



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll (1832 - 1898)

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, also known as *Alice in Wonderland*, written in 1865 by Lewis Carroll, tells the story of a young girl named Alice who falls down a rabbit hole one day and lands in a fantasy world populated by talking white rabbits, Cheshire cats, caterpillars, and mice, as well as a pack of cards behaving as a mad queen and her entourage. Alice undergoes all manner of strange encounters and experiences, culminating in a trial for the alleged theft of the Queen's tarts, before being awakened by her sister and returned to the real world. The novel is an outgrowth of stories told by the author on an afternoon outing in 1862 on the river Isis with Oxford Vice-Chancellor Henry Liddell and his three daughters. Alice Liddell was

so charmed by the stories that she urged Carroll to write them down, which he did, expanding the story and adding characters in the process. The novel is memorable for playing hard and fast with logic, which has charmed adults as well as children. Alice is perhaps the best-known example of literary nonsense fiction and helped give rise to the fantasy genre. Its characters, imagery, and narrative have become embedded in popular culture.

Lewis Carroll (January 27, 1832 - January 14, 1898) is the pen name adopted by Charles Lutwidge Dotson, who was an English writer, mathematician, logician and Anglican deacon born into a conservative northern English family with strong involvements in the British Army and the Church of England. He was educated at the Richmond Grammar School, Rugby School, and Oxford, where his gifts were evident but his academic performance uneven, suffering from a tendency towards distraction. He won the Christchurch Mathematical Lectureship in 1855, which he held for 26 years. He was noted for his gifts for word play, logic and fantasy. The name Lewis Carroll itself is a play on words, with Lewis being derived from Lutwidge and Carroll derived from Charles. These gifts are evident in Alice as well as in its sequel *Through The Looking-Glass* and in the poems 'Jabberwocky' and 'The Hunting of the Snark'.