

Stories, Plays, Poems, and Essays: The Complete Works of Oscar Wilde

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright who became one of the most famous playwrights in London during the late Victorian era. He is best known for his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, his play *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and his essay *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*.



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Wilde was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1854. He studied at Trinity College Dublin and then moved to London to study law. However, he soon abandoned his legal studies to pursue a career in writing.

Wilde's first major success was his play *Lady Windermere's Fan*, which was produced in 1892. The play was a huge hit, and it established Wilde as one of the most popular playwrights in London.

In 1895, Wilde published his only novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it remains one of Wilde's most famous works.

In 1897, Wilde was convicted of gross indecency for his relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas. He was sentenced to two years in prison. After his release from prison, Wilde lived in exile in France, where he wrote his essay *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*.

Wilde died in Paris in 1900 at the age of 46. He is buried in the Père Lachaise Cemetery.

Wilde's Plays

Wilde is best known for his witty and satirical plays. His most famous plays include:

- *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892)
- *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- *An Ideal Husband* (1895)
- *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- *Salome* (1896)

Wilde's plays are characterized by their wit, satire, and social commentary. He often used his plays to criticize the hypocrisy and materialism of Victorian society.

The Importance of Being Earnest is perhaps Wilde's most famous play. The play is a farce about two young men who create alter egos in order to

escape their social obligations. The play is full of witty dialogue and hilarious situations.

Wilde's Poems

Wilde was also a talented poet. His poems are often characterized by their beauty, wit, and melancholy.

Some of Wilde's most famous poems include:

- "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" (1898)
- "The Soul of Man Under Socialism" (1891)
- "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1891)
- "The Sphinx" (1889)

Wilde's poems are often about love, loss, and the human condition. He was a master of language, and his poems are full of beautiful imagery and evocative language.

"The Ballad of Reading Gaol" is perhaps Wilde's most famous poem. The poem is a powerful and moving account of the execution of a young man. The poem is full of vivid imagery and powerful emotion.

Wilde's Essays

Wilde was also a gifted essayist. His essays are often characterized by their wit, satire, and social commentary.

Some of Wilde's most famous essays include:

- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1890)
- *The Soul of Man Under Socialism* (1891)
- *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- *De Profundis* (1897)

Wilde's essays are often about art, literature, and the human condition. He was a brilliant critic, and his essays are full of insights and observations.

The Soul of Man Under Socialism is perhaps Wilde's most famous essay. The essay is a passionate defense of socialism. Wilde argues that socialism is the only way to create a just and equitable society.

Oscar Wilde was one of the most celebrated playwrights, poets, and essayists of the late 19th century. His work is characterized by its wit, satire, and beauty.

Wilde's plays, poems, and essays are still enjoyed by readers today. His work is a valuable contribution to English literature.



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