

# DRACULA

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## Introduction

Abraham (“Bram”) Stoker was born in Dublin, Ireland, in November, 1847. After a long childhood illness, he went to school, then to the University of Dublin where he studied mathematics. Bram then became a civil servant like his father, but he had already become very interested in the theatre. He wrote theatre reviews for a magazine and later, some short stories.

In 1878, his friend, the actor Henry Irving, appointed Bram as the manager of a theatre in London. In the same year, Bram got married.

In 1897, *Dracula* was published. It was so popular that a cheap paperback edition was published three years later.

The story of *Dracula* is unusual because it is told only through the diaries and letters of the main characters – except Count Dracula! They tell a shocking story – how Count Dracula, a vampire, comes to England searching for more victims who will become vampires, too, when he has bitten them.

The *Dracula* legend has been made into many films, including the recent “Bram Stoker’s *Dracula*.”

Bram Stoker continued writing until his death in 1912.

