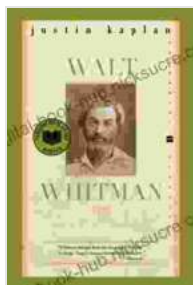


# Walt Whitman: Life Perennial Classics



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Walt Whitman: Life Perennial Classics is the definitive biography of one of America's greatest poets. This comprehensive and insightful work explores Whitman's life, works, and influence on American literature.

## **Early Life and Career**

Walt Whitman was born on May 31, 1819, in West Hills, Long Island, New York. He was the second of nine children born to Walter Whitman, a farmer, and Louisa Van Velsor Whitman. Whitman's family was poor, and he had little formal education. He began working at a young age, and by the time he was 17, he had moved to New York City to work as a printer's apprentice.

Whitman's early career was spent in journalism and writing. He worked as a printer, editor, and reporter for a variety of newspapers and magazines. In 1855, he published his first collection of poems, *Leaves of Grass*. The book was a critical and commercial failure, but it established Whitman's unique voice and vision.

## **Leaves of Grass**

*Leaves of Grass* is Whitman's most famous work. It is a collection of poems that celebrates the beauty and diversity of America. The poems are written

in a free verse style, and they are often characterized by their long, flowing lines and their use of vivid imagery.

Leaves of Grass was groundbreaking work that helped to shape American literature. It was praised by some of the leading literary figures of the time, including Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. However, it was also criticized for its unconventional form and its frank treatment of sexuality.

Whitman continued to revise and add to Leaves of Grass throughout his life. The final edition of the book was published in 1892.

### **Later Life and Career**

In the later years of his life, Whitman lived in Camden, New Jersey. He continued to write poetry, and he also published a number of essays and lectures. He became a popular lecturer, and he was often invited to speak at colleges and universities.

Whitman died on March 26, 1892, at the age of 72. He is buried in Harleigh Cemetery in Camden, New Jersey.

### **Whitman's Influence**

Walt Whitman is one of the most influential poets in American history. His work has been praised by critics and scholars alike, and it has been translated into more than 100 languages.

Whitman's poetry has had a profound impact on American literature. His work has been imitated and adapted by poets of all generations. Whitman's

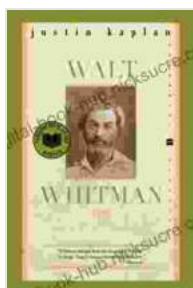
influence can also be seen in the work of other artists, including painters, musicians, and filmmakers.

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Walt Whitman was a visionary poet who celebrated the beauty and diversity of America. His work has had a profound impact on American literature, and it continues to inspire readers today.



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