

Victorian Fiction

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One of the most significant events of the 19th-century was the advent of the novel. Works of fiction, published in Britain and the U.S., reached an apogee in readership. Many of the novels published then continue to appeal today to the general public, students and scholarly researchers. Victorian Fiction, an OmniSys World Literature collection, contains 3,371 novels, including editions that are difficult to find. This microfilm collection was based in part on the bibliophile Michael Sadleir's remarkable collection of Victorian Fiction and, as a result, contains many rare first editions.

Victorian Fiction contains significant numbers of novels written by most of the major Victorian novelists: for example, 17 by Thomas Hardy, 14 by William Thackeray and 21 novels by Anthony Trollope. What is unique about this particular collection is that these are frequently early editions, before editors or indeed the authors made changes that appeared in later versions. Since the collection continues to grow with yearly updates, rare editions are frequently added. All of the books in the collection are easily identifiable by a number from either Sadleir's bibliography or Woolf's.

Important advocates of political reform in England, the anti-slavery movement, nursing in the Crimean War, and feminism, such as Harriet Martineau are represented in this collection. Apart from the solid list of recognized authors, also covered are best-selling novelists of their day, often mystics, such as Marie Corelli. Until recently, when Annette R. Federico's published *Idol of Suburbia: Marie Corelli and Late-Victorian Literary Culture*, no full-length serious study of her works had appeared. The unwavering scholarly interest in Victorian Fiction ensures that even unknown authors are continuously re-visited and investigated.

Victorian Fiction is a thoughtfully assembled collection of novels that represent all the types of fiction published in this prolific era. For a library interested in shoring up its collection of Victorian Fiction, the novels painstakingly preserved here will fill in gaps and open up opportunities for new avenues of research.

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