Excitement, adventure, and mystery all make up the world of fiction. And here are some of the greatest names in fiction.



Who was the 'Queen of Crime'? Agatha Christie, of course, the world's best known mystery writer. Agatha Christie was born in Devon, England in 1890, and she created many fictional detectives. The most famous are Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. Hercule Poirot is a Belgian detective, famous for his **neat appearance**, his **obsession** with **order** and his use of **psychology** in his **investigations** of crimes. Miss Marple, on the other hand, is nothing like a typical detective. **At first glance** she is an ordinary old lady who loves knitting and gossip but she can solve the hardest of mysteries and puts many criminals behind bars!





Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1859. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh. It was one of his professors that **inspired** him to create the most **brilliant** detective ever, Sherlock Holmes. Holmes' extraordinary powers of **observation** help him **solve** the most **mysterious** cases with the help of his faithful companion, Dr Watson. Holmes is very logical and extremely intelligent. He wears a **cape** and hat, smokes a pipe and uses a **magnifying glass**.

Jules Verne lived in Nantes – on the west coast of France. He loved the sea, and when he was only 12, he tried to run away on a ship to the West Indies. Unfortunately for him, the sailors caught him and sent him home. Jules had a great **imagination** and wrote **several** adventure stories and created mysterious characters like Captain Nemo. *In Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, Captain Nemo travels under the sea in his submarine, the *Nautilus*. On his journeys he meets strange sea creatures and finds an **underwater** city.



