

BOOK TITLE: *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* **AUTHOR:** Robert Louis Stevenson **POINT OF VIEW:** 3rd person

SETTING:

Historical Period
Victorian

Place:
London

Mood:
Dark and mysterious

CHARACTERS:

Protagonist: Dr. Jekyll

Antagonist: Mr. Hyde

Others: Mr. Utterson,
Dr. Jekyll's friend and lawyer
Mr. Enfield
Dr. Lanyon
Various servants of Jekyll

Plot Stage 3

Climax: For a few months, Jekyll acts like his old self, friendly and sociable, as if a weight has been lifted from his shoulders. But then he suddenly begins to refuse visitors. Jekyll's servants are frightened by things they've heard and seen in Jekyll's laboratory, so they summon Utterson. He knocks down the door to the laboratory and finds Hyde dead from poison, dressed in Jekyll's clothing, with a letter by his side.

Plot Stage 2

Conflict, Rising Action: The **Conflict** is introduced: **Will Dr. Jekyll be able to escape the evil Mr. Hyde?** In the **Rising Action**, Utterson finds out that Dr. Jekyll has changed his will; Hyde will inherit everything. Furthermore, he notices that Jekyll is becoming more reclusive and Hyde's appearance is becoming more and more hideous. Late one night, Dr. Jekyll's maid witnesses the brutal beating murder of a Sir Danvers Carew by Hyde. Utterson goes to Jekyll, who assures him that Hyde is gone for good. He gives Utterson a farewell letter from Hyde, which Utterson later suspects Jekyll has forged.

Plot Stage 4

Denouement: The letter explains how Jekyll, seeking to separate his good side from his darker impulses, discovered a chemical formula to transform himself periodically into a deformed monster, Mr. Hyde, who was free of conscience and could commit all the sin that Dr. Jekyll knew was wrong. At first he delighted in becoming Hyde. But soon Hyde began to dominate Jekyll, who gradually lost control over the monster. Jekyll at last realized he would soon become Hyde permanently.

Plot Stage 1

Exposition: On a walk with his friend and kinsman Enfield, Mr. Utterson, a lawyer, notices a dark, mysterious door in a respectable neighborhood. Enfield tells him about a night when he observed a man go into that door and emerge to pay off a family of a young girl he had trampled with his carriage, using a check in the name of a respected man in London, Dr. Henry Jekyll. Enfield says that the man who knocked the girl over was named Hyde. Utterson is worried that his friend and client Dr. Jekyll is being blackmailed by Hyde.



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THEMES

The Destructive Force of Sinful Human Nature

The Inadequacy of Social Class as a Guarantee of Character

CONFLICT

Man vs. Self, Man vs. Man

Will Dr. Jekyll be able to escape the evil Mr. Hyde?

Plot Stage 5

Conclusion: Hyde had finally claimed Jekyll completely. Unwilling to face the punishment for his crimes, he has killed himself.