

Review of THE STRANGE STORY OF DR. JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

“Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” is a novel written by R. L. Stevenson, set in London in the nineteenth century. It’s about a lawyer who investigates strange events between his friend Jekyll and the mysterious Hyde.

Utterson is the protagonist; he’s a serious person who is afraid of showing his feelings.

Henry Jekyll is a well known scientist but, behind this normal character, he hides a fun-loving and active personality.

Edward Hyde is the antagonist of the story. He’s cruel and commits evil deeds.

The story begins when Utterson and his cousin Enfield assist at the ignoble behavior of a man who clashes with a girl and leaves her screaming on the ground. Utterson is curious to know who is it and starts to investigate, so he discovers that Jekyll and the mysterious person write in the same way.

As time goes by Dr. Jekyll becomes weirder and Utterson decides to go and visit him. He enters in the laboratory where Jekyll has hidden himself, so he discovers the body of Hyde and a letter that explains the entire mystery with an unexpected ending.

All in all I found it well worth reading because, although I don’t like mystery novels, I found this one very interesting, especially for the ending! So I would recommend this book to everyone, even to those who don’t like this genre.

DIFFERENT FINAL OF “DR. JEKYLL AND MR HYDE”

Mr Utterson and Poole, the servant, wanted to enter Jekyll’s laboratory. They knocked at the door but nobody replied. Then Utterson shouted: “Henry! Are you there?”

“Leave me alone!” said someone from inside the study, but this voice wasn’t Jekyll’s. Poole and Mr Utterson broke the door down and entered into the laboratory.

They were surprised to see Mr Hyde crying, sitting at the desk. As soon as he looked up, Utterson noticed that his look wasn’t so evil as he remembered.

Poole got close to the desk and asked him what was he doing there, so Mr Hyde started explaining everything.

Dr Jekyll was an important and serious scientist, but behind this quiet character he was also a fun-loving and wild person. One day he thought it would have been fantastic if he could have separated these two personalities, so he created a mixture of chemicals to make his drug. Everytime he drank this potion, he became a shorter and younger man with cruel thoughts: Mr Hyde. But as time went by, Henry Jekyll became less able to control Hyde, who had become stronger, both in body and character.

Jekyll detested Hyde’s power, because he was afraid he would have taken control of his life, so he started studying his science’s books and found a solution. He could always be like Jekyll only in Edward Hyde’s body.

When he finished telling all the truth, Utterson and Poole were shocked. They couldn’t believe that this man was the same they had known for a long time. Anyway, they were pleased because the evil personality of Mr Hyde had disappeared and both of them were sure they would get used to the new Jekyll.

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