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"Lewis Carroll," creator of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", was a pseudonym for Charles Lutwidge Dodgson.

He was born in Daresbury, Cheshire on January 27, 1832, son of a vicar. As the eldest boy among eleven children, he learned early to amuse his siblings by writing and editing family magazines. He was educated at Christ Church College, Oxford, where he lectured in Mathematics from 1855 to 1881. In 1861 he was ordained as a deacon.

Dodgson's entry into the world of fiction was accidental. It happened as he escorted his colleague's three daughters on a trip up the river Isis. There he invented the story that might have been forgotten if not for the persistence of the youngest girl, Alice Liddell. Thanks to her, and to her encouraging friends, "Alice" was published in 1865, with drawings by the political cartoonist, John Tenniel. After "Alice", Dodgson wrote "Phantasmagoria and Other Poems" (1869), "Through the Looking-Glass" (1871), "The Hunting of Shark" (1876), "Rhyme and Reason" (1883).

As a Mathematician, Dodgson is best known for “Euclid” and his “Modern Rivals” (1879). He was also a superb children’s photographer, who captured the delicate, sensuous beauty of such little girls as Alice Liddell and Ellen Terry, the future actress. W.H. Auden called him, “one of the best portrait photographers of the century.”

Dodgson was also an inventor; his projects included a game of arithmetic croquet, a substitute for glue, and an apparatus for making notes in the dark. Though he sought publication for his light verse, he never dreamed his true gift—telling stories to children—merited publication or lasting fame, and he avoided publicity. Charles Dodgson died in 1898 of influenza.





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