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# The Satyricon Petronius Arbiter

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*THE SATYRICON OF PETRONIUS ARBITER*  
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The Satyricon of Petronius Arbiter  
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scholars, its author is still shrouded in the mists of uncertainty and conjecture. He is as impersonal as Shakespeare, as aloof as Flaubert, in the opinion of Charles Whibley, and, it may be added, as genial as Rabelais; an enigmatic genius whose secret will never be laid bare with the resources at our present command. As I am not writing for scholars, I do not intend going very deeply into the labyrinth of critical controversy which surrounds the author and the work, but I shall deal with a few of the questions which, if properly understood, will enhance the value of the *Satyricon*, and contribute, in some degree, to a better understanding of the author.

## The *Satyricon* of T. Petronius Arbiter Penguin

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The Satyricon was probably written by Gaius Petronius ca. 1st century A.D. It is a combination of prose and poetry, and tells the tale of Encolpius, who is trying to keep his young lover faithful. The story provides a rare insight into the lives of the

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## The Satyricon Aegypan

""Deep grief gnaws at my vitals and drags me

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down, almost to the very doors of death itself," moans Quartrilla, drawing near Encolpius, her eyes glistening. "I am afraid that, with the careless impulsiveness of youth, you may divulge, to the common herd, what you witnessed in the shrine of Priapus -- and reveal the rites of the Gods to the rabble." "I stretch out my suppliant hands to your knees. I beg and pray you do not make a mockery and a joke of our nocturnal rites . . . nor lay bare the secrets of so many years," she whispers -- and tells the young man how he must pay . . . by "curing" her body of the "ills" besetting her." The Rabelaisian "Satyricon" of Petronius, one of the most infamous books of all time, follows the rogue Encolpius and his serving boy Giton as they engage in fortune-hunting adventure, amorous misadventure and extravagant feasting in the Rome of the first century, in the time of Nero's court. The Satyricon of Petronius Arbiter  
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was forced to commit suicide. Belated revenge came in the form of his will, which when read aloud in the Roman Forum, viciously mocked the mostly-mad emperor. "The Satyricon" is a "satire," intended to provoke laughter as well as disgust or censure. It has given our modern society much of the picture it has of Roman life beyond ancient monuments and Imperial inscriptions. A thinly-veiled exaggeration of reality, "The Satyricon" makes the days of doomed Herculaneum and Pompeii real -- and paints unforgettable pictures of Roman excess, including Trimalchio's famous feast. The Satyricon, Complete BoD – Books on Demand  
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Gaius Petronius Arbiter was a Roman courtier during the reign of Nero. He is generally believed to be the author of the *Satyricon*, a satirical novel believed to have been written during the Neronian era.

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Turning his head, Trimalchio saw what was going on. "Friends," he remarked. "I ordered pea-hen's eggs set under the hen, but I'm afraid they're addled, by Hercules I am let's try them anyhow, and see if they're

still fit to suck." We picked up our spoons, each of which weighed not less than half a pound, and punctured the shells, which were made of flour and dough, and as a matter of fact, I very nearly threw mine away for it seemed to me that a chick had formed already, but upon hearing an old experienced guest vow, "There must be something good here," I broke open the shell with my hand and discovered a fine fat fig-pecker, imbedded in a yolk seasoned with pepper.

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