

*Bram Stoker*

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Bram Stoker, author of the story  
DRACULA

Bram Stoker, born in Dublin in the year 1847, had a very troubled childhood, riddled with illness and suffering from a late development to speech. Bram Stoker went on to become a highly popular member of "Trinity College", where he was also a very successful sportsman. His first working duty was as a civil servant, moving on to become a journalist. However, after seeing the actor, Henry Irving act on one of his tours of Ireland, Bram Stoker became the manager of the Lyceum, London, shortly after his marriage to Florence in 1876. Stoker remained there throughout his career and it was his careful management, providing a contrast to Henry Irving's theatrical excesses, that was probably a major reason for the Lyceum's success.

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Bram Stoker wrote a number of short stories and novels, but surely is remembered for only one, that of his tale of vampires " Dracula ", published in 1897.

Another educated at "Trinity College", was Oscar Wilde, who met Bram Stoker on numerous occasions, before Stoker left for his post in London. Indeed, Florence Stoker was Oscar Wilde's first lady friend and he and Bram Stoker continued to cross paths, if not crossing swords, throughout the latter years of the nineteenth century.

The Poet, Oscar Wilde

**Oscar Wilde**

the Actor, Sir Henry Irving

Bram Stoker's association and working career with Henry Irving, whom later became Sir Henry Irving, was a very hard one. It is a wonder he found the time and energy to write all these short stories let alone write the novels, including the blockbuster "Dracula" and therefore not too surprising the man is said to have died from exhaustion in 1912.