

Short Stories by Edgar Allan Poe. This is not a complete list of works by Poe. These are my favorite stories and ones I feel are important and should be read by more people.

Early life This plaque in Boston marks the approximate location [4] where Edgar Poe was born. Poe was then taken into the home of John Allan, a successful Scottish merchant in Richmond, Virginia who dealt in a variety of goods, including tobacco, cloth, wheat, tombstones, and slaves. John Allan alternately spoiled and aggressively disciplined his foster son. There he studied at a boarding school in Chelsea until summer In , Poe served as the lieutenant of the Richmond youth honor guard as Richmond celebrated the visit of the Marquis de Lafayette. It had strict rules against gambling, horses, guns, tobacco, and alcohol, but these rules were generally ignored. Jefferson had enacted a system of student self-government, allowing students to choose their own studies, make their own arrangements for boarding, and report all wrongdoing to the faculty. The unique system was still in chaos, and there was a high dropout rate. Poe claimed that Allan had not given him sufficient money to register for classes, purchase texts, and procure and furnish a dormitory. He traveled to Boston in April , sustaining himself with odd jobs as a clerk and newspaper writer. Poe was unable to support himself, so he enlisted in the United States Army as a private on May 27, , using the name "Edgar A. He claimed that he was 22 years old even though he was Poe was promoted to "artificer", an enlisted tradesman who prepared shells for artillery , and had his monthly pay doubled. He revealed his real name and his circumstances to his commanding officer, Lieutenant Howard. Howard would only allow Poe to be discharged if he reconciled with John Allan and wrote a letter to Allan, who was unsympathetic. Frances Allan died on February 28, , and Poe visited the day after her burial. On February 8, , he was tried for gross neglect of duty and disobedience of orders for refusing to attend formations, classes, or church. Poe tactically pleaded not guilty to induce dismissal, knowing that he would be found guilty. They may have been expecting verses similar to the satirical ones that Poe had been writing about commanding officers. Corps of Cadets this volume is respectfully dedicated". The book once again reprinted the long poems "Tamerlane" and "Al Aaraaf" but also six previously unpublished poems, including early versions of " To Helen ", " Israfel ", and " The City in the Sea ". His elder brother Henry had been in ill health, in part due to problems with alcoholism, and he died on August 1, He chose a difficult time in American publishing to do so. They were married for eleven years until her early death, which may have inspired some of his writing. After his early attempts at poetry, Poe had turned his attention to prose. He placed a few stories with a Philadelphia publication and began work on his only drama Politian. Found in a Bottle ". Kennedy , a Baltimorean of considerable means. He helped Poe place some of his stories, and introduced him to Thomas W. White, editor of the Southern Literary Messenger in Richmond. Poe became assistant editor of the periodical in August , [45] but was discharged within a few weeks for having been caught drunk by his boss. He was reinstated by White after promising good behavior, and went back to Richmond with Virginia and her mother. He remained at the Messenger until January During this period, Poe claimed that its circulation increased from to 3, He published numerous articles, stories, and reviews, enhancing his reputation as a trenchant critic which he had established at the Southern Literary Messenger. Around this time, he attempted to secure a position within the Tyler administration , claiming that he was a member of the Whig Party. Poe described it as breaking a blood vessel in her throat. He returned to New York where he worked briefly at the Evening Mirror before becoming editor of the Broadway Journal and, later, sole owner. A Whig Journal under the pseudonym "Quarles". That home, since relocated to a park near the southeast corner of the Grand Concourse and Kingsbridge Road, is now known as the Poe Cottage. Nearby he befriended the Jesuits at St. The circumstances and cause of his death remain uncertain. Walker who found him. He is said to have repeatedly called out the name "Reynolds" on the night before his death, though it is unclear to whom he was referring. It was soon published throughout the country. The piece began, "Edgar Allan Poe is dead. He died in Baltimore the day before yesterday. This announcement will startle many, but few will be grieved by it. For example, it is now known that Poe was not a drug addict. This occurred in part because it was the only full biography available and was widely reprinted, and in part because

readers thrilled at the thought of reading works by an "evil" man. For comic effect, he used irony and ludicrous extravagance, often in an attempt to liberate the reader from cultural conformity. Works with obvious meanings, he wrote, cease to be art. It has been questioned whether he really followed this system, however. Literary influence During his lifetime, Poe was mostly recognized as a literary critic. Fellow critic James Russell Lowell called him "the most discriminating, philosophical, and fearless critic upon imaginative works who has written in America", suggesting "rhetorically" that he occasionally used prussic acid instead of ink. Poe accused Longfellow of "the heresy of the didactic", writing poetry that was preachy, derivative, and thematically plagiarized. Auguste Dupin laid the groundwork for future detectives in literature. Where was the detective story until Poe breathed the breath of life into it? Wells noted, "Pym tells what a very intelligent mind could imagine about the south polar region a century ago. Traven , and David Morrell. The compositions were re-workings of famous Poe poems such as " The Bells ", but which reflected a new, positive outlook. This is partly because of the negative perception of his personal character and its influence upon his reputation. Capitalizing on public interest in the topic, he wrote " The Gold-Bug " incorporating ciphers as an essential part of the story. His keen analytical abilities, which were so evident in his detective stories, allowed him to see that the general public was largely ignorant of the methods by which a simple substitution cryptogram can be solved, and he used this to his advantage. Edgar Allan Poe in popular culture and Edgar Allan Poe in television and film The historical Edgar Allan Poe has appeared as a fictionalized character, often representing the "mad genius" or "tormented artist" and exploiting his personal struggles. The collection includes many items that Poe used during his time with the Allan family, and also features several rare first printings of Poe works. Its upkeep is now overseen by a group of students and staff known as the Raven Society. Poe is believed to have lived in the home at the age of 23 when he first lived with Maria Clemm and Virginia as well as his grandmother and possibly his brother William Henry Leonard Poe. Of the several homes that Poe, his wife Virginia, and his mother-in-law Maria rented in Philadelphia, only the last house has survived. The winning design by Stefanie Rocknak depicts a life-sized Poe striding against the wind, accompanied by a flying raven; his suitcase lid has fallen open, leaving a "paper trail" of literary works embedded in the sidewalk behind him. A plaque suggests that Poe wrote "The Raven" here. The drinking establishment is now known as "The Horse You Came In On", and local lore insists that a ghost whom they call "Edgar" haunts the rooms above. Taken probably in June in Lowell, Massachusetts. Poe Toaster Main article: On August 15, , Sam Porpora, a former historian at the Westminster Church in Baltimore where Poe is buried, claimed that he had started the tradition in Porpora said that the tradition began in order to raise money and enhance the profile of the church. His story has not been confirmed, [] and some details which he gave to the press are factually inaccurate.

Chapter 2 : Short Stories by Edgar Allan Poe

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His parents were two touring vaudeville actors, David Poe Jr. David left the family under unknown circumstances whilst Poe was an infant. When Poe was two his mother died of tuberculosis , leaving Edgar an orphan. In , the Allan family moved to England. Young Poe went to an English private school. After five years, the family moved back to Richmond, Virginia. After moving back to Virginia, Poe entered the University of Virginia in While there, he gambled, lost money, and went into debt. John Allan became angry, and cut off all contact with Poe. In , Poe published his first work, a collection of poetry titled, Tamerlane and Other Poems. Poe did not have his name published in the book; it was attributed to "a Bostonian. He used the name Edgar A. Perry and lied about his age. He was successful as a soldier and quickly became a sergeant major. While in the army his foster-mother Frances Allan died. Poe attempted to mend his relationship with John Allan. Poe soon left the army and enrolled at West Point in New York state. Poe did not enjoy his time at West Point and got very bored. He was expelled in March At this point, John Allan disowned him. Poe was well-liked by other cadets. He soon moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Clemm also had a daughter named Virginia Clemm. Virginia admired Poe very much. In , when Virginia was thirteen, she married Poe. Poe was writing a lot by this time. He sold his first short story in His writing did not earn very much money. He also worked as an editor for various magazines over the years, becoming very well known for his literary criticism. Poe also was drinking off and on during these years. In , while Poe was living with Clemm and Virginia in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania , Virginia became sick with tuberculosis. On January 29 , , Poe published his most famous poem, " The Raven ", making him very popular. Virginia died a couple years later on January 30 , On September 27 , Poe left Richmond after a short visit. He was taken to Washington College Hospital. While in the hospital he became delirious and started seeing hallucinations. He died on October 7, , in the hospital. Though it is not known what was his cause of death, there are several possible theories, including congestion of the brain, alcohol withdrawal, tuberculosis, and rabies. Poe was buried in the grounds of the Westminster Church and Burying Ground after a small funeral with only a few people. On May 17, , Poe was reburied at the front of the churchyard after a city-wide campaign to raise money to build a large monument.

Chapter 3 : Edgar Allan Poe "The Short Stories" (Free Audio Book) | Audiobook Treasury

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The disease had sharpened my senses--not destroyed--not dulled them. Above all was the sense of hearing acute. I heard all things in the heaven and in the earth. I heard many things in hell. How, then, am I mad? It is impossible to tell how first the idea entered my brain; but once conceived, it haunted me day and night. Object there was none. Passion there was none. I loved the old man. He had never wronged me. He had never given me insult. For his gold I had no desire. I think it was his eye! Yes, it was this! One of his eyes resembled that of a vulture--a pale blue eye, with a film over it. Whenever it fell upon me, my blood ran cold; and so by degrees--very gradually--I made up my mind to take the life of the old man, and thus rid myself of the eye forever. Now this is the point. You fancy me mad. But you should have seen me. You should have seen how wisely I proceeded--with what caution--with what foresight--with what dissimulation I went to work! I was never kinder to the old man than during the whole week before I killed him. And every night, about midnight, I turned the latch of his door and opened it--oh, so gently! And then, when I had made an opening sufficient for my head, I put in a dark lantern, all closed, closed, so that no light shone out, and then I thrust in my head. Oh, you would have laughed to see how cunningly I thrust it in! It took me an hour to place my whole head within the opening so far that I could see him as he lay upon his bed. And then, when my head was well in the room, I undid the lantern cautiously--oh, so cautiously--cautiously for the hinges creaked --I undid it just so much that a single thin ray fell upon the vulture eye. And this I did for seven long nights--every night just at midnight--but I found the eye always closed; and so it was impossible to do the work; for it was not the old man who vexed me, but his Evil Eye. And every morning, when the day broke, I went boldly into the chamber, and spoke courageously to him, calling him by name in a hearty tone, and inquiring how he had passed the night. So you see he would have been a very profound old man, indeed, to suspect that every night, just at twelve, I looked in upon him while he slept. Upon the eighth night I was more than usually cautious in opening the door. Never before that night had I felt the extent of my own powers--of my sagacity. I could scarcely contain my feelings of triumph. To think that there I was, opening the door, little by little, and he not even to dream of my secret deeds or thoughts. I fairly chuckled at the idea; and perhaps he heard me; for he moved on the bed suddenly, as if startled. Now you may think that I drew back--but no. His room was as black as pitch with the thick darkness for the shutters were close fastened, through fear of robbers, and so I knew that he could not see the opening of the door, and I kept pushing it on steadily, steadily. I had my head in, and was about to open the lantern, when my thumb slipped upon the tin fastening, and the old man sprang up in bed, crying out: For a whole hour I did not move a muscle, and in the meantime I did not hear him lie down. He was still sitting up in the bed listening;--just as I have done, night after night, hearkening to the death watches in the wall. Presently I heard a slight groan, and I knew it was the groan of mortal terror. It was not a groan of pain or grief--oh no! I knew the sound well. Many a night, just at midnight, when all the world slept, it has welled up from my own bosom, deepening, with its dreadful echo, the terrors that distracted me. I say I knew it well. I knew what the old man felt, and pitied him, although I chuckled at heart. I knew that he had been lying awake ever since the first slight noise, when he had turned in the bed. His fears had been ever since growing upon him. He had been trying to fancy them causeless, but could not. He had been saying to himself: All in vain; because Death, in approaching him, had enveloped him in a mournful influence of the unperceived shadow that caused him to feel--although he neither saw nor heard--to feel the presence of my head within the room. When I had waited a long time, very patiently, without hearing him lie down, I resolved to open a little--a very, very little crevice in the lantern. So I opened it--you cannot imagine how stealthily, stealthily--until, at length, a single dim ray, like the thread of the spider, shot from out the crevice and full upon the vulture eye. It was open--wide, wide open--and I grew furious as I gazed upon it. And now--have I not told you that what you mistake for madness is but over-acuteness of the senses? I knew that sound well too. It increased my fury, as the beating of a drum stimulates the soldier into courage. But even yet I refrained and kept still. I held the

lantern motionless. I tried how steadily I could maintain the ray upon the eye. Meantime the hellish tattoo of the heart increased. It grew quicker and quicker and louder and louder every instant. It grew louder, I say, louder every moment! I have told you that I am nervous: And now at the dead hour of night, amid the dreadful silence of that old house, so strange a noise as this excited me to uncontrollable terror. Yet, for some minutes longer I refrained and stood still. But the beating grew louder, louder! I thought the heart must burst. And now a new anxiety seized me--the sound would be heard by a neighbor! With a loud yell, I threw open the lantern and leaped into the room. He shrieked once--once only. In an instant I dragged him to the floor, and pulled the heavy bed over him. I then smiled gaily, to find the deed so far done. But, for many minutes, the heart beat on with a muffled sound. This, however, did not vex me; it would not be heard through the wall. At length it ceased. The old man was dead. I removed the bed and examined the corpse. Yes, he was stone, stone dead. I placed my hand upon the heart and held it there many minutes. There was no pulsation. He was stone dead. His eye would trouble me no more. If still you think me mad, you will think so no longer when I describe the wise precautions I took for the concealment of the body. The night waned, and I worked hastily, but in silence. First of all I dismembered the corpse. I cut off the head and the arms and the legs. I then took up three planks from the flooring of the chamber, and deposited all between the scantlings. I then replaced the boards so cleverly, so cunningly, that no human eye--not even his--could have detected anything wrong. There was nothing to wash out--no stain of any kind--no blood-spot whatever. I had been too wary for that. A tub had caught all--ha! As the bell sounded the hour, there came a knocking at the street door. I went down to open it with a light heart--for what had I now to fear? There entered three men, who introduced themselves, with perfect suavity, as officers of the police. A shriek had been heard by a neighbor during the night: I smiled--for what had I to fear? I bade the gentlemen welcome. The shriek, I said, was my own in a dream.

Chapter 4 : Edgar Allan Poe's Gothic Horror "World of Writing"

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Chapter 8 : Edgar Allan Poe bibliography - Wikipedia

I immensely enjoyed the short story, and that was when I opened the dark wooden cellar door that was located in the

cob-webbed, cavernous, moldy dungeon that is the world of Edgar Allan Poe. This book holds 17 of some of t My introduction to Edgar Allan Poe was, like I'm sure for many, The Raven.

Chapter 9 : Edgar Allan Poe Facts for Kids

10 great Edgar Allan Poe short stories everyone should read. Compiling a list of the best Edgar Allan Poe short stories is always going to prove controversial, because he wrote many more classics than a 'top 10' list could ever dream of comprehensively capturing.