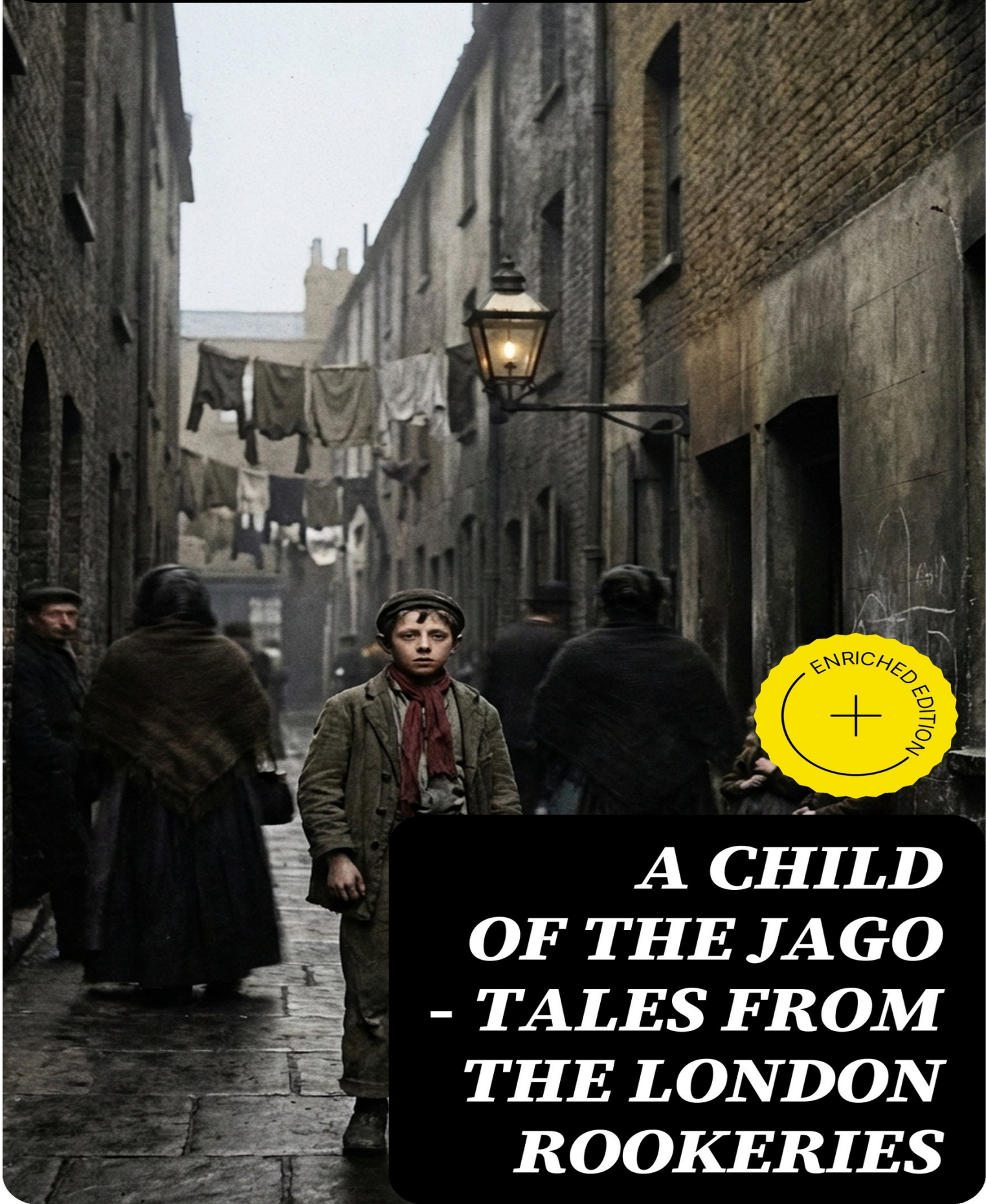


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# Introduction

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Arthur Morrison's reputation rests on an unsentimental realism that fixed the East End and its margins in indelible detail. *A Child of the Jago - Tales from the London Rookeries* assembles, in one volume, four novels and two suites of short fiction concerned with those streets, courts, docks, and outlying fields. It presents *A Child of the Jago*, *To London Town*, *Cunning Murrell*, and *The Hole in the Wall* complete, alongside *Tales of Mean Streets* and *Divers Vanities*, with their constituent stories as listed. The purpose is both practical and interpretive: to gather Morrison's essential urban and kindred tales in a coherent, readable compass.

In the novels, Morrison maps distinct geographies that shape conduct. *A Child of the Jago* traces a boy's formation within a rookery where scarcity and rivalry govern daily life. *To London Town* follows a family amid river communities, looking for steadier work and space to breathe. *Cunning Murrell* shifts to rural Essex, examining superstition, reputation, and informal authority within a tight village circumference. *The Hole in the Wall* returns to the waterfront, filtering a crime-haunted milieu through a child's vantage and a public house's threshold. Together they show how environment, opportunity, and fear braid into choices, chances, and surviving.

*Tales of Mean Streets* offers concentrated scenes of East End existence, each story a discrete encounter with necessity and its negotiations. In this collection readers

meet, among others, *The Street*, *Lizerunt*, *Without Visible Means*, *To Bow Bridge*, *That Brute Simmons*, *Behind the Shade*, *Three Rounds*, *In Business*, *The Red Cow Group*, *On the Stairs*, *Squire Napper*, *A Poor Stick*, *A Conversion*, and *All that Messuage*. The pieces turn on work, shelter, injury, and pride, often within rooms only barely able to hold their occupants. Morrison's method favors hard edges and exact observation, allowing implication to carry the greater weight.

*Divers Vanities* extends Morrison's reach while maintaining his discipline of close looking. The stories gathered here include *Cross-Coves*, *Spotto's Reclamation*, *A "Dead 'Un"*, *The Disorder of the Bath*, *His Tale of Bricks*, *Teacher and Taught*, *Heads and Tails*, *A Blot on St. Basil*, *One More Unfortunate*, *Ingrates at Bagshaw's*, *Rhymer the Second*, *Charlwood with a Number*, *A Poor Bargain*, *Statement of Edward Chaloner*, *Lost Tommy Jepps*, *Old Essex*, *The Legend of Lapwater Hall*, *The Black Badger*, and *The Torn Heart*. Their subjects range from sly urban comedy to regional legend, yet the tone remains exacting, economical, and unsentimental.

Across forms, Morrison's unifying concerns are plain: precarious labor, the pressure of tenements, family strategies for endurance, informal economies at the edge of law, and violence as an ambient risk rather than spectacle. His prose is notable for descriptive economy, precise topography, and dialogue tuned to idiom without exotic display. Rooms, stairs, yards, taprooms, courts, and river-reaches are rendered as instruments of fate and habit. The narratives tend to approach from near at hand and refrain from overt authorial comfort, trusting structure and outcome to state the case. Comedy appears, but restraint remains the governing principle.

The continuing relevance of these works lies partly in their timing and partly in their method. Composed during periods of intense public debate about housing, philanthropy, and policing, they avoid pamphleteering by treating conditions as concrete particulars rather than abstractions. As such, they retain value both as literature and as records of speech, labor, and locality. The London rookeries and dockside lanes depicted here are not curiosities but systems, where class, property, and policy intersect with intimate lives. The Essex pieces widen that system, tracing how belief, rumor, and authority operate when official institutions keep their distance.

This collection's arrangement serves both newcomers and returning readers. It gathers the four novels complete and places the short fiction under their original collection banners, preserving internal rhythms while enabling comparison across settings and modes. Read straight through or sampled by theme, *A Child of the Jago - Tales from the London Rookeries* displays a consistent artistic conscience: clarity over ornament, witness over posture, narrative consequence over contrived consolation. The aim is not to settle arguments about cause or cure, but to make the places and pressures unmistakable, and to show how, in Morrison's work, setting and character are mutually formative.

# Historical Context

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Arthur Morrison wrote amid the late-Victorian remaking of London's East End, when rookeries—densely packed courts like the Old Nichol in Shoreditch—were condemned and cleared. Between the Housing of the Working Classes Act of 1890 and the opening of the Boundary Estate in 1900, entire streets vanished, taking with them informal economies and networks. *A Child of the Jago*, *Tales of Mean Streets*, and pieces such as *The Street* register this moment of upheaval, balancing reportage with fiction. Morrison's Poplar upbringing gave him a witness's vantage: poverty was not abstract; it was spatial, inherited, and abruptly disrupted by municipal power.

Concurrently, the era's social-scientific gaze shaped how poverty was seen and debated. Charles Booth's *Life and Labour of the People in London* (first volumes 1889) mapped dockside parishes in colors from 'wealthy' to 'vicious, semi-criminal,' legitimating a taxonomy already hinted at by Henry Mayhew's mid-century inquiries. Morrison's spare style mirrors this empirical temper, yet resists its detachment. Stories like *Without Visible Means* or *Behind the Shade* dramatize the categories Booth codified, exposing their human cost. The settlement movement, anchored by Toynbee Hall in Whitechapel after 1884, supplied interlocutors and readers attuned to reform, sharpening the reception of Morrison's uncompromising scenes.

The docks and river trades provided both livelihood and instability for East Enders. As steam supplanted sail and the Port of London consolidated, casual hiring lines and 'call-on' systems produced chronic underemployment. The 1889 Great Dock Strike briefly raised wages and public sympathy, but precariousness persisted, informing *The Hole in the Wall's* riverine underworld and the weary striving of *In Business*. Boxing tales such as *Three Rounds* emerge from the same labouring milieu, where prizefights, pubs, and pawnbrokers intertwined. Morrison's characters oscillate between maritime opportunity and alleyway despair, a rhythm set by tide tables, shipping cycles, and the harsh arithmetic of day wages.

Public fascination with East End crime intensified after the 1888 Whitechapel murders, when sensational newspapers fixed the 'slum' as a stage for danger and depravity. The expanding Metropolitan Police presence, new magistrates' courts, and philanthropic patrols coexisted awkwardly with local codes of survival. In *A Child of the Jago* and sketches like *That Brute Simmons* or *On the Stairs*, petty theft, domestic violence, and gang rivalries are less monstrosities than adaptations to scarcity. Contemporary criminology, from Lombroso onward, described 'types'; Morrison instead shows environments manufacturing habit. The result undercut melodrama, even as readers approached his pages expecting the thrills of urban Gothic.

Late nineteenth-century East London absorbed continual migration—Irish laborers, provincial English families, and, crucially, Jewish refugees fleeing pogroms in the 1880s–90s. Tailoring shops, coster barrows, and lodging houses multiplied around Whitechapel and Stepney, while Limehouse and the riverfront hosted sailors from across the Empire. This cosmopolitanism threads through *The Red Cow*

Group and riverside scenes in *The Hole in the Wall*, where accents and trades mingle uneasily. Debates over ‘sweated’ labor and anti-alien agitation that culminated in the Aliens Act of 1905 formed the backdrop to Morrison’s depictions, sharpening social tensions without becoming polemic, and complicating any simple portrait of a homogeneous ‘Jago.’

Reformers and philanthropists reshaped housing through model dwellings and clearance schemes—Peabody and Guinness trusts, the East End Dwellings Company, and London County Council projects. Their brick arches and courtyards promised light and order but frequently displaced the poorest, who could not afford new rents. In stories like *All that Messuage and A Poor Bargain*, property transactions and leases dictate fate as surely as character does. Morrison records the administrative language of improvement—bylaws, inspection notices, sanitary reports—alongside the tenement’s smells and sounds. His ambivalence toward benevolence reflects a wider Victorian debate: were rookeries moral failures to be corrected or economic outcomes to be addressed?

Although identified with East London, Morrison repeatedly looked outward to the Thames marshes and Essex villages, juxtaposing urban modernity with older belief-systems. Cuning Murrell draws on the historical cunning-man James Murrell of Hadleigh, who died in 1860, to explore folklore, rumor, and communal authority. In *Divers Vanities* pieces such as *Old Essex* and *The Legend of Lapwater Hall*, rustic legends are weighed against legal documents and local memory. *To London Town* then traces movement along new rail and tram corridors, binding Poplar to outlying districts. This shifting geography clarifies Morrison’s theme: modernization alters not only streets and wages, but credence, fear, and the stories people trust.

Morrison's ascent coincided with the collapse of the triple-decker novel in 1894 and the rise of single-volume realism and magazine short fiction. *Tales of Mean Streets* (1894) and later volumes circulated through periodicals and cheap editions, reaching readers primed by the 'New Journalism' for vivid social scenes. Critics divided: some hailed a British naturalism, comparing him to Zola or Gissing, while others condemned the absence of uplift. W. E. Henley's backing and the *National Observer* milieu encouraged his austere method; circulating libraries tempered it. The mixed reception nonetheless fixed Morrison within fin-de-siècle debates on art's duty to represent, reform, or refrain.

# Synopsis (Selection)

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## **East End and Dockside Novels (A Child of the Jago; To London Town; The Hole in the Wall)**

A Child of the Jago, To London Town, and The Hole in the Wall chart East End and dockside lives where poverty, crime, and cramped courts press in on families and strivers.

Told in hard-edged naturalism with vivid street argot, they balance brutal inevitability with flashes of loyalty and hope, moving from the Jago's ferocity to more domestic aspiration and a shadowed waterfront mystery.

### **Cunning Murrell**

Set in rural Essex, this novel follows a feared village cunning man whose reputation for charms and malice entangles neighbors, smugglers, and skeptics.

Atmospheric and folkloric rather than urban-gritty, it studies superstition, power, and community complicity with cool, observational prose.

### **Tales of Mean Streets**

This collection sketches interlocked East End vignettes—fighters, battered wives, jobless men, and small-time crooks

—across stories such as *Three Rounds*, *That Brute Simmons*, *On the Stairs*, *The Street*, and others.

With terse realism and unflinching empathy, the pieces examine survival, moral ambiguity, and the economy of favors and threats that governs tenement life.

### **Divers Vanities**

A more sardonic cycle, these tales track impostors, eccentrics, and shabby-genteel schemers in episodes like *Cross-Coves*, *A Dead Un*, *Statement of Edward Chaloner*, and *A Poor Bargain*.

Dry comic irony and neat reversals expose vanity, respectability games, and the thin line between luck and deceit, showing Morrison's satirical register beside his naturalism.

### **Later Essex and Legend Tales (Old Essex; The Legend of Lapwater Hall; The Black Badger; The Torn Heart)**

*Old Essex*, *The Legend of Lapwater Hall*, *The Black Badger*, and *The Torn Heart* turn to marshes, lanes, and local lore, where memory, rumor, and landscape shape fate.

Quieter, eerie, and elegiac in tone, they mark a shift from rookery grit to rural myth, keeping the same exact, unsentimental eye for class and character.

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... Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!...

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?—

Ezekiel xiii. 3 ... 10 12.

# PREFACE

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I AM glad to take this, the first available opportunity, to acknowledge the kindness with which *A Child of the Jago* has been received: both by the reading public, from which I have received many gratifying assurances that what I have tried to say has not altogether failed of its effect: and by the reviewers, the most of whom have written in very indulgent terms.

I think indeed, that I am the more gratified by the fact that this reception has not been unanimous: because an outcry and an opposition, even from an unimportant minority, are proofs that I have succeeded in saying, however imperfectly, something that was worth being said. Under the conditions of life as we know it there is no truth worth telling that will not interfere with some hearer's comfort. Various objections have been made to *A Child of the Jago*, and many of them had already been made to *Tales of Mean Streets*. And it has been the way of the objectors as well as the way of many among the kindest of my critics, to call me a 'realist.' The word has been used sometimes, it would seem, in praise; sometimes in mere indifference as one uses a phrase of convenient description; sometimes by way of an irremediable reproach. It is natural, then, not merely that I should wish to examine certain among the objections made to my work, but that I should feel some interest in the definition and description of a realist. A matter never made clear to me.

Now it is a fact that I have never called myself a 'realist,' and I have never put forth any work as 'realism.' I decline the labels of the schoolmen and the sophisters: being a simple writer of tales, who takes whatever means lie to his hand to present life as he sees it; who insists on no process; and who refuses to be bound by any formula or prescription prepared by the cataloguers and the pigeon-holders of literature.

So it happens that when those who use the word 'realist' use it with no unanimity of intent and with a loose, inapprehensive application, it is not easy for me, who repudiate it altogether, to make a guess at its meaning. Nevertheless, it seems to me that the man who is called a 'realist' is one who, seeing things with his own eyes, discards the conventions of the schools, and presents his matter in individual terms of art. For awhile the schoolmen abuse him as a realist; and in twenty years' time, if his work have life in it, he becomes a classic. Constable was called a realist; so was Corot. Who calls these painters realists now? The history of Japanese art affords a continuous illustration. From the day when Iwasa Matahei impudently arose and dared to take his subjects from the daily life of the people, to the day when Hiroshigé, casting away the last rag of propriety, adventurously drew a cast shadow, in flat defiance of all the canons of Tosa and Kano—in all this time, and through all the crowded history of the School of Ukiyó, no artist bringing something of his own to his art but was damned for a realist. Even the classic Harunobu did not escape. Look now at the work of these men, and the label seems grotesque enough. So it goes through the making of all art. A man with the courage of his own vision interprets what he sees in fresh terms, and gives to things a new reality and an immediate presence. The schoolmen peer

with dulled eyes from amid the heap of precedents and prescriptions about them, and, distracted by seeing a thing sanctioned neither by precedent nor by prescription, dub the man realist, and rail against him for that his work fits none of their pigeon-holes. And from without the schools many cry out and complain: for truth is strong meat, and the weakling stomach turns against it, except in minim doses smothered in treacle. Thus we hear the feeble plea that the function of imagination is the distortion of fact: the piteous demand that the artist should be shut up in a flower-garden, and forbidden to peep through the hedge into the world. And they who know nothing of beauty, who are innately incapable of comprehending it, mistake it for mere prettiness, and call aloud for comfits; and among them that cannot understand, such definitions of the aims of art are bandied, as mean, if they mean anything, that art finds its most perfect expression in pink lollipops and gilt boxes. But in the end the truth prevails, if it be well set forth; and the schoolmen, groaning in their infinite labour, wearily write another prescription, admit another precedent, and make another pigeon-hole.

I have been asked, in print, if I think that there is no phase of life which the artist may not touch. Most certainly I think this. More, I know it. It is the artist's privilege to seek his material where he pleases, and it is no man's privilege to say him nay. If the community have left horrible places and horrible lives before his eyes, then the fault is the community's; and to picture these places and these lives becomes not merely his privilege, but his duty. It was my fate to encounter a place in Shoreditch, where children were born and reared in circumstances which gave them no reasonable chance of living decent lives: where they were born fore-damned to a criminal or semi-criminal career. It

was my experience to learn the ways of this place, to know its inhabitants, to talk with them, eat, drink, and work with them. For the existence of this place, and for the evils it engendered, the community was, and is, responsible; so that every member of the community was, and is, responsible in his degree. If I had been a rich man I might have attempted to discharge my peculiar responsibility in one way; if I had been a statesman I might have tried another. Being neither of these things, but a mere writer of fiction, I sought to do my duty by writing a tale wherein I hoped to bring the conditions of this place within the apprehension of others. There are those who say that I should have turned away my eyes and passed by on the other side: on the very respectable precedent of the priest and the Levite in the parable.

Now, when the tale was written and published it was found, as I have said, to cause discomfort to some persons. It is needless to say more of the schoolmen. Needless, too, to say much of the merely genteel: who were shocked to read of low creatures, as Kiddo Cook and Pigeony Poll, and to find my pages nowhere illuminated by a marquis. Of such are they who delight to read of two men in velvet and feathers perforating each other's stomachs with swords; while Josh Perrott and Billy Leary, punching each other's heads, present a scene too sickening and brutal to consider without disgust. And it was in defiance of the maunderings of such as these that Charles Lamb wrote much of his essay *On the Genius and Character of Hogarth*. But chiefly this book of mine disturbed those who had done nothing, and preferred to do nothing, by way of discharging their responsibility toward the Jago and the people in it. The consciousness of duty neglected is discomfiting, and personal comfort is the god of their kind. They firmly believe

it to be the sole function of art to minister to their personal comfort—as upholstery does. They find it comfortable to shirk consideration of the fate of the Jago children, to shut their eyes to it, to say that all is well and the whole world virtuous and happy. And this mental attitude they nickname optimism, and vaunt it—exult in it as a quality. So that they cry out at the suggestion that it is no more than a selfish vice; and finding truth where they had looked for the materials of another debauch of self-delusion, they moan aloud: they protest, and they demand as their sacred right that the bitter cup be taken from before them. They have moaned and protested at *A Child of the Jago*, and, craven and bewildered, any protest seemed good enough to them. And herein they have not wanted for allies among them that sit in committee-rooms, and tinker. For your professed philanthropist, following his own spirit, and seeing nothing, honestly resents the demonstration that his tinkering profits little. There is a story current in the East End of London, of a distracted lady who, being assailed with a request for the loan of a saucepan, defended herself in these words:—‘Tell yer mother I can’t lend ‘er the saucepan, consekince o’ ‘avin’ lent it to Mrs Brown, besides which I’m a-usin’ of it meself, an’ moreover it’s gone to be mended, an’ what’s more I ain’t got one.’ In a like spirit of lavish objection it has been proclaimed in a breath that I transgress:—because (1) I should not have written of the Jago in all the nakedness of truth; (2) my description is not in the least like; (3) moreover, it is exaggerated; (4) though it may be true, it is quite unnecessary, because the Jago was already quite familiar, and everybody knew all about it; (5) the Jago houses have been pulled down; and (6) there never was any such place as the Jago at all.

To objections thus handsomely variegated it is not easy to reply with the tripping brevity wherewith they may be stated; and truly it is little reply that they call for, except, perhaps, in so far as they may be taken to impugn the sincerity of my work and the accuracy of my picture. A few of the objectors have caught up enough of their wits to strive after a war in my own country. They take hold of my technical method, and accuse me of lack of 'sympathy'; they claim that if I write of the Jago I should do so 'even weeping.' Now, my technical method is my own, and is deliberately designed to achieve a certain result, as is the method of every man—painter, poet, sculptor, or novelist—who is not the slave and the plaything of his material. My tale is the tale of my characters, and I have learned better than to thrust myself and my emotions between them and my reader. The cant of the charge stares all too plainly from the face of it. It is not that these good people wish me to write 'even weeping': for how do they know whether I weep or not? No: their wish is, not that I shall weep, but that I shall weep obscenely in the public gaze. In other words, that I shall do their weeping for them, as a sort of emotional bedesman: that I shall make public parade of sympathy in their behalf, so that they may keep their own sympathy for themselves, and win comfort from the belief that they are eased of their just responsibility by vicarious snivelling.

But the protest, that my picture of the Jago is untrue, is another thing. For the most part it has found very vague expression, but there are instances of rash excursion into definiteness. Certain passages have been denoted as exaggerations—as impossibilities. Now, I must confess that, foreseeing such adventurous indiscretions, I had, for my own diversion, set *A Child of the Jago* with traps. For certain years I have lived in the East End of London, and have been,

not an occasional visitor, but a familiar and equal friend in the house of the East-End in all his degrees; for, though the steps between be smaller, there are more social degrees in the East End than ever in the West. In this experience I have seen and I have heard things that persons sitting in committee-rooms would call diabolical fable; nevertheless, I have seen them, and heard them. But it was none of my design to write of extreme instances: typical facts were all I wanted; these, I knew, would be met—or shirked—with incredulity; so that, whenever I saw reason to anticipate a charge of exaggeration—as for instance, in the matter of faction fighting—I made my typical incident the cold transcript of a simple fact, an ordinary, easy-going fact, a fact notorious in the neighbourhood, and capable of any amount of reasonable proof. If I touched my fact at all, it was to subdue it; that and no more. The traps worked well. Not one definite charge of exaggeration has been flung but it has been aimed at one of the normal facts I had provided as a target: not one. Sometimes the effect has had a humour of its own; as when a critic in a literary journal, beginning by selecting two of my norms as instances of ‘palpable exaggeration,’ went on to assure me that there was no need to describe such life as the life in the Jago, because it was already perfectly familiar to everybody.

Luckily I need not vindicate my accuracy. That has been done for me publicly by independent and altogether indisputable authority. In particular, the devoted vicar of the parish, which I have called the Jago, has testified quite unreservedly to the truth of my presentation. Others also, with special knowledge, have done the same; and though I refer to them, and am grateful for their support, it is with no prejudice to the validity of my own authority. For not only

casual labor, favours at the public house, and credit extended by necessity. *In Business* depicts a precarious self-starting venture where capital, trust, and luck are inseparable. *The Red Cow Group* and *That Brute Simmons* show how pub networks broker resources and reputations alongside grievances. Within these circuits, obligation functions like currency, and respectability becomes situational, often measured by punctuality with small debts or the ability to maintain face under hardship rather than by strict adherence to law.

*A Child of the Jago* and *The Hole in the Wall* detail parallel markets at the edge of legality—fencing, petty theft, pilfered cargo, tipster knowledge—sustained by silence and kinship. All that *Message* turns on property's technicalities, revealing how institutional rules can be worked from below as shrewdly as the streets are worked from above. These depictions avoid simple villainy, instead mapping the tacit contracts that stabilize precarious communities. The moral code prioritizes loyalty, reciprocity, and craft competence; betrayal is judged more harshly than statutory offense, because it threatens the fragile economies that support daily survival.

*Cunning Murrell* and *Old Essex* reveal rural analogues: services paid through produce, skill, and belief, with reputation a negotiable asset. The cunning man's remedies circulate within a trust economy rooted in lore, where proof is cumulative and public. *London Town's* riverside labor shows another ethics of work—day rates, seasonal rhythms, and apprenticeship—where expertise and punctuality function as moral claims. Across these settings, formal institutions remain distant or intermittent; the codes that matter are those that keep food, rent, and dignity in reach.

Morrison charts how necessity refines conscience into pragmatic, locally enforceable rules.

## Question 4

### **Where do moments of respite or hope surface amid Morrison's bleakest terrains?**

Tales of Mean Streets seldom grants transformation, yet it does register interludes of solidarity and competence that relieve pressure. Behind the Shade notices practical kindnesses that do not erase hardship but rearrange it into something bearable. On the Stairs gathers neighbors in uneasy community, turning a hallway into a shared vantage point. The Street tracks small rites—errands, jokes, evening pauses—that punctuate grind. These are not redemptions so much as recoveries of rhythm, brief sequences where routine offers dignity, and where being seen by others amounts to a temporary shelter from isolation.

To London Town sustains a more buoyant register by grounding hope in skill and family steadiness, with the river's routines offering attainable goals rather than fantasies. Occasional scenes in Three Rounds and similar pieces similarly find brightness in camaraderie, training discipline, or a lucky purse, even as risk remains. A Child of the Jago restricts such reprieves to flashes—festive gatherings, a successful errand—whose meanings come from their scarcity. The contrast suggests that optimism in Morrison's world is contextual, strengthened when craft knowledge and kinship align with work that can be repeated without courting ruin.

In Divers Vanities and Cunning Murrell, respite often arrives through humor, story-craft, or the consolations of

shared lore. The Legend of Lapwater Hall and The Black Badger temper anxiety with wonder or superstition, not to deny reality but to furnish frameworks that make it interpretable. The Hole in the Wall occasionally locates relief in maritime competence—a mooring well done, a cleverly read tide—that asserts human skill against a hazardous environment. Together these moments propose that hope appears less as deliverance than as a practiced aptitude for finding order within volatile circumstances.

# Memorable Quotes

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**1q** "She was hot wherever Dicky touched her"

**2q** "the rhetoric of the Jago"

**3q** "the room, itself a mere box, gave scant space"

**4q** "But on fair day he was sought by the sick and the troubled of many villages,"

**5q** "The light was at its sweetest and mellowest:"

**6q** "that simple fidelity that was the sole virtue remaining in her"

**7q** "Lizerunt worked at a pickle factory"

**8q** "They (and he) were the salt of the earth, bullied, plundered and abused."

**9q** "all you city lawyers an' clurks are pretty bleed'n' sharp, I know"

**10q** "For to be a landlord is the ultimate dignity."

**11q** "the dexterity of the master pickpocket is an artificial product"