

Hello my dear Friends!

Today we'll talk about
famous english philosopher
and playwright of the late
Victorian period.

Guessed who is it?

It's Oscar Wilde...

Oscar Wilde



Born on October 16, 1854 in Dublin, author, playwright and poet Oscar Wilde was a popular literary figure in late Victorian England, known for his brilliant wit, flamboyant style and infamous imprisonment for homosexuality. After graduating from Oxford University, he lectured as a poet, art critic and a leading proponent of the principles of aestheticism. In 1891, he published *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, his only novel which was panned as immoral by Victorian critics, but is now considered one of his most notable works. As a dramatist, many of Wilde's plays were well received including his satirical comedies *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892), *A Woman of No Importance* (1893), *An Ideal Husband* (1895) and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895), his most famous play. Unconventional in his writing and life, Wilde's affair with a young man led to his arrest on charges of "gross indecency" in 1895. He was imprisoned for two years and died in poverty three years after his release at the age of 46.

Early life



Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born on October 16, 1854 in Dublin, Ireland. His father, William Wilde, was an acclaimed doctor who was knighted for his work as medical advisor for the Irish censuses. William Wilde later founded St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital, entirely at his own personal expense, to treat the city's poor. Oscar Wilde's mother, Jane Francesca Elgee, was a poet who was closely associated with the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848, a skilled linguist whose acclaimed English translation of Pomeranian novelist Wilhelm Meinhold's *Sidonia the Sorceress* had a deep influence on her son's later writing. Wilde was a bright and bookish child. He attended the Portora Royal School at Enniskillen where he fell in love with Greek and Roman studies. He won the school's prize for the top classics student in each of his last two years, as well as second prize in drawing during his final year. Upon graduating in 1871, Wilde was awarded the Royal School Scholarship to attend Trinity College in Dublin. At the end of his first year at Trinity, in 1872, he placed first in the school's classics examination and received the college's Foundation Scholarship, the highest honor awarded to undergraduates.

On May 29, 1884, Wilde married a wealthy Englishwoman named Constance Lloyd. They had two sons: Cyril, born in 1885, and Vyvyan, born in 1886. A year after his wedding, Wilde was hired to work in the *World's Own*, a once-popular English magazine that had recently gone out of fashion.

In 1891 he published his first and only novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. The novel is a cautionary tale about a beautiful young man, Dorian Gray, who wants (and gets his wish) that his portrait ages, while he remains young and lives a life of sin and pleasure. The first play by Oscar Wilde, *An Ideal Husband*, was opened in February 1892 to widespread popularity and critical acclaim, encouraging Wilde to adopt playwriting as his primary literary form. Over the next few years, Wilde produced several great performances—witty, very satirical comedies of manners, which, however, have dark and serious overtones. His most famous plays are *A Woman of No Importance* (1893), *An Ideal Husband* (1895) and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895), his most famous play.

Wilde began an affair with a younger man named Lord Alfred Douglas. 18 Feb 1895, father of Douglas, Marquis of Queensberry, who had so left the card at home in the name Wilde "Oscar Wilde: posing Somdomite," wrong sodomite. Although Wilde's homosexuality was something of an open secret, he was so outraged by Queensberry's note that he filed for him in court for libel. The decision ruined his life.

When the trial began in March, Queensberry and his lawyers presented evidence of Wilde's homosexuality—homoerotic passages from his literary works, as well as his love letters to Douglas—that quickly resulted in the dismissal of Wilde's libel case and his arrest on charges of "gross indecency." Wilde was convicted on 25 May 1895 and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Prison completely broke it. Most of the former friends turned away from him. But those few who remained, literally helped him stay alive. Alfred Douglas, whom he so ardently loved, and who wrote sultry love letters while still at liberty, never came to him, and he never wrote. In prison, Wilde learns that his mother died, whom he loved more than anything, emigrated his wife and changed his name, and the name of the sons (now they were not Wildy and Holland) Wilde died of meningitis on 30 November 1900, aged 46 years.

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