

Literature and Jobs



Virginia Woolf (1882–1941) is recognised as one of the most innovative writers of the 20th century. Perhaps best known as the author of *Mrs Dalloway* (1925) and *To the Lighthouse* (1927), she was also a prolific writer of essays, diaries, letters and biographies.

She was one of the most important **female authors** in the transitional period from Victorian age to the Edwardian age. Until her death at the age of 59 she published several novels, feminist essays and held two classes in Cambridge about "Women and Fiction".

She was successful in her own time with her writing as well as through her work for education reform. ... But she gained her status as an icon in the 1970s during the third wave of feminism.

Who was Virginia Woolf?

Where was she from?

Why was she so important?

What was her job?

Did you know her?



Gulliver's Travels, or Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World is a 1726 prose satire by the Irish writer and clergyman Jonathan Swift, satirising both human nature and the "travellers' tales" literary subgenre. It is Swift's best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature. Swift claimed that he wrote *Gulliver's Travels* "to vex the world rather than divert it".

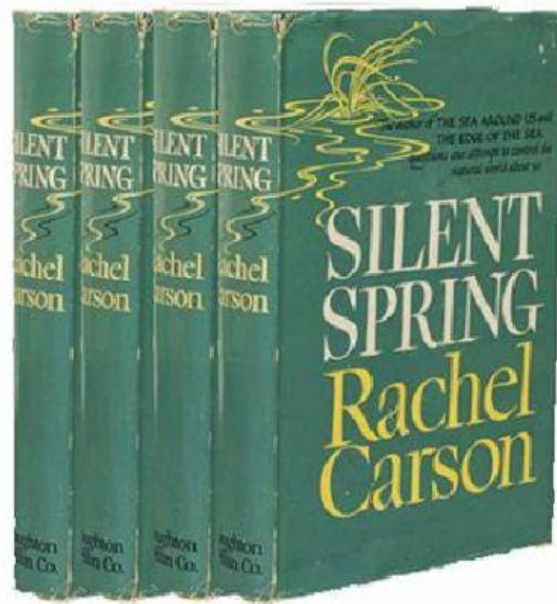
The book was an immediate success. The English dramatist John Gay remarked "It is universally read, from the cabinet council to the nursery."¹ In 2015, Robert McCrum released his selection list of 100 best novels of all time in which *Gulliver's Travels* is listed as "a satirical masterpiece".

What is *Gulliver's Travels*?

Who wrote it? Who is the writer?

What is it about?

Did you know him?



Rachel Louise Carson (May 27, 1907 – April 14, 1964) was an American [marine biologist](#), author, and [conservationist](#) whose influential book *Silent Spring* (1962) was credited with advancing the global [environmental movement](#).

Carson began as an aquatic biologist and became a full-time nature writer in the 1950s. She wrote a bestseller in 1951, *The Sea Around Us* won her a U.S. [National Book Award](#), recognition as a gifted writer and financial security. Her next book, *The Edge of the Sea*, and the reissued version of her first book, *Under the Sea Wind*, were also bestsellers. This sea trilogy explores the whole of ocean life from the shores to the depths. Late in the 1950s, Carson turned her attention to conservation, especially some problems she believed were caused by synthetic [pesticides](#). The result was the book *Silent Spring* (1962), which brought environmental concerns to an unprecedented share of the American people. Carson was posthumously awarded the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) by President [Jimmy Carter](#).

Who was Rachel Carson?

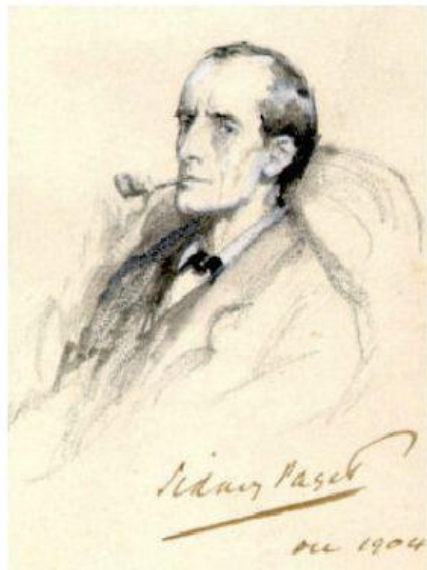
Where was she from?

What was her job?

Did she have any other jobs?

What did she write?

Did you know her?



Sherlock Holmes is a fictional detective created by British author **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**. Referring to himself as a "consulting detective" in the stories, Holmes is known for his proficiency with observation, deduction, **forensic science**, and **logical reasoning** that borders on the fantastic, which he employs when investigating cases for a wide variety of clients, including **Scotland Yard**.

First appearing in print in 1887's *A Study in Scarlet*, the character's popularity became widespread with the first series of short stories in *The Strand Magazine*, beginning with "A Scandal in Bohemia" in 1891;

additional tales appeared from then until 1927, eventually totalling **four novels and 56 short stories**. All but one are set in the **Victorian** or **Edwardian** eras, between about 1880 and 1914. Most are narrated by the character of Holmes's friend and biographer **Dr. John H. Watson**, who usually accompanies Holmes during his investigations and often shares quarters with him at the address of **221B Baker Street**, London, where many of the stories begin.

Who was Sherlock Holmes?

Which was his job?

Who created this character?

Who is the author/writer?