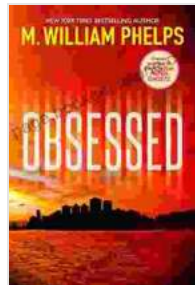


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## William Phelps:

William Lyon Phelps (1865-1943) was an American author, critic, essayist, and professor of English literature at Yale University. He was a prolific writer, publishing over 100 books and articles. He is best known for his popular and accessible writing on literature, and for his promotion of American literature.

## Early Life and Education:

William Lyon Phelps was born on January 2, 1865, in New Haven, Connecticut. His father, Rev. Sylvester Dryden Phelps, was a pastor of the United Church of Christ. His mother, Sarah Lyon Phelps, was a schoolteacher. Phelps was the youngest of six children.

Phelps attended the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven and then Yale University, where he graduated in 1887. He then studied at Harvard University, where he received a master's degree in 1889.

### **Career at Yale University:**

In 1892, Phelps was appointed an instructor in English literature at Yale University. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1896 and full professor in 1901. He remained at Yale for the rest of his career.

Phelps was a popular and influential teacher. He was known for his engaging lectures and his ability to make literature accessible to his students. He also wrote a number of textbooks on literature, which were widely used in schools and colleges.

### **Literary Criticism:**

Phelps was a prolific literary critic. He published over 100 books and articles on literature, including studies of individual authors, such as Shakespeare, Dante, and Hawthorne, as well as general works on literary criticism, such as **Essays on Modern Novelists** (1910) and **The Advance of English Poetry in the Twentieth Century** (1918).

Phelps's literary criticism was characterized by its common sense and its focus on the enjoyment of literature. He believed that literature should be

accessible to everyone, and he wrote in a clear and engaging style. He was also a strong advocate for American literature, and he helped to promote the work of American writers, such as Mark Twain and Henry James.

### **Personal Life:**

Phelps married Annabel Hubbard in 1890. They had three children. Phelps was a devoted husband and father. He was also a passionate collector of books and art. He had a large library, and he was a frequent visitor to museums.

Phelps died on August 21, 1943, at the age of 78. He is buried in the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut.

### **Legacy:**

William Lyon Phelps was one of the most influential literary critics of his time. He helped to make literature accessible to a wide audience, and he promoted the work of American writers. He was also a devoted teacher and a passionate collector of books and art. His legacy continues today through his writings, his teaching, and his collection of books and art.

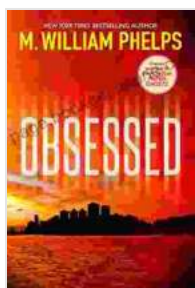
### **Additional Information:**

- Phelps was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.
- He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 1931 for his book **\*\*Autobiography with Letters\*\***.
- The William Lyon Phelps House, his home in New Haven, is now a National Historic Landmark.

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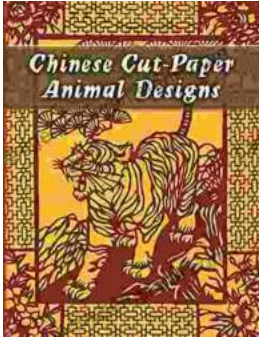
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