from to The flourishing England ruled by Queen Victoria was the main setting for this significant slice of human history. During this time, the Londonians witnessed how the quiet streets became crowded with newcomers and how the crumbling buildings grew taller, but more attractive. There were also breakthroughs in science which are relevant still today. And as a result of social constraint, ladies and gentlemen would unleash their socially undesirable behaviors. Hyde, a short novel that conveys three important aspects of the Victorian period: Hyde is the advancement in science. As the Victorian period was unfolding, the growing scientific community devoted their time to study new breakthroughs and discoveries. In a similar way, Dr. Also, Charles Darwin published the Origin of Species in , which would cause a major shift in the course of science. As a parallel, Dr. Jekyll, though in fiction, invents a potion to change his physical appearance and become younger. Hence, the story vividly depicts the events that were taking place in the science field during the nineteenth century. Hyde, the attempts to conceal socially questionable behaviors led members of the higher class to display a double identity during the Victorian period. Despite his reputation and rectitude, Dr. Jekyll successfully created a potion under which effects he became a different person. Whenever he used the potion, Dr. Jekyll would turn into Mr. Hyde, who was described in the text as displeasing and detestable. The chemist had repressed socially prohibited behaviors all his life, but decided to change and obtain freedom by becoming somebody else. Hyde, he a victim of neither prejudice nor persecution for his actions. Jekyll, Victorians from the upper classes would engage in unaccepted behaviors. The married son of an industrialist gentleman had an affair with a young woman. The infidelity of this man was kept as a secret; otherwise, he would have gone through a real nightmare. Haywood and other women and men like Dr. Hyde, London is implicitly described as a growing city, which can be related to the actual economic growth that England in general was undergoing. In fact, at the peak of the European booming industry, when the text was written, England was building a rather healthy economy, partially induced by the industrial revolution. Furthermore, in The Strange Case of Dr. In general, the Victorians were undergoing a significant change in their economic power. Science played an important role during the nineteenth century because much of the aspiration for scientific knowledge was triggered at that time. The view of morality started to change, and people timidly started to engage into socially questionable behaviors. The economy grew considerably during the nineteenth century, as a result of the industrial revolution. Finally, in the light of factual information and the aspects analyzed from the text The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Works Cited Brooke, Chris. The Strange Case of Dr.

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Chapter 4 : SparkNotes: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Chapter "Henry Jekyll's Full Statement of the Case"

The SEC and FBI figured they'd get some lucrative info on an insider trading ring, but instead got a 4 hour confession from the man, claiming that he had come from years in the future. It was no secret in the future that this era was one of the worst times to be buying stocks.

Messenger Ask most people about the heavyweights of late Victorian fiction and they will probably mention the likes of Thomas Hardy, George Eliot or Oscar Wilde. The Scottish writer was renowned as an essayist and belle-lettrist like Henry James, who himself regarded Stevenson as an equal in intellect and talent. You can trace it through a series of decisions and events that demonstrate an unsettling truth: When Stevenson died aged just 44 on Samoa in December, reportedly of a brain tumour, the Victorian literary world was reeling. He is gone, our Prince of storytellers – such a Prince, indeed, as his own Florizel of Bohemia, with the insatiable taste for weird adventure, for diablerie, for a strange mixture of metaphysics and romance. Sugared Stevenson The high praise was not to last. Stevenson quickly became a target for other leading writers. Joseph Conrad denounced him, declaring to his agent, JB Pinker: The American writer Stephen Crane was particularly disparaging, claiming: Stevenson was also phenomenally successful, so professional jealousy may also have been a factor. It set the tone for a long period in which he was frequently seen in the same kind of way. Yo ho ho and all that. It is actually a deeply subversive story of betrayal and divided loyalties, which deserves close reading. And beyond these household names, Stevenson also produced groundbreaking work that the likes of Wells and also 20th-century literary scholars unaccountably overlooked. Stevenson incidentally had a strong influence on his literary critics. Conrad and Ford Madox Ford used the opening page of *Treasure Island* as the model for the first sequence of their collaborative novel, *Romance*, actively seeking his fame and fortune whilst diminishing his art. Put these arguments together and you begin to see why he was never denigrated in the same way overseas. Particularly in America, France and Italy, he has always been seen as a great writer. Some more recent writers were kinder about Stevenson. Ernest Hemingway was a fan, for instance. In the 1950s he began to be welcomed back into the fold in literary academic circles. More than a century after his death, it finally feels like we have reached the point where Stevenson is fully gaining the reputation he so richly deserves. We at Edinburgh Napier University are playing our part with the Meheew Robert Louis Stevenson Collection of his books and papers, which officially opens to the public on March

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Chapter 5 : The Strange Case of President Zachary Taylor - Guerrilla Explorer

A Tribute to the Poet, Ogden Nash () Verses From On: The Strange Case of the Lucrative Compromise The Strange Case of Mr. Wood's Frustration, or, A Team.

It was in Cross County in eastern Arkansas. Woodward attended high school in Morrilton, Arkansas. In he transferred to Emory University in Atlanta , Georgia , where his uncle was dean of students and professor of sociology. After graduating, he taught English composition for two years at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. There he met Will W. Alexander , head of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and J. Saunders Redding, a historian at Atlanta University. In New York, Woodward met, and was influenced by, W. Du Bois , Langston Hughes , and other figures who were associated with the Harlem Renaissance movement. He also traveled to the Soviet Union and Germany in He was granted a Ph. Beale , a Reconstruction specialist who promoted the Beardian economic interpretation of history that deemphasized ideology and ideas and stressed material self-interest as a motivating factor. His *The Battle for Leyte Gulf* became the standard study of the largest naval battle in history. Career[edit] Woodward, starting out on the left politically, wanted to use history to explore dissent. Du Bois about writing about him, and thought of following his biography of Watson with one of Eugene V. Watson in was the presidential candidate of the Populist Party , but this time was the leader in mobilizing the hatred of the same poor whites against blacks, and a promoter of lynching. Jim Crow laws, Woodward argued, were not part of the immediate aftermath of Reconstruction; they came later and were not inevitable. Following the Compromise of , in the s and s there were localized informal practices of racial separation in some areas of society along with what he termed "forgotten alternatives" in others. Finally the s saw white southerners "capitulate to racism" to create "legally prescribed, rigidly enforced, state-wide Jim Crowism. It combined the Beardian theme of economic forces shaping history, and the Faulknerian tone of tragedy and declension. He insisted on the discontinuity of the era, and rejected both the romantic ante-bellum popular images of the Lost Cause School as well as the overoptimistic business boosterism of the New South Creed. Sheldon Hackney , a Woodward student, hails the book, explaining: The durability of *Origins of the New South* is not a result of its ennobling and uplifting message. It is the story of the decay and decline of the aristocracy, the suffering and betrayal of the poor whites, and the rise and transformation of a middle class. It is not a happy story. The Redeemers are revealed to be as venal as the carpetbaggers. The declining aristocracy are ineffectual and money hungry, and in the last analysis they subordinated the values of their political and social heritage in order to maintain control over the black population. The poor whites suffered from strange malignancies of racism and conspiracy-mindedness, and the rising middle class was timid and self-interested even in its reform movement. The most sympathetic characters in the whole sordid affair are simply those who are too powerless to be blamed for their actions. Appointments, teaching and awards[edit] Woodward taught at Johns Hopkins University from to He did much writing but little original research at Yale, writing frequent essays for such outlets as the *New York Review of Books*. Carlton, Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. In , the United States House Committee on the Judiciary asked Woodward for an historical study of misconduct in previous administrations and how the Presidents responded. Woodward led a group of fourteen historians and they produced a page report in less than four months, *Responses of the Presidents to Charges of Misconduct*. He alternated between denying it, qualifying it, and apologizing for it. He became greatly troubled by the rise of the black power movement, disliked affirmative action, never came to grips with feminism, mistrusted what came to be known as "theory," and became a strong opponent of multiculturalism and "political correctness. He wrote his daughter afterwards, "The preparations paid off and I had pretty well second-guessed the Rads on every turn. In he joined the conservative scholars who made up the National Association of Scholars , a group explicitly opposed to the academic Left. *The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus*. Vann Woodward died in Hamden, Connecticut in The Southern Historical Association has established the C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize, awarded annually to the best dissertation on

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Southern history. There is a Peter V.

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--Arthur --The strange case of the lucrative compromise --When the devil was sick could he prove it? -- No doctors today, thank you -- What to do until the doctor goes or, It's tomorrow than you think -- I will arise and go now.

Bernstein used a technique called hypnotic regression , during which the subject is gradually taken back to childhood. He then attempted to take Virginia one step further, before birth, and was astonished to find he was listening to Bridey Murphy. She was the daughter of Duncan Murphy, a barrister, and his wife Kathleen. It was, she recalled, a feeling of neither pain nor happiness. Virginia Tighe herself was born in the Midwest in , had never been to Ireland, and did not speak with even the slightest hint of an Irish accent. However, once the book had become a bestseller, almost every detail was thoroughly checked by reporters who were sent to Ireland to track down the background of the elusive woman. It was then that the first doubts about her "reincarnation" began to appear. Bridey said she was born on December 20, , in Cork and that she had died in There was no record of either event. Indeed, most houses in Ireland were made of brick or stone. Brian, which is what Bridey preferred to call her husband, was also the middle name of the man to whom Virginia Tighe was married. Some of the details did tally. For instance, her descriptions of the Antrim coastline were very accurate. So, too, was her account of a journey from Belfast to Cork. She claimed she went to a St. There was indeed one where she said there was, but it was not built until The young Bridey shopped for provisions with a grocer named Farr. It was discovered that such a grocer had existed. However, it did not state that her actual parents were both part Irish and that she had lived with them until the age of three. Success followed and he became a prominent local philanthropist. He died in Pueblo, Colorado, in It was directed by Noel Langley. There was a Bridey Murphy dance, "come as you were" parties [13] and a Reincarnation cocktail. At the end, Foray hypnotizes Freberg, who becomes Davy Crockett. Implications for Modern Hypnosis". Am J Clin Hypn Pseudoscience and the Paranormal. The General Register Office: History Archived at the Wayback Machine.. Bridie immigrated to the U. Although Tighe claimed that she did not know Mrs.

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Chapter 7 : The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde: Victorian England

The era gets its name from the reign of Queen Victoria, which began in and ended in It was a time of unprecedented change, as Great Britain transformed during the Industrial Revolution from an agricultural economy to an industrial one.

He served as President of the United States for just sixteen months, from March 4, to July 9, So, why does he matter today? Because years after he died, rumors persist that his death was no accident. In fact, many believe that President Zachary Taylor was assassinated. To alleviate his symptoms, he drank a pitcher of milk and ate both a bowl of cherries and several pickles. Five days later, he died. However, for more than a century, historians blamed various ailments for his passing, including cholera, typhoid fever, and food poisoning. Professor Rising theorized that unknown persons assassinated President Taylor via poison, specifically arsenic. She convinced his distant relatives to exhume the body. On June 17, , his lead coffin was removed from the ground. George Nichols and Dr. They proceeded to gather tissue samples. Initial tests showed relatively high arsenic levels. However, they were proclaimed too low to indicate a deliberate poisoning. In , Michael Parenti revisited the arsenic theory in his book *History as Mystery* and reported numerous flaws in the autopsy. He also provided a convincing mass of circumstantial evidence that pointed to a poisoning. Also, the amount of arsenic revealed in a sectional analysis of his hair was similar to that of other poison victims. Why would anyone assassinate Zachary Taylor? One possible motive for assassination was the issue of slavery. Although he owned slaves, President Taylor was considered a moderate on the issue. Threats of secession rang out across the nation. Civil war seemed like a near certainty. Fillmore later passed a revised version of the Act. Evidence for an assassination is credible. Also, numerous pro-slavery advocates, including many powerful ones, had strong motives to kill President Taylor. Historical detectives need to revisit this case.

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Chapter 8 : Maigret of the Month: Pietr-le-Letton

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde gradually unwinds the mystery of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Jekyll had produced a drug that let Hyde, the evil side of his personality, take control.

Enfield remarks that some time previously he had seen an ill-tempered man knock down and trample a small child at the doorway of the deserted building. Enfield remembers Hyde with deep loathing. Utterson has reasons to be interested in Hyde. He is a lawyer, and he drew up the strange will of Dr. Utterson next questions Jekyll, who refuses to discuss the matter and insists that in the event of his death the will must be executed as written. About one year later, Hyde is wanted for the senseless murder of a kindly old gentleman named Sir Danvers Carew. Jekyll presents the lawyer and the police with a letter signed by Hyde, in which the murderer declares his intention of fleeing England forever. About this time, Dr. Hastie Lanyon, who had been for years a great friend of Jekyll, becomes ill and dies. A letter addressed to Utterson is found among his papers. Utterson suspects that this mysterious sealed letter is also somehow connected with the evil Hyde. One Sunday, Enfield and Utterson are again walking in the street where Enfield had seen Hyde abusing the child. As they look up at the house, they see Jekyll sitting at a window, looking disconsolate. Then his expression seems to change, and his face takes on a grimace of horror or pain. Suddenly, he closes the window. Utterson and Enfield walk on, too overcome by what they had witnessed to be able to speak. The doctor had hidden himself in his laboratory, ordering his meals to be sent in and writing curious notes demanding that Poole go to apothecaries in London in search of a mysterious drug. Poole is convinced that his master has been slain and that the murderer, not Jekyll, is hiding in the laboratory. As they enter, they discover that the man in the laboratory had just killed himself by draining a vial of poison. The man is Hyde. In the note, Jekyll says he is planning to disappear, and he urges Utterson to read the note that Lanyon had left at the time of his death. Utterson returns to his office to read the letters. He had begun early in life to live a double life. Publicly, he had been genteel and circumspect; privately, however, he had practiced strange vices without restraint. Becoming obsessed with the idea that people have two personalities, he had reasoned that people are capable of having two physical beings as well. Finally, he had compounded a mixture that transformed his body into the physical representation of his evil self. In this disguise he was free to haunt the lonely, narrow corners of London and to perform the darkest acts without fear of recognition. Jekyll did everything he could to protect himself in his disguise. His life proceeded safely enough until he awoke one morning in the shape of Hyde and realized that his evil self had appeared even without the drug. Frightened, he determined to cast off the persona of Hyde. He sought out better companions and tried to occupy his mind with other things. He was not strong enough, however, to continue to resist the immoral pleasures that the Hyde persona allowed him to enact. When Jekyll had finally permitted the repressed Hyde persona to emerge, Hyde was full of rage and an overpowering lust to do evil; thus, he murdered Carew. After the murder, Jekyll had renewed his effort to abandon the nature of Hyde, but one day, walking in the park, he suddenly changed into Hyde and was forced to ask Lanyon to obtain the drug that would change him back to Jekyll. From that day on, the nature of Hyde asserted itself repeatedly. When his supply of chemicals had been exhausted and could not be replenished, Jekyll, as Hyde, shut himself up in his laboratory and experimented with one drug after another. Finally, in despair, Jekyll killed himself.

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Chapter 9 : THE STRANGE CASE OF THE LUCRATIVE COMPROMISE

Pietr-le-Letton has been translated into English on two occasions: 1. New York, Covici, Friede under the title of *The Strange Case of Peter the Lett* translated by Anthony Abbot.

See Article History Alternative Title: Hyde , and The Master of Ballantrae Early life Stevenson was the only son of Thomas Stevenson, a prosperous civil engineer, and his wife, Margaret Isabella Balfour. His poor health made regular schooling difficult, but he attended Edinburgh Academy and other schools before, at age 17, entering Edinburgh University, where he was expected to prepare himself for the family profession of lighthouse engineering. But Stevenson had no desire to be an engineer, and he eventually agreed with his father, as a compromise, to prepare instead for the Scottish bar. His youthful enthusiasm for the Covenanters i. In , in the midst of painful differences with his father, he visited a married cousin in Suffolk, England, where he met Sidney Colvin, the English scholar, who became a lifelong friend, and Fanny Sitwell who later married Colvin. Sitwell, an older woman of charm and talent, drew the young man out and won his confidence. Soon Stevenson was deeply in love, and on his return to Edinburgh he wrote her a series of letters in which he played the part first of lover, then of worshipper, then of son. Eventually the passion turned into a lasting friendship. Later in Stevenson suffered severe respiratory illness and was sent to the French Riviera, where Colvin later joined him. He returned home the following spring. In July he was called to the Scottish bar, but he never practiced. Stevenson was frequently abroad, most often in France. His career as a writer developed slowly. It was these early essays, carefully wrought, quizzically meditative in tone, and unusual in sensibility, that first drew attention to Stevenson as a writer. Stephen brought Stevenson into contact with Edmund Gosse, the poet and critic, who became a good friend. Later, when in Edinburgh, Stephen introduced Stevenson to the writer W. In Stevenson met Fanny Vandegrift Osbourne, an American lady separated from her husband, and the two fell in love. Stevenson reached California ill and penniless the record of his arduous journey appeared later in *The Amateur Emigrant*, , and *Across the Plains*, His adventures, which included coming very near death and eking out a precarious living in Monterey and San Francisco, culminated in marriage to Fanny Osbourne who was by then divorced from her first husband early in About the same time a telegram from his relenting father offered much-needed financial support, and, after a honeymoon by an abandoned silver mine recorded in *The Silverado Squatters* , , the couple sailed for Scotland to achieve reconciliation with the Thomas Stevensons. Romantic novels Soon after his return, Stevenson, accompanied by his wife and his stepson, Lloyd Osbourne, went, on medical advice he had tuberculosis , to Davos, Switzerland. The family left there in April and spent the summer in Pitlochry and then in Braemar , Scotland. There, in spite of bouts of illness, Stevenson embarked on *Treasure Island* begun as a game with Lloyd , which started as a serial in *Young Folks*, under the title *The Sea-Cook*, in October Stevenson finished the story in Davos, to which he had returned in the autumn, and then started on *Prince Otto* , a more complex but less successful work. *Treasure Island* is an adventure presented with consummate skill, with atmosphere, character, and action superbly geared to one another. The book is at once a gripping adventure tale and a wry comment on the ambiguity of human motives. Robert Louis Stevenson, The winter of he spent at a chalet in Davos. *A Tale of the Two Roses* , a historical adventure tale deliberately written in anachronistic language. They lived at Bournemouth from September until July , but his frequent bouts of dangerous illness proved conclusively that the British climate, even in the south of England, was not for him. The Bournemouth years were fruitful, however. There he got to know and love the American novelist Henry James. In *Kidnapped* the fruit of his researches into 18th-century Scottish history and of his feeling for Scottish landscape, history, character, and local atmosphere mutually illuminate one another. But it was *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*—both moral allegory and thriller—that established his reputation with the ordinary reader. In August , still in search of health, Stevenson set out for America with his wife, mother, and stepson. On arriving in New York, he found himself famous, with editors and publishers offering lucrative contracts. This novel , another exploration of moral

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ambiguities , contains some of his most impressive writing, although it is marred by its contrived conclusion. Life in the South Seas In June Stevenson, accompanied by his family, sailed from San Francisco in the schooner yacht Casco, which he had chartered, on what was intended to be an excursion for health and pleasure. In fact, he was to spend the rest of his life in the South Seas. They went first to the Marquesas Islands , then to Fakarava Atoll, then to Tahiti , then to Honolulu , where they stayed nearly six months, leaving in June for the Gilbert Islands , and then to Samoa , where he spent six weeks. He was writing first-rate journalism, deepened by the awareness of landscape and atmosphere, such as that so notably rendered in his description of the first landfall at Nuku Hiva in the Marquesas. In October he returned to Samoa from a voyage to Sydney and established himself and his family in patriarchal status at Vailima, his house in Samoa. The climate suited him; he led an industrious and active life; and, when he died suddenly, it was of a cerebral hemorrhage , not of the long-feared tuberculosis. His work during those years was moving toward a new maturity. The next phase was demonstrated triumphantly in Weir of Hermiston , the unfinished masterpiece on which he was working on the day of his death. Stevenson achieved in this work a remarkable richness of tragic texture in a style stripped of all superfluities. The dialogue contains some of the best Scots prose in modern literature. Robert Louis Stevenson in Samoa, c. The reaction against him set in soon after his death: