

“Deep into that darkness peering...”  
The Dark Side of Literature



“Deep into that darkness peering,  
long I stood there, wondering,  
fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams  
no mortal ever dared to dream before.”

Edgar Allan Poe, *The Raven*

“The scariest monsters are the ones that lurk within our souls...” EDGAR ALLAN POE



**Edgar Allan Poe** (1809-1849) was a poet, literary critic, editor, and writer of short stories. He is considered the father of the detective story. Famous from an early age, Poe cemented his reputation as a master of the macabre with the publication of his most memorable poem, “The Raven.”

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