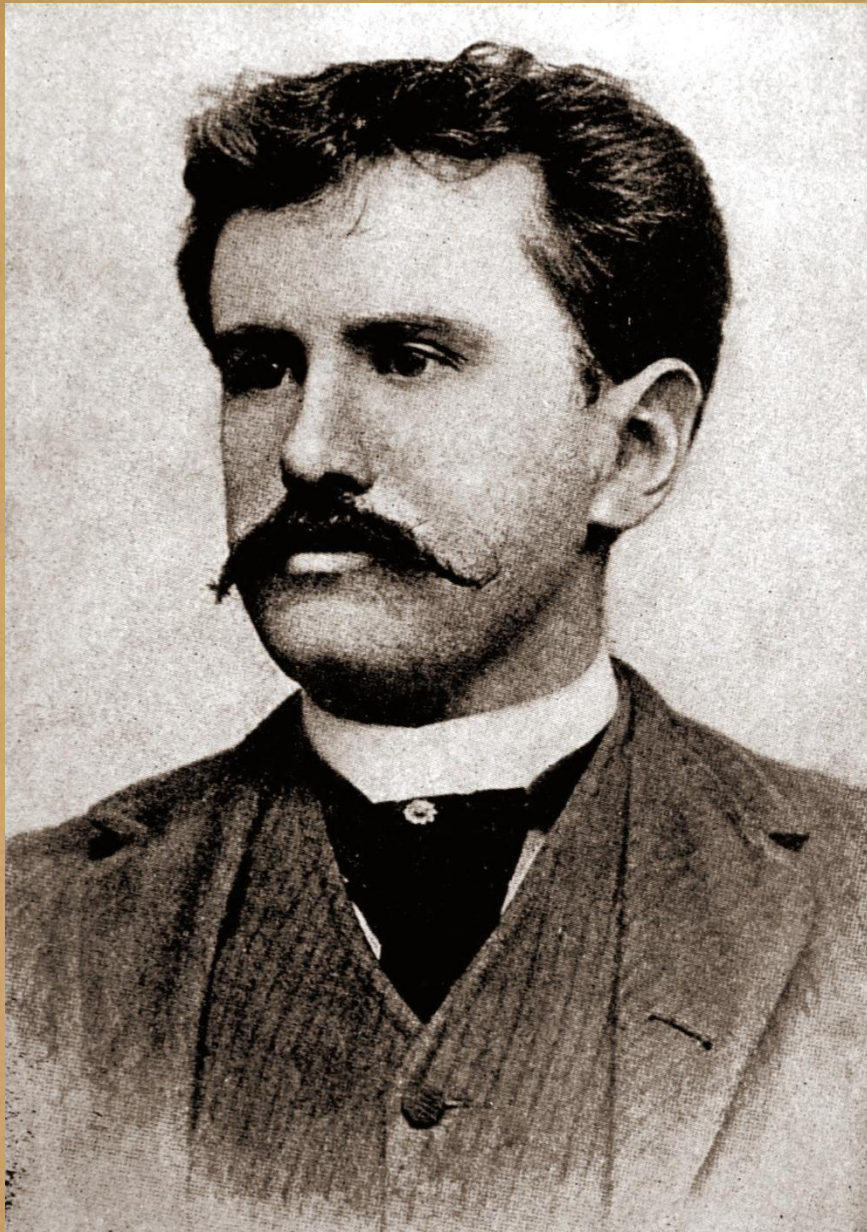


POOR DESTINY OF
MERRY

O. Henry



**William
Sydney Porter
was born in
September
1862, in North
Carolina.**

In 1879 he began working in his uncle's drugstore. In 1881, at the age of nineteen, he was a licensed pharmacist.



**In 1887 he married
Athol Estes Roach
and soon they had a
daughter.**

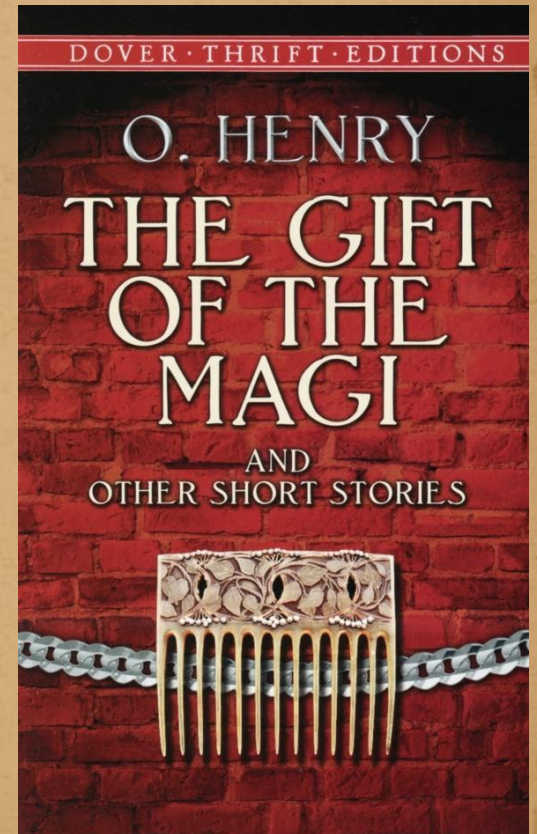


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**In 1894
Porter was accused of
having
stolen money from the
bank,
where he had worked
before.
The police arrested
William.**

While in prison William Porter started to write short stories to earn money to support his daughter Margaret.



Three years later, he emerged from prison and changed his name to O. Henry.





He moved to New York City.

O. Henry lived in New York for ten years till his death in 1910.

