

# Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson



**Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson** was a Scottish novelist, poet, essayist and travel writer.



His best-known books include *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped*, and *the Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

# Robert Louis Stevenson's Life

- Stevenson was largely raised by his nanny, Alison Cunningham.
- Since his childhood, Stevenson suffered from tuberculosis.
- In 1867 at the age of seventeen, he entered Edinburgh University to study engineering.
- Due to his ill health, he had to abandon his plans to follow in his father's footsteps. Stevenson changed to law and in 1875 he was called to the Scottish bar.
- By then he had already started to write travel sketches, essays, and short stories for magazines. His first articles were published in *The Edinburgh University Magazine* (1871) and *The Portfolio* (1873).



In an attempt to improve his health, Stevenson travelled on the Continent and in the Scottish Highland. These trips provided him with many insights and inspiration for his writing.

Stevenson's own early favorite books, which influenced his imagination and thinking, included :-

- Shakespeare's *Hamlet*,
- Dumas's adventure tale of the elderly D'Artagan,
- *Vicomte de Bragelone*,
- Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*,
- And also Montaigne's *Essais* and the Gospel according to St. Matthew were very important for him.

An account of Stevenson's canoe tour of France and Belgium was published in 1878 as **AN INLAND VOYAGE**. It was followed by **TRAVELS WITH A DONKEY IN THE CÉVENNES**, based on his walking trip in France, during which he learned to control himself as well as his stubborn donkey.



**An Inland Voyage**



**Travels with a Donkey in  
the Cevennes**

While in France Stevenson met **Fanny Vandegrift Osbourne**, a married woman with two children, Fanny was 10 years older than Stevenson, he viewed her as an "exotic goddess". She returned to the United States to get a divorce. In 1879 Stevenson followed her to California, and then married in **1880**.



Stevenson took up a number of positions writing for various newspapers and magazines including *The Cornhill Magazine*. In 1880 the Stevenson travelled back to Europe, living for a time in Bournemouth, England where he met fellow author Henry James.



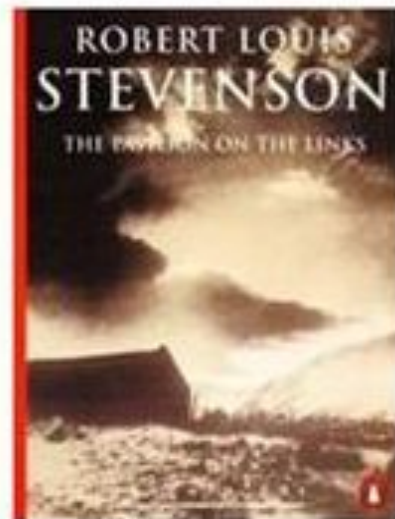
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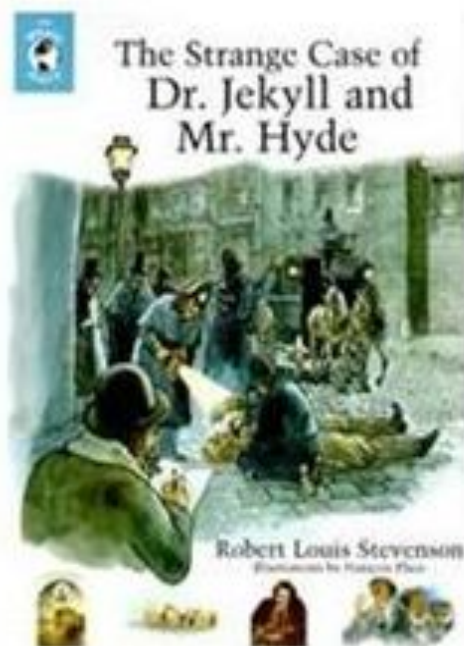
Henry James Jr.



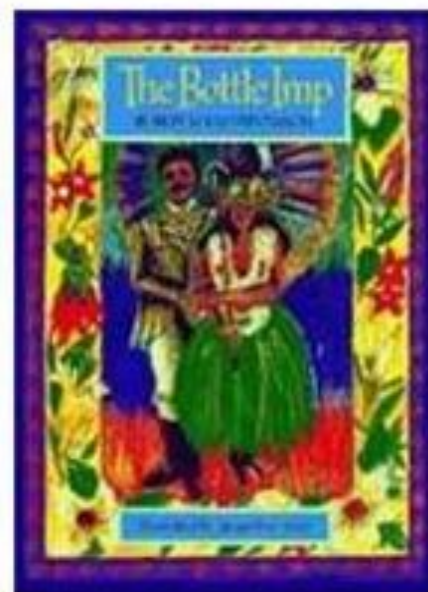
"The Pavilion on the Links"(1880)



"Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde " (1886)



" The Bottle Imp " (1891)



But his most famous books is Treasure Island. And there were filmed a few films. The most famous in our country is mult-version made on "Kievnauchfilm" studio





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