

# Download Who Wrote The Novel Moby Dick

Publishing History First British edition (entitled *The Whale*), expurgated to avoid offending delicate political and moral sensibilities, published in three volumes on October 18, 1851 by Richard Bentley, London. *Moby-Dick; or, The Whale* is an 1851 novel by American writer Herman Melville. The book is sailor Ishmael's narrative of the obsessive quest of Ahab, captain of the whaling ship *Pequod*, for revenge on Moby Dick, the white whale that on the ship's previous voyage bit off Ahab's leg at the knee. Plot. Set in 19th-century New England, the story follows the whaling ship *Pequod* and its crew. Leading them is Captain Ahab, who was almost killed in an encounter with the "great white whale", Moby Dick, which bit off much of his left leg. "Moby-Dick is the great American novel. But it is also the great unread American novel. Sprawling, magnificent, deliriously digressive, it stands over and above all other works of fiction, since it is barely a work of fiction itself.