

Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde

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Dr Lanyon's Diary

Utterson and Enfield were working late in their office. There were two long wooden desks in the room, and there were bookcases covering most of the walls. The light on Utterson's desk was on, and he was reading from some papers which he held in his hand. Enfield sat quietly at his desk, listening.

“Dr Lanyon often wrote in his diary about Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Before he died, I think he was trying to solve some kind of mystery about those two.”

“Did you see how Jekyll's behaviour changed yesterday evening when we began to talk about Dr Lanyon's death?”

“Yes, I thought he was very cold.”

“Cold! He threatened to throw us out if we didn't stop talking about it. I thought he was mad.”

“Yes. Poor Lanyon. I have a terrible feeling, Enfield, that more trouble is going to come, and I'm worried that Dr Jekyll could be the next victim. Listen to this.”

Utterson read from the papers in his hand. It was part of Dr Lanyon's diary.

“I asked Jekyll several times about Mr Hyde, and he kept changing the subject. He knows I suspect something. In his laboratory, I saw him using chemicals which we only use on animals. They work on the animal's brain and make it think it is not itself. They have terrible physical effects, and we stopped using them. When I asked him about this, he looked frightened.”

I do not know exactly what Dr Jekyll is doing, but I do know a way to find out. Ah! Someone is at the door."

Utterson stopped reading and put the papers on his desk.

"That was the last sentence Dr Lanyon wrote. Who do you think was at the door? He was the last person to see Dr Lanyon alive."

"I think..."

There was a knock at the door. Both men looked at each other.

"Who could that be?"

Utterson got up and opened the door. It was Dr Jekyll's butler, Poole.

"Poole, what are you doing here at this time?"

"I'm sorry to disturb you, sir, but I saw your light on and I think you're the only one who can help."

"Why, what is it?"

"It's about Dr Jekyll, sir. I'm afraid he's locked himself in his laboratory and he won't come out."

"Do you think he's in some danger?"

"Yes, sir, I'm afraid he is. I heard someone else's footsteps in there, and I have the feeling that the doctor is not coming out because someone else will not allow it."

Utterson and Enfield looked at one another.

"I think now we can find out the truth. Get the police, Enfield, and tell them to meet us at Dr Jekyll's."





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26 March 1886

*I cannot control him any longer.
He comes when he wants and
there is nothing I can do about it.
Soon, everyone will know.
What can I do? He's coming.
I know he is. I can feel it. This
time he will stay for ever...*

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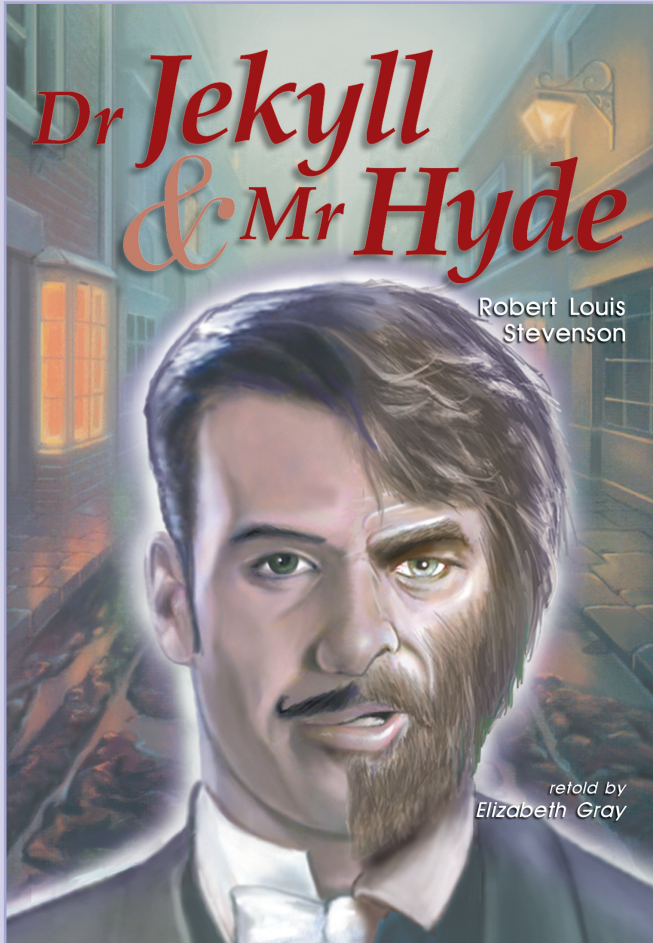


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Activity Book



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The Truth

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and tick (✓) True or False.

- 1 Dr Jekyll left everything he owned to Utterson.
- 2 Both Jekyll's character and looks changed when he took the blue medicine.
- 3 Dr Jekyll was able to control the effects of the medicine.
- 4 The next time Dr Jekyll changes into the other man will be the last.
- 5 There was someone else in the room with Utterson.

True	False

II. Comprehension questions



- 1 Did they find Dr Jekyll that night?
- 2 Who did Dr Jekyll leave everything to in his will?
- 3 What did Dr Jekyll want to be?
- 4 Why did he rent a flat in Soho?
- 5 How could Hyde change back into Jekyll?
- 6 Which pictures of Jekyll and Hyde came into Utterson's mind?

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 Do you think that Dr Jekyll should have told his secret to someone?
- 2 How far was Dr Jekyll responsible for what Mr Hyde did? Do you think that Jekyll could have stopped Hyde from doing horrible things?
- 3 Do you think that it is dangerous to experiment with medicines? Can you think of any dangers?
- 4 Have you ever wanted to be someone else? If so, who and why?

IV. Activities

A i) *Draw lines to match the adjectives to Dr Jekyll or Mr Hyde.*

evil	polite	rich	selfish
thin	small	strong	dirty
	well-dressed		frightened
			
rude	intelligent	dangerous	horrible
tall	angry	successful	good-looking
	strange-looking		

ii) *Now justify your choice of adjectives and talk about Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.*

B Write a description of either *Dr Jekyll* or *Mr Hyde* using the paragraph plan below and the words in Ex. A(i).

Plan – Description of a Character

Introduction

Paragraph 1: General information (who – where – title of books – his/her part in the story etc)



Main Body

Paragraphs 2 – 3: Appearance (physical appearance – clothes), personality (with examples which justify your opinion)



Conclusion

Paragraph 4: Your feelings/comments





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