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Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Stock#: 85831
Map Maker: Stevenson
Date: 1886
Place: London
Color:
Condition: VG+
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

First English edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's gothic novella exploring the dual nature of humanity. Dr. Henry Jekyll, a respected London scientist, develops a chemical formula that allows him to transform into Edward Hyde, a manifestation of his darker impulses and desires. Jekyll initially controls the transformations with his potion, using Hyde to escape societal constraints and indulge his vices without tarnishing his reputation. However, the transformations become involuntary, and Hyde's cruel and violent tendencies escalate, leading to disastrous consequences. Jekyll's struggle to contain his evil counterpart ultimately fails, resulting in tragic outcomes. The novella delves into themes of morality, identity, and the hidden evil within mankind, portraying the conflict between one's public persona and private self.

Provenance

Bookplate of Paul Butler on inside of front wrapper.

Detailed Condition:

Octavo. Publisher's tan wrappers lettered in blue and red (front hinge tender). 1885 changed to "1886" by hand, as called for. Housed in modern full black morocco clamshell box. Pagination: [viii], 141, [3] pages. [Half-title with list of works on verso, ads for Longman's Magazine on inner front wrapper, inner back wrapper advertising novels by Whyte-Melville, outer back wrapper advertising The Dynamiter and two works by Bret Harte.]