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## The Purloined Letter About the Author

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) was an ~~am~~ American writer, poet, editor and literary critic, best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre. He is considered the central figure of American Romanticism and is one of the country's earliest practitioners of short stories. Poe is often credited with inventing the detective fiction genre and contributing to the contemporary genre of science fiction. His work has had a profound influence on literature in the United States and around the world. He was born on Jan 19, 1809 in Boston Massachusetts.

Poe attended the University of Virginia but left due to the lack of funds. He joined in the U.S army but eventually left to pursue a literary career. He began his career as a writer for various literary journals and magazines which left him to become famous for his biting literary criticism.

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He published his first book *Sahelane* and other poems, in 1827. His notable works include 'The Ravens', 'The Tell tale Heart', 'The fall of the house upon Rue Margue'.

Poe's works have had lasting impact on both American and global literature. He is often regarded as the master of Goethe's genre and a pioneer of the short story. He was also a respected literary critic known for his harsh reviews. Poe's work continue to be studied, adapted and celebrated for their exploration of human psyche, narrative structure, horror and mystery.

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