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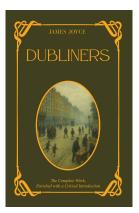
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James Joyce (1882–1941) was an Irish novelist, short story writer, and poet, widely regarded as one of the most influential writers of the twentieth century. Born in Dublin to a middle-class Catholic family, he was educated at Jesuit schools and University College Dublin. Joyce left Ireland in his early twenties but never ceased to write about it.

His major works include Dubliners (1914), a collection of short stories capturing everyday life in Dublin; A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (1916), a semi-autobiographical novel chronicling the development of a young writer; Ulysses (1922), a groundbreaking modernist epic set over the course of one day in Dublin; and Finnegans Wake (1939), an experimental, linguistically complex novel that defies conventional narrative.

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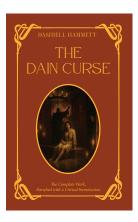
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