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"Delightfully antique." (*USA Today*)

About the Author

James Joyce [1882-1941] is best known for his experimental use of language and his exploration of new literary methods. His subtle yet frank portrayal of human nature, coupled with his mastery of language, made him one of the most influential novelists of the 20th century. Joyce's use of "stream-of-consciousness" reveals the flow of impressions, half thoughts, associations, hesitations, impulses, as well as the rational thoughts of his characters. The main strength of his masterpiece novel, *Ulysses* (1922) lies in the depth of character portrayed using this technique. Joyce's other major works include *Dubliners*, a collection of short stories that portray his native city, a semi-autobiographical novel called *A Portrait of the Artist As a Young Man* (1916), and *Finnegan's Wake* (1939).

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