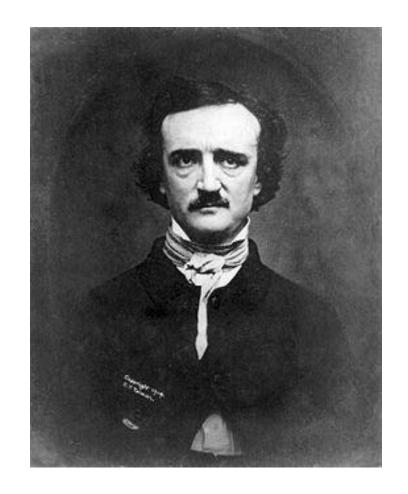
# Edgar Allan Poe

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## Biography

Edgar Allan Poe (January 19, 1809 -October 7, 1849) is an American writer, poet, essayist, literary critic and editor, representative of American Romanticism. The creator of the form of the modern detective and the genre of psychological prose.



### Detective stories

For Edgar Poe, the activity of the intellect was of no less interest than his psychology. Most clearly it is traced in the so-called detective or, as the author himself determined, logical stories. He referred to them "Murder in the street Morgue", "The Secret of Marie Roger" and "The Stolen Letter"



#### Ancestor of detectives

Glory Poe as the ancestor of the detective is not that he wrote the first detective story in the history of literature, but that he developed and applied the principles of the future genre, introduced his basic elements, created a form and structure. From his logical stories in the modern genre passed a stable pair of characters: the hero - the narrator, to which the third element was added a hero with ordinary abilities, devoid of the originality of the mind.

#### Death

The secret of his death has not been solved so far. Why did he find himself in someone else's clothes and that shocked him so much that he never recovered? Some researchers believe that the cause of Edgar Poe's death was the bite of a rabid dog: water failure, convulsions, hallucinations and fever are classic symptoms of rabies.

According to another version, the cause of death could be a brain tumor. In 1875 the body of Edgar Poe was reburied in a place more convenient for visitors. According to eyewitnesses, Poe's head "cracked like a rattle".