LIFE AND WORKS OF THOMAS HARDY

* Thomas Hardy the son of a builder, was born in the countryof Dorset
* He was educated at a local school and later in Dorchester.
* He cultivated an intimate knowledge of local churches in the course of his training as an architect
* He minutely observed the people and customs, the moments and institutions of Dorset and suburban countries of South Western England, which he placed permanently on the literary map bt the ancient name, Wessex
* Hardy died in 1828.

WORKS

* Rickett classifies Hardy’s novels in the following groups:

1. **Pastoral Tragedy**

[*The Return of the Native*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Return_of_the_Native) (1878)

[*The Mayor of Casterbridge*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mayor_of_Casterbridge)*: The Life and Death of a Man of Character* (1886)

[*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tess_of_the_d%27Urbervilles)*: A Pure Woman Faithfully Presented* (1891)

[*Jude the Obscure*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jude_the_Obscure) (1895)

1. **Pastoral Comedies**

[*The Hand of Ethelberta*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Hand_of_Ethelberta)*: A Comedy in Chapter*

[*Two on a Tower*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two_on_a_Tower)*: A Romance* (1882)

[*A Laodicean*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Laodicean)*: A Story of To-day* (1881)

1. **Pastoral Romances**

[*Under the Greenwood Tree*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Under_the_Greenwood_Tree)*: A Rural Painting of the Dutch School* (1872)

[*Far from the Madding Crowd*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Far_from_the_Madding_Crowd) (1874)

[*The Woodlanders*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Woodlanders) (1887)

[*The Trumpet-Major*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Trumpet-Major) (1880)

[*A Pair of Blue Eyes*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Pair_of_Blue_Eyes)*: A Novel* (1873)

1. **Pastoral Extravaganza:**

[*The Well-Beloved*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Well-Beloved)*: A Sketch of a Temperament* (1897) (first published as a serial from 1892)

1. **Short Stories**

* How I Built Myself a House" (1865)*

* "Destiny and a Blue Cloak" (1874)*

* "The Thieves Who Couldn't Stop Sneezing" (1877)*

* "The Duchess of Hamptonshire" (1878) (collected in A Group of Noble Dames)*

* "The Distracted Preacher" (1879) (collected in Wessex Tales)*

1. **Drama**

* [*The Dynasts*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dynasts)*: An Epic-Drama of the War with Napoleon* (verse drama)
  + *The Dynasts, Part 1* (1904)
  + *The Dynasts, Part 2* (1906)
  + *The Dynasts, Part 3* (1908)
* *The Famous Tragedy of the Queen of Cornwall at* [*Tintagel*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tintagel) *in Lyonnesse* (1923) (one-act play)

1. **Poetry collections**

* [*Wessex Poems and Other Verses*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wessex_Poems_and_Other_Verses) (1898)
* [*Poems of the Past and the Present*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poems_of_the_Past_and_the_Present) (1901)
* [*Time's Laughingstocks and Other Verses*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time%27s_Laughingstocks_and_Other_Verses) (1909)
* [*Satires of Circumstance*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satires_of_Circumstance) (1914)
* [*Moments of Vision*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moments_of_Vision) (1917)
* *Collected Poems* (1919)
* [*Late Lyrics and Earlier with Many Other Verses*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Late_Lyrics_and_Earlier_with_Many_Other_Verses) (1922)
* [*Human Shows, Far Phantasies, Songs and Trifles*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Shows,_Far_Phantasies,_Songs_and_Trifles) (1925)
* [*Winter Words in Various Moods and Metres*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_Words_in_Various_Moods_and_Metres) (1928)
* *The Complete Poems* (Macmillan, 1976)
* *Selected Poems* (Edited by Harry Thomas, Penguin, 1993)
* *Hardy: Poems* (Everyman's Library Pocket Poets, 1995)
* *Thomas Hardy: Selected Poetry and Nonfictional Prose* ([St. Martin's Press](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Martin%27s_Press), 1996)
* *Selected Poems* (Edited by Robert Mezey, Penguin, 1998)
* *Thomas Hardy: The Complete Poems* (Edited by James Gibson, Palgrave, 2001)