

# MOBY DICK

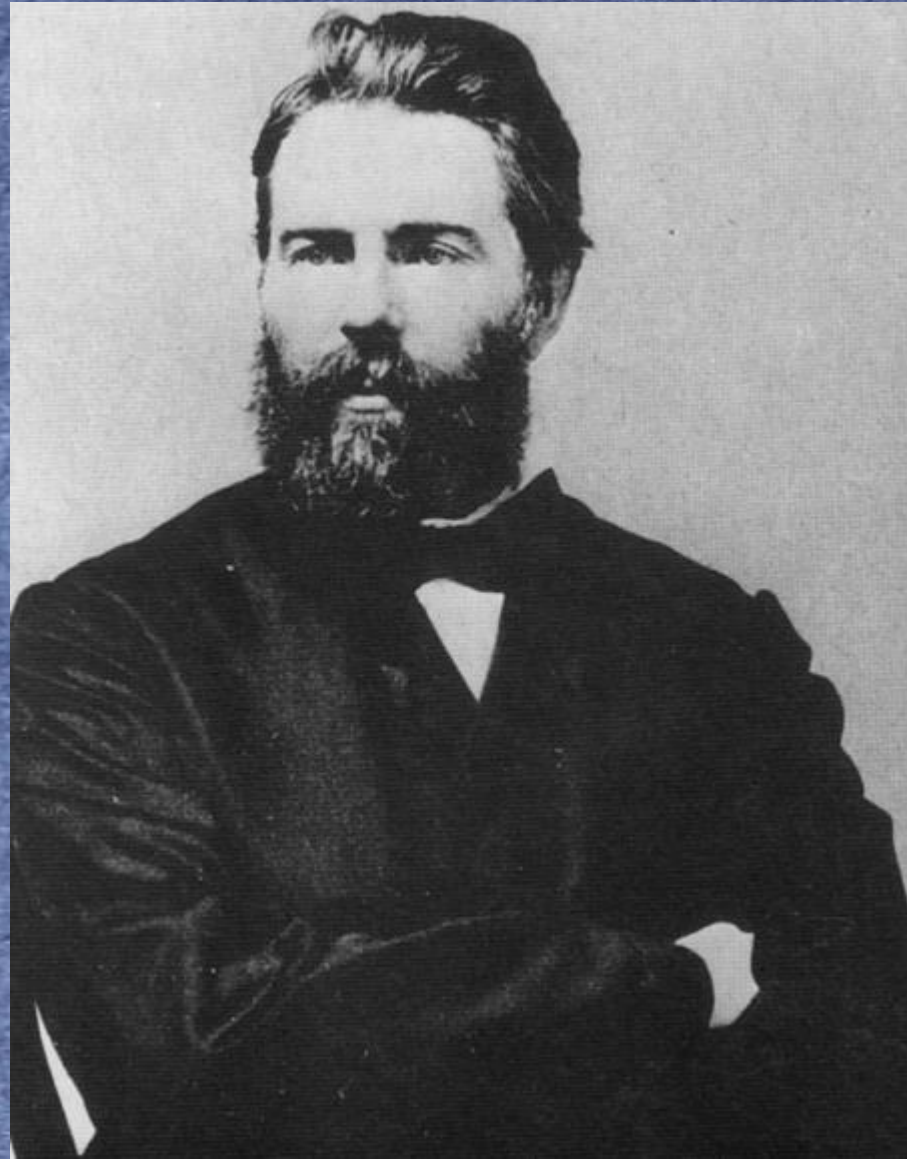
By Herman Melville

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# The Author

Herman Melville was born in 1819, in New York City. He later moved to Albany, New York due to his family's financial problems. After Melville's father died, he went to work to take care of his family. He had worked in various places before he decided to work as a sailor. His adventures at the sea gave him many ideas for his novels. In 1847 he married Elizabeth Shaw, the daughter of the Chief Justice of the state of Massachusetts.

He wrote his first novel in 1846 and “Moby Dick” in 1851. However “Moby Dick” was not a success when it was first published. It became popular around the 1920s, and now it is a literary masterpiece. Sadly Melville was not alive to experience it, he died of a heart attack on September 28, 1891.



# “Moby Dick”

“Moby Dick” is a novel that follows Ishmael, a young sailor, who narrates the tale of Captain Ahab's obsession to find and kill the white whale that deprived him of his leg. Ishmael's perspective provides insight into the whaling industry, the diverse crew aboard the ship Pequod, and the philosophical thinking that enriches the narrative. Despite being an observer, Ishmael becomes a central character, representing a witness to the unfolding drama and offering reflections on the human condition.



# Personal Opinion

I personally liked this book because of the author's unique storytelling, and the interesting information that he gives us about the whaling industry.

I would recommend “Moby Dick” to someone that enjoys adventure, psychological thriller and fiction novels.

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