

William Hope Hodgson

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Born : November 15, 1877
(United Kingdom)

Died : April 19, 1918
(Ypren, Flanders, Belgium)

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William Hope Hodgson's Background



Samuel Hodgson who was a male priest and his wife, Lissie Sarah Brown raised who was there second son, William Hope Hodgson. Twelve children would eventually make up the family, but three of William Hope Hodgson's brothers would pass away before turning two.

Born in Essex, England, He was in love with the Sea, which played a huge part in most of his stories. He always tried to run away from home to go to the sea.

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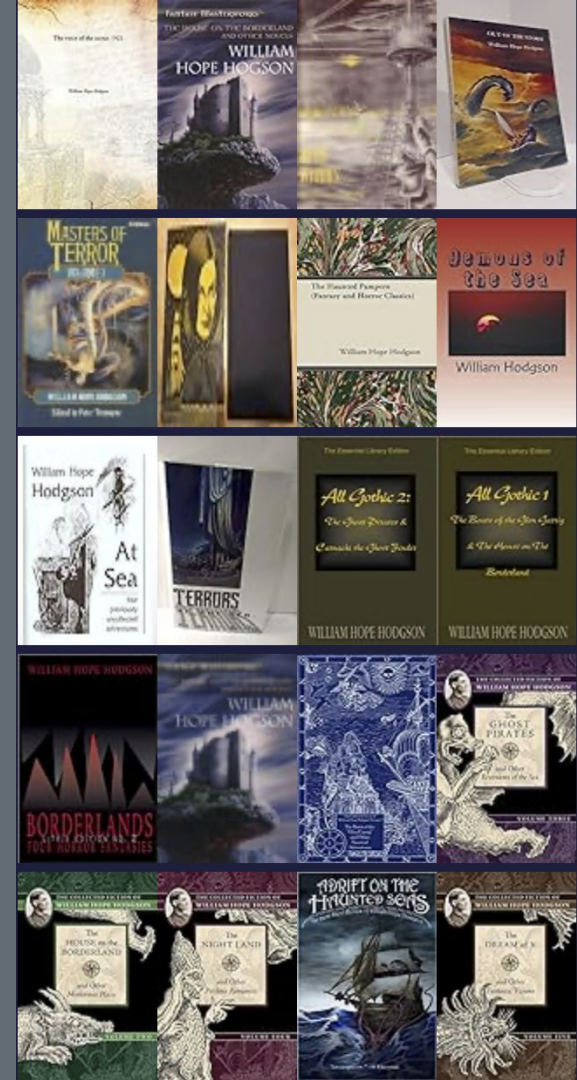
Eventually, in 1891, William Hope Hodgson went to work for four years as a seaman in the Merchant Marine to the firm of Shaw and Savill thanks to the involvement of his uncle, Reverend Thomas Lumsdon Brown.

Although his love for the sea was immense, it didn't last long after he realized how filthy and dirty it gets working as a seamen. He would also get bullied by other seamen, which would soon influence himself to get stronger and would also become a bodybuilder. Later on would quit that and start becoming a writer.

Major Works

His First published story was The Goddess of Death.

His body of work is large and includes series, collections, short stories, and novels in which are all either science fiction, horror, or weird fiction. Most of Hodgson's early stories dealt with life at sea, and weird adventures of seafaring men. However, he eventually established himself as a prolific author of unique odd fiction, creating stories such as, Carnacki the Ghost Finder, and the House on the Borderland.



Influence On Science Fiction



When Becoming a writer he would create vivid stories based on his experiences around the world when he was being a seamen.

His influence in the science fiction culture has really left a mark and his stories are filled with a feeling of unsettling terror and fear, which has impacted other authors of science fiction and horror, such as H.P. Lovecraft.

Sadly, his time as a influential person came to a short stop after he was enlisted in the arm force and was killed during action in the Battle of Ypres.

Awards and Accomplishments



2006 Cordwainer Smith Rediscovery Award

1 nomination

**International Horror Guild Awards —
The House on the Borderland (2001)**

Class Discussion Questions

Is William Hope Hodgson Considered a true writer or warrior? How do you think his background and personal experiences influenced the themes and imagery found in his works?

How come you think his writings have survived even if they haven't received the same reputation as those of his predecessors, such as H.P. Lovecraft?

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