


Edgar Allan Poe was the Stephen King of his day. The American author specialized in the morbid and the macabre in his short stories and poems, much to the fascination of his fans. Born in Boston in 1804, Poe is more closely associated with the city of Baltimore, where he spent the bulk of his adult life. The life and death of Edgar Allan Poe was almost as strange and puzzling as the characters in his stories, and he certainly broke a few societal norms and literary standards. Edgar Allen Poe Drank and Took Drugs. She was only 13 at the time of her marriage. Virginia Clemm and Poe never had children together and some experts claim that they lived like brother and sister rather than a married couple. Clemm battled tuberculosis for the last five years of her life and died at the age of 24. Jill Lepore, The New Yorker staff writer, Harvard University Jill Lepore is the David Woods Kemper Professor of American History at Harvard University and also a staff writer at The New Yorker. A prolific essayist, Lepore writes about a wide variety of topics, including Edgar Allan Poe with The Humbug: Edgar Allan Poe and the economy of horror (The New Yorker, April 27, 2009). Megan Marshall, Pulitzer Prize-winning Author, Emerson College Megan Marshall is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Margaret Fuller: A New American Life, which tells the story of one of Poe’s most important contemp Jill Lepore (born August 27, 1966) is the David Woods Kemper Professor of American History at Harvard University. She is a staff writer at The New Yorker, where she has contributed since 2005. She writes about American history, law, literature, and politics. Her essays and reviews have also appeared in the New York Times, the Times Literary Supplement, the Journal of American History, Foreign Affairs, the Yale Law Journal, American Scholar, and the American Quarterly. Three of her books derive Jill Lepore, "The Humbug," The New Yorker, http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2009/04/27/090427crat_atlarge_lepore, Accessed 11 August 2009. Edgar Allan Poe, "Poetry by Edgar A. Poe," Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore, http://www.eapoe.org/works/poems/poetrya.htm, Accessed 11 August 2009. Martha Womack, "Precisely Poe Home," Precisely Poe, http://www.poedecoder.com/PreciselyPoe/, Accessed 11 August 2009. Amy Orndorff, "A Quaint and Curious Time in Baltimore," The Washington Post, 16 January 2009, http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/15/AR2009011501301.html, Accessed 12 August 2009. Edgar Allan Poe was an American author, poet, editor and literary critic, who was also associated with the American Romantic Movement. Check out this biography to know about his childhood, family life, achievements and fun facts about his life. Who was Edgar Allan Poe? Edgar Allan Poe was an American writer, poet, editor, and literary critic. Poe was also associated with the American Romantic Movement. He is better known for his tales of mystery and macabre. He was amongst the earliest American practitioners of short story and generally considered the inventor of the detective-fiction genre. Poe is also credited for his contribution towards the then emerging genre of science fiction.