

# The Story of "The Raven"

"The Raven" was originally published in 1845, but not right away.

Poe first brought "The Raven" to his friend and former employer George Rex Graham of Graham's Magazine in Philadelphia. Graham declined the poem, which may not have been in its final version, though he gave Poe \$15 as charity.

Poe then sold the poem to The American Review, which paid him \$9 for it and they printed "The Raven" in its February 1845 issue under the pseudonym "Quarles", a reference to an English poet.

The poem's first publication with Poe's name was in the Evening Mirror on January 29, 1845, as an "advance copy".

"The Raven" is the poem that Poe is most known for. It has influenced many modern works and is referenced throughout popular culture in films, television, music, and video games.



# Rewriting "The Raven"

Could you be the next Edgar Allan Poe?  
Let's find out if you have what it takes to be as dark and mysterious!

For this assignment, you will be writing your own ending to "The Raven." By taking off the last few stanzas, rewrite the poem to have an alternate ending and/or a different story line. Try to use the same rhyme scheme and practice using different poetry techniques including, but not limited to, alliteration, assonance, onomatopoeia, repetition, internal rhyme, and personification.

Try to get creative! Think about some of the things we discussed in class and expand on them or go a completely different route. You could even try to make it creepier, if that's possible!

