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UNVEILING THE SHADOWS: THE MYSTERY OF DUAL IDENTITY IN STEVENSON'S *DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE*

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Abstract

The paper offers a thorough examination of the writer's work "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," highlighting its lasting significance in addressing both sides of human characteristics and human psyche's negative sides, while also connecting the novel's themes to modern-day issues. In this work, Stevenson crafted not just a chilling portrayal of consciousness but also a framework for understanding what both psychology and literature have recognized as distinctly modern and profoundly unsettling.

The paper delves into the medical and psychological elements present in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Initially, Stevenson conceived "Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde" as a "chilling shocker," but after burning the first draft and heeding his wife's advice, he reimagined it into the intricately dark narrative we know today. This compelling novel skilfully navigates the complexities of human character through the peculiar case of Dr. Jekyll, a benevolent scientist who transforms into his repressed evil counterpart, Mr. Hyde, at night. Anticipating the developments of modern psychology, "Jekyll And Hyde" stands as a remarkably original exploration of humanity's dual nature, alongside being a timeless tale of suspense and horror. Released in 1866, "Jekyll and Hyde" quickly became a success, granting Stevenson his initial taste of fame. While sometimes regarded as merely a mystery, the book has garnered significant literary acclaim.

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