

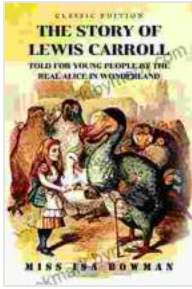
The Story of Lewis Carroll: Unraveling the Enigma Behind "Alice in Wonderland"



The Story of Lewis Carroll : Told for Young People by the Real Alice in Wonderland: with original illustrations

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The Early Life of Charles Dodgson

Before becoming the renowned Lewis Carroll, the author was known as Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. Born on January 27, 1832, in Daresbury, Cheshire, England, he was the third of eleven children in a devout Anglican family. From a young age, Dodgson displayed an exceptional intellect and a fascination with the world around him.

At the age of 12, he entered Rugby School, where he excelled in mathematics and classical studies. However, his time at Rugby was also marked by loneliness and bullying, which would later influence his literary characters.

Oxford University and the Birth of Lewis Carroll

In 1850, Dodgson matriculated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he studied mathematics. It was during his time at Oxford that he adopted the pen name Lewis Carroll, combining the Latinized version of his first names, "Carolus Ludovicus."

As a tutor at Christ Church, Carroll became known for his lectures on mathematics. He also developed a keen interest in photography and became an accomplished photographer, capturing portraits of eminent personalities and experimenting with double exposures.

The Creation of "Alice in Wonderland"

Carroll's most famous work, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," was born out of a whimsical boat trip on the River Thames with the Liddell sisters, Lorina, Alice, Edith, and Rhoda. As he entertained the girls with stories, he recorded their adventures in a manuscript titled "Alice's Adventures Under Ground."

Published in 1865, "Alice in Wonderland" became an instant success, capturing the imaginations of readers worldwide. The book's surreal world, quirky characters, and nonsensical logic resonated with both children and adults, cementing Carroll's legacy as a master of fantasy literature.

The Eccentricities of Lewis Carroll

Beyond his literary brilliance, Lewis Carroll was known for his eccentricities. He suffered from chronic stammering, which hindered his social interactions. He was also a meticulous note-taker, documenting his dreams, thoughts, and daily experiences in vast diaries.

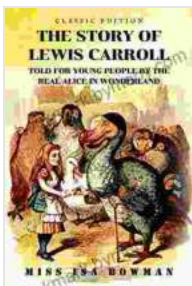
Carroll's fascination with young girls was another notable aspect of his personality. He enjoyed their company and often photographed them in his studio. While his relationships with the Liddell sisters have been the subject of speculation, there is no evidence to suggest any impropriety on his part.

Later Life and Legacy

In later years, Carroll continued to write, publish mathematical treatises, and indulge in his photographic pursuits. He became a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and served as its president from 1886 to 1887.

Lewis Carroll died on January 14, 1898, at the age of 65. Despite his relatively short life, he left an indelible mark on the world of literature, mathematics, and photography. "Alice in Wonderland" remains one of the most beloved and enduring classics of all time, inspiring countless adaptations and interpretations.

The story of Lewis Carroll is a testament to the power of imagination, the complexities of human nature, and the enduring legacy of a literary genius. From his early days as Charles Dodgson to his rise as the creator of "Alice in Wonderland," Carroll's life was a blend of brilliance, eccentricity, and an unwavering passion for exploration. His works continue to captivate readers and inspire generations, ensuring that his enigmatic spirit will live on forever in the realm of literature and beyond.



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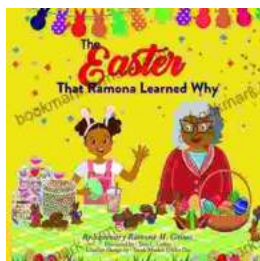
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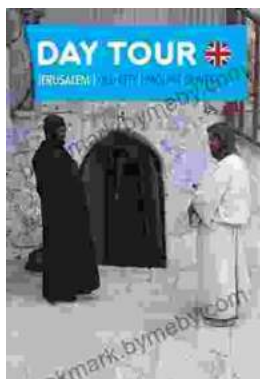
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