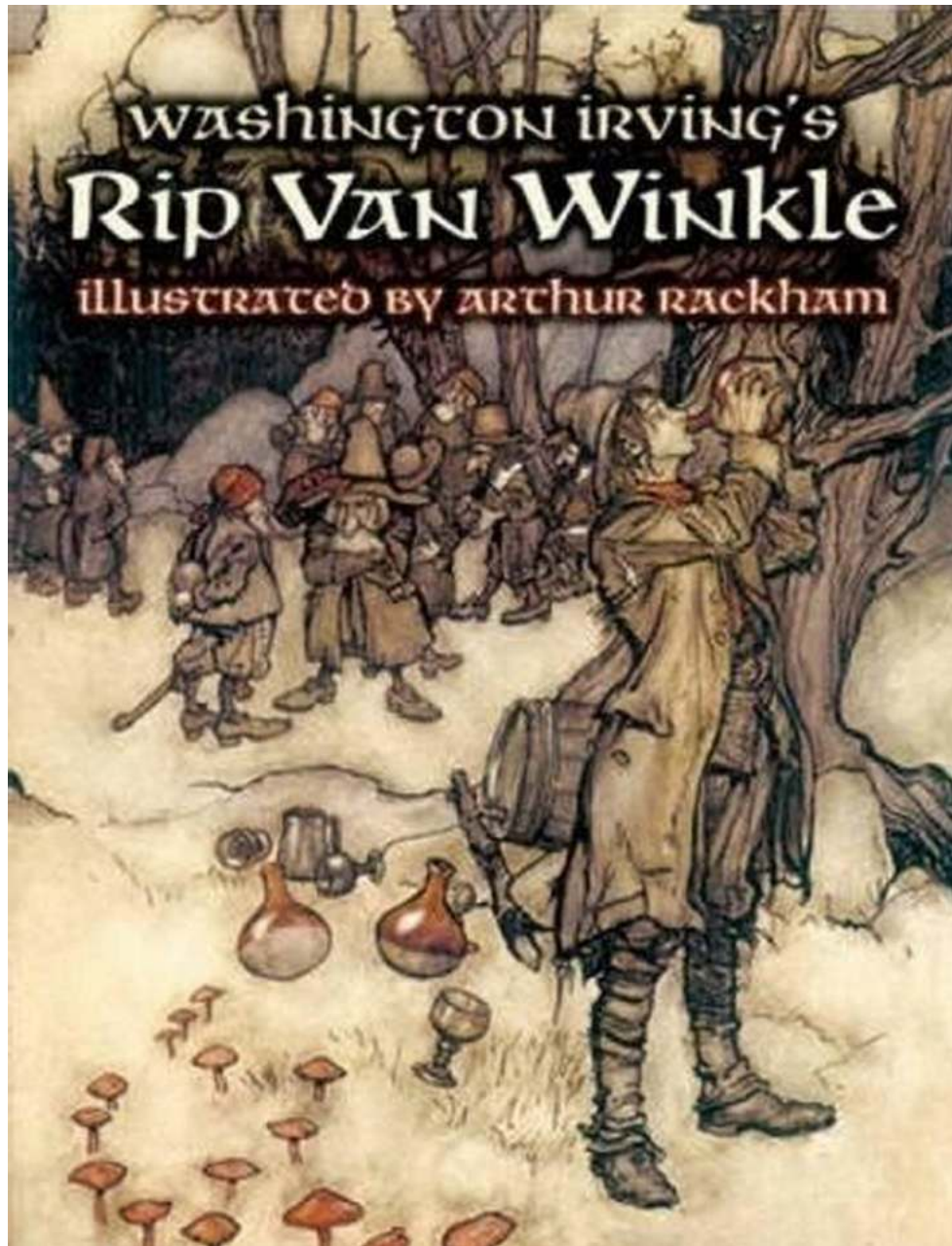


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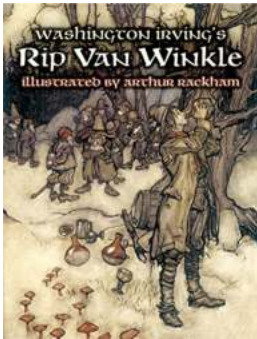


When it comes to American literature, Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle stands out as a timeless classic that has captivated readers for generations. This

enchanted tale of a man who falls into a deep sleep, only to awaken years later in a world vastly different from the one he knew, is not just a literary masterpiece but also a significant contributor to the fine art history of our nation.

The Birth of a Legend

Published in 1819 as part of Irving's collection of essays and short stories titled "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent," Rip Van Winkle immediately gained recognition for its unique blend of folklore and social commentary. The protagonist, Rip Van Winkle, is a Dutch villager from the colonial era, known for his carefree lifestyle and love for nature.



Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle (Dover Fine Art, History of Art) by Arthur Rackham (Kindle Edition)

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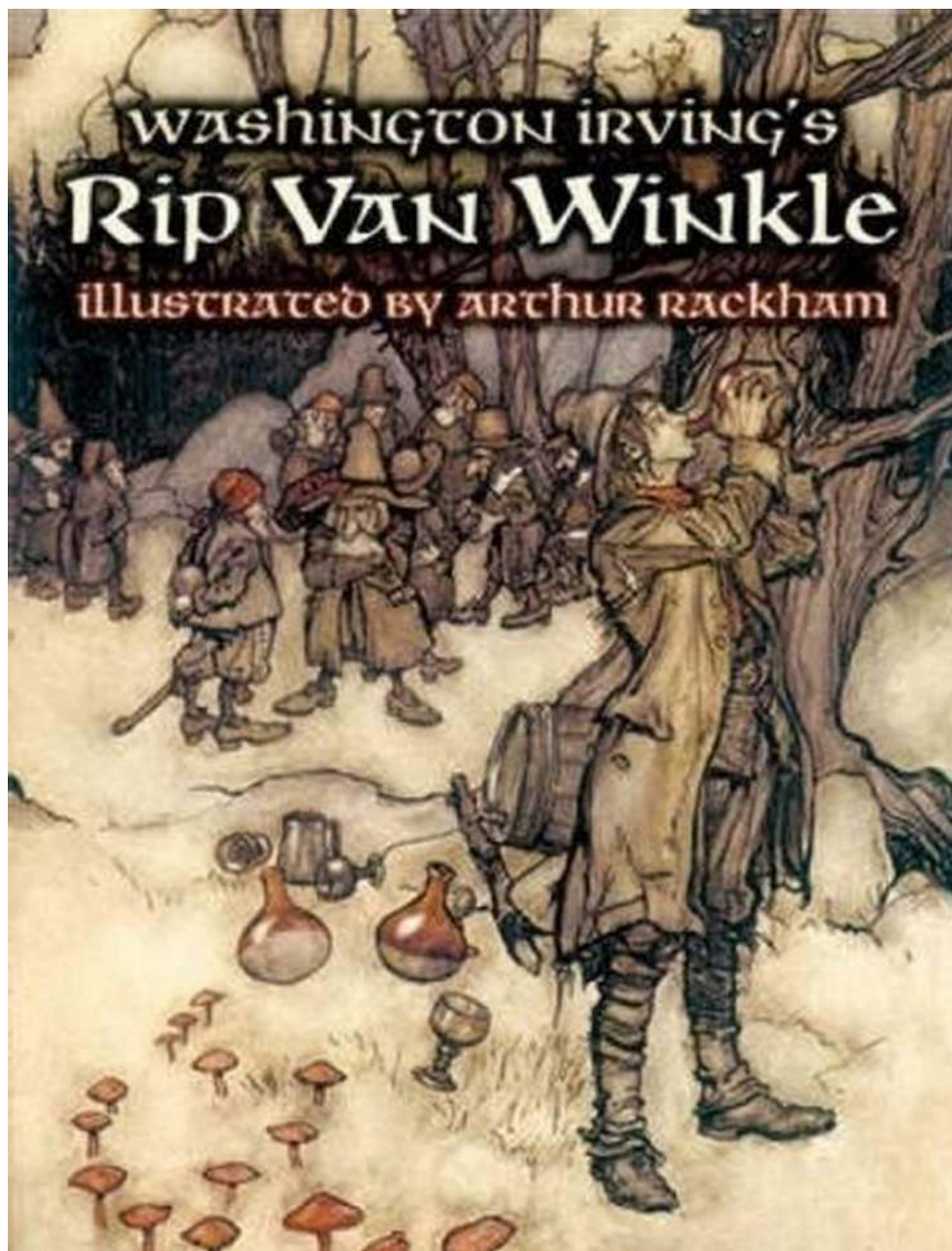


The story follows Rip as he ventures into the mysterious Catskill Mountains, where he encounters a group of peculiar men playing ninepins. After drinking their potent liquor, Rip falls into a deep sleep and wakes up decades later, discovering a changed world where the American Revolution has taken place,

and his once-familiar surroundings are replaced by a bustling town caught up in modernity.

An Artistic Journey

Over the years, Rip Van Winkle has captured the imagination of artists worldwide, resulting in numerous remarkable illustrations and paintings that bring Irving's words to life. One particular reproduction that stands out is the Dover Fine Art History of Art edition.



Released in collaboration with prominent art historians, the Dover Fine Art History of Art edition of Rip Van Winkle showcases an exquisite collection of illustrations, providing a visual narrative to accompany Irving's enchanting storytelling. From capturing the serene beauty of the Catskill Mountains to illustrating the stark contrast between past and present, this edition adds a new dimension to the tale.

A Voyage through History

Through Irving's words and the masterful brushstrokes of the artists, readers embark on a journey through time, experiencing both the joyous moments of Rip's escape from his cumbersome domestic life and the profound sense of loss as he awakens to a changed world.



One notable painting featured in this edition is an emotional depiction of Rip Van Winkle's moment of awakening. The artist artistically conveys the mix of

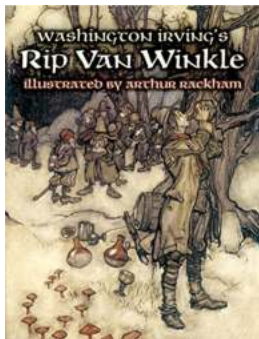
astonishment, confusion, and melancholy that overwhelms the protagonist as he gazes upon the unfamiliar landscape.

Preserving an American Icon

The Dover Fine Art History of Art edition is not just a testament to the talent of the artists but also a commitment to preserving Irving's masterpiece for future generations. By celebrating the incredible fusion of literature and art, this edition highlights the importance of Rip Van Winkle as a cornerstone of American culture.

Whether you are a devoted fan of Irving's works, an art enthusiast, or simply someone looking for an immersive reading experience, the Dover Fine Art History of Art edition of Rip Van Winkle offers a unique window into both the literary and artistic prowess of the past.

Don't miss out on this captivating journey retracing the steps of Rip Van Winkle, the man who slept through history!



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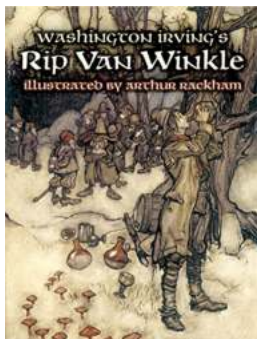
These magnificent illustrations, created for a 1905 edition of Washington Irving's enchanting fairy tale, established Arthur Rackham as a leading illustrator of his time. The illustrations featured traits that soon were to characterize much of Rackham's art: flowing pen lines and muted watercolors, forests of looming trees, lovely fairy maidens, and quizzical troll-like figures. Today these images are recognized as among Rackham's very best works.

This edition features all 51 full-page color plates, as well as the full text of Irving's classic tale. And enduring foundation of Catskill lore, the captivating narrative recounts the fanciful adventures of an amiable ne'er-do-well colonial farmer who wanders into the highlands, falls asleep after drinking with a band of strange little mountain men, and wakes twenty years later in a world that has passed him by. Effusing a gentle humor, Rackham's art is a constant reminder of a more innocent era. This edition — sure to enchant art lovers — will also delight Rackham devotees and fantasy fans alike.



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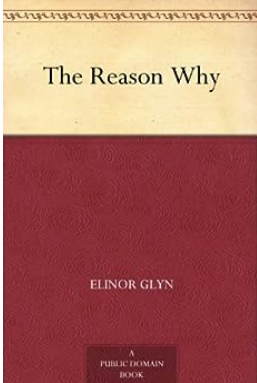
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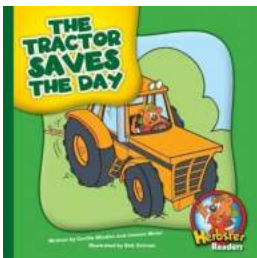
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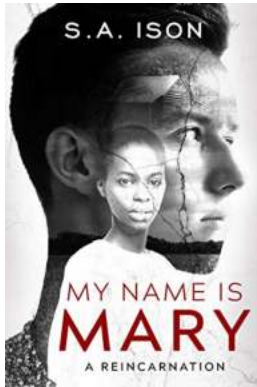
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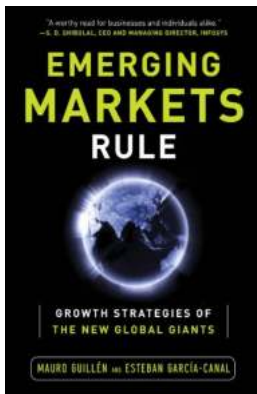
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