

**TITLE:** The Picture of Dorian Gray

**AUTHOR:** Oscar Wilde

**CATEGORY/GENRE:** Classic, Gothic fiction, Horror Fiction, Philosophical Fiction

**SERIES:** No

**AWARDS:** No

**SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS:** *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, *Dracula* by Bram Stoker *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

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**ABOUT THIS BOOK:**

The Picture of Dorian Gray tells the story of a young man that believes beauty is the most important thing in the world. The story takes place in London, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. As he has his portrait painted Dorian Gray is introduced to Henry Wotton and becomes enamored of his world views. Henry leads a wild, hedonistic life seeing people only as entertainment. He convinces Dorian that beauty is the most important virtue a person can have and that losing it through old age is a horrible tragedy. Dorian makes a desperate wish that comes true and changes his behavior and his life forever!

Unlike most books where the main character is the hero of the story that we are all rooting for, in this book readers may feel sorry for Dorian or even hate him. The book shows how an impressionable young person could adopt a concept or world view and - if they never stop to question it - slowly lose themselves.

**YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...**

As I was reading this book I felt like I was watching an old Twilight Zone episode. The episodes in that series often had an unexpected twist at the end and featured main characters that weren't likeable, but by seeing how their decisions affected themselves and the world around them, the conclusions were often entertaining and informative. This book might also appeal to people that enjoy reading stories set in the 19<sup>th</sup> century or stories of British aristocrats.