

Maggie

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The last child of fourteen kids, Stephen Crane grew up in New Jersey. His mother was a women suffragist writer. That is where he had most likely gotten his inspiration or talent to write about a woman, Maggie, that was in his first book. He wrote the book *Maggie: A Girl of The Streets* that was about a girl becoming poor and sold into prostitution. He goes deep into the struggles and is very realistic. Being so realistic, everyone he presented the book to thought it shouldn't be published. He ended up publishing this book on his own and went under the pseudonym Johnston Smith. People got to read about the suffering of the character in the book and help them understand how some people's lives are. He depicted this book's scenarios so well even though he didn't go through it personally. He did this with his other very famous book *Red Badge Of Courage*. He depicted what it was like to be in war and combat almost perfectly. He then went on to become a war correspondent so he could see for himself how well he did at writing the book. June 5th he sadly passed away in Germany of tuberculosis at 28.