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2: JACK SHEPPARD A Romance, by W. Harrison Ainsworth.

Jonathan Wild, also spelled Wilde (or - 24 May), was a London underworld figure notable for operating on both sides of the law, posing as a public-spirited crimefighter entitled the "Thief-Taker General".

Crime ran rampant, and highwaymen, thieves, and prostitutes governed the land. Execution by means of placing frequently punished the smallest infractions, and rip-roaring tales of fearless criminals proliferated, giving beginning to a brand new medium: He observed how legal corrupted the bad. They got here out thieves, yet he got here out a journalist. Six months later, the writer of Robinson Crusoe and Moll Flanders coated one other demise on the placing tree. Jonathan Wild regarded every piece the bruteâ€”body lined in scars from dagger, sword, and gun, bald head patched with silver plates from a fractured skullâ€”and he had all yet invented the double-cross. He cultivated younger thieves, profited from their paintings, then grew to become them in for his rewardâ€”and their execution. Defoe once more bought the news, and tabloid journalism as we all know it had all started. Considering September eleven, , Seymour M. Hersh has riveted readers -- and outraged the Bush management -- together with his explosive tales within the New Yorker, together with his headline-making items at the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Now, Hersh brings jointly what he has realized, in addition to new reporting, to respond to the severe query of the final 4 years: How did the United States get from the transparent morning while planes crashed into the realm alternate middle to a divisive and soiled warfare in Iraq? Commando Chris Terrill is a guy looking for his restrict. This quantity of his later paintings is chosen from items that he wrote after he based the magazine loved ones phrases in , up till his loss of life in Extra info for Thief-Taker Hangings: Wild by no means forgot a transgression. Trial reporting used to be additionally in its infancy at the moment. As Shoemaker, Emsley, and Hitchcock observe: The previous Bailey Courthouse used to be a public position, with a variety of spectators, and the acceptance of the lawsuits might have speedy suffered if the debts have been unreliable. Their authenticity used to be one in every of their most powerful promoting issues, and a comparability of the textual content of the court cases with different manuscript and released bills of an identical trials confirms that what they did document was once for the main half stated properly. Newspapers ran their very own studies of crimes and trials, together with testimony transcribed from the courtroom. Readers sought after unspoiled realism in what they learn. Soft-core reenactments not sufficed.

3: Jack Sheppard () " Here Begynneth A Lytell Geste of Robin Hood"

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He was rather like an eighteenth-century Artful Dodger, a proper cheeky chappie who thumbed his nose at authority, escaping from gaol no less than four times. This post gives a brief overview of his life and legend. Jack Sheppard was born in Stepney, London in His father died when he was young, and Sheppard was placed into the care of the Parish Workhouse, where he remained for some time before being apprenticed to a carpenter named Mr. Wood, of Wych Street near Drury Lane. Contemporary accounts such as *The History of the Remarkable Life of John Sheppard*, the authorship of which has been credited to Daniel Defoe, tell us that Sheppard was in his early years a perfect apprentice. Now was laid the foundation of his ruin! In a typical, Hogarthian idle apprentice manner, Sheppard began to grow weary of his industrious employment, and begins to quarrel with his master, Mr. Wood and his wife implored him not to associate any longer with Bess, but he would not listen to them. In fact, he beat Mrs. Wood with a stick for criticising Bess. In July Sheppard committed his first robbery, having stolen a yard of fustian from the house of a Mr. Bains, a piece-maker who resided in Whitehouse Yard, London while on a job for Mr. Consequently, Sheppard and Mr. Wood parted ways, and his biographer tells us that: He was gone from a good and careful patronage, and lay exposed to, and complied with, the temptations of the most wicked wretches this town could afford, as Joseph Blake alias Blueskin, William Field, Doleing, James Sykes, alias Hell and Fury. In concert with these thieves, robbery followed robbery. Gaols in the eighteenth century were privatised, and for the right price, the gaoler would allow you to have as many visitors as you wanted even your own luxury private room, for the right price. Sheppard, not warned by this admonition, returns like a dog to his vomit. He returns to his thieving ways by robbing Mr. He then went on to rob a woollen draper, Mr. He was no simple house-breaker though, for Sheppard also liked to rob people on the highway, as all the best eighteenth-century thieves did. Jack Sheppard in Newgate. Kneebone, applied to the Thief Taker, Jonathan Wild c. Wild was the chief agent of law enforcement in the country at the time, for there was no professional police force. The victim of a crime would go to Wild and tell him what he had stolen, Wild would then liaise with certain acquaintances of his from the criminal underworld to arrange, in return for a fee, the stolen goods unbeknownst to most Londoners, however, is that it was usually Wild himself, at the head of a band of criminals, who was probably directing half of the robberies. Accordingly another warrant for Sheppard was drawn up, and was arrested when he broke into the house of William Fields. After his indictment, Sheppard was committed to the New Prison, and sentenced to death by hanging. But again gaol could not contain Sheppard, and he escaped once again. His escape caused a sensation in the London press, and he became the talk of the town. The thing about Sheppard was that, while he was good at escaping from prison, he was never very good at evading recapture once he had escaped. He immediately went back to robbing people. And he was captured soon again. This time his time in gaol was spent with his feet weighed down with a ball-and-chain, lest he should try to escape again. By this time he was a celebrity; men and women of all ranks came to see him in prison. Even the famous artist, William Hogarth, came to draw him. Yet inexplicably, despite being manacled on both of his limbs, Sheppard escaped again. Unfortunately, he was again apprehended. It would have been better for him simply to have left London, but he did not. This last time there would be no escape, and on the 16 November Sheppard passed in the cart to Tyburn, where public executions were held, and was launched into eternity. Jack Sheppard faces up to Jonathan Wild. There were also plays about his life staged at the St. Bartholomew Fair celebrations, in addition to numerous street ballads and songs detailing his life and exploits. William Harrison Ainsworth published his novel *Jack Sheppard* in Sheppard is the idle apprentice while his friend Darrell is the industrious apprentice. Sheppard falls into a life of criminality; he commences by working for Jonathan Wild, but after a feud between the two, Wild vows to have Sheppard hanged, and eventually succeeds by the end of the novel. The novel soon generated controversy, however, and there was a storm of moral outrage in the press. A reviewer in *The Athenaeum* called it: A bad book, and what is worse, one of a class of bad books, got up for a

bad people's a history of vulgar and disgusting atrocities. Alongside the unfavourable reviews in magazines such as *The Athenaeum*, matters came to head in July. In that year Lord William Russell was murdered in his sleep by his valet, Benjamin Courvoisier. In one of several public confessions the valet stated that the idea for murdering his master came from having read the novel *Jack Sheppard*. Ainsworth responded to his critics by writing a vigorous defence of the novel in *The Times*, and concluded that these attacks were nothing more than: A most virulent and libellous attack upon my romance. However, the damage had been done. The genre fell out of favour with the respectable reading public. Paradoxically, while he is a thief, he is also inherently noble, loyal to his friend Darrell and his mother, Joan. His devotion to his mother leads to his arrest, for he is apprehended at her funeral by Jonathan Wild, the famous thief taker. Critics of the novel objected to mixed motives and mixed morality, preferring the security of a moral universe in which the good and bad, the criminal and the law-abiding, were readily identifiable as such. Many young boys often took an active role in the Chartist movement, and contemporary police reports from the s lay a particular emphasis upon the presence of young males at Chartist meetings. Although admittedly many of the boys present at those meetings may simply have been pickpockets who wished to capitalise upon the pickings to be had where a great number of people were present. You have to wonder why, in an age in which several novels featuring thieves and highwaymen were published, such as *Rob Roy*, *Robin Hood*, *Ivanhoe*, *Maid Marian*, *Paul Clifford*, *Eugene Aram*, *Rookwood*, it was only *Jack Sheppard* in that was singled out for attention. And this was not lost on some contemporary reviewers: Critics, who had always a passion for heroes in fetters before, now found out that housebreakers are disreputable characters. They were in raptures with the old-established brigand still, and the freebooter of foreign extraction; they could hug *Robin Hood* as fondly as ever, and dwell with unhurt morals on the little peccadilloes of *Rob Roy*; nay, they had no objection to ride behind *Turpin* to *York* any day, and would never feel ashamed of their company; but they shook their heads at *Sheppard*, because low people began to run after him at the theatres; he was a housebreaker! A rare penny dreadful. For example, there was the anonymously authored penny serial *Jack Sheppard*; or, *London in the Last Century*. Young male readers loved these tales, as indicated by the interviews with some youths which the social investigator, *Henry Mayhew*, published in his *London Labour and the London Poor*. Numbers avowed that they had been induced to resort to an abandoned course of life from reading the lives of notorious thieves and novels about highway robbers. And one youth told *Mayhew* that: They were large thick books, borrowed from the library. They told how they used to break open the houses, and get out of *Newgate*, and how *Dick* got away to *York*. We used to think *Jack* and them very fine fellows. I wished I could be like *Jack* I did then, about the blankets in his escape, and that old house in *West-street* -it is a ruin still. And his image was also in advertising, and on cigarette trading cards. In short, he was one of the most famous thieves of the nineteenth century. Unfortunately, the memory of *Jack Sheppard* has faded from public consciousness. Perhaps one day some movie-maker will resurrect *Jack Sheppard* back into public memory. All illustrations used are scanned from my own copies of first editions of these novels.

4: Jack Sheppard A Romance by William Harrison Ainsworth - Free at Loyal Books

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In particular, these texts emphasize boyhood as a stage foreshadowing and preparing for the achievement of mature masculinity. In other words, the Muscular Christian imagination associated physical development with moral development, and stressed a progressive masculine narrative. They now often stole out into the hall at nights, incitedâ€ partly by the excitement of doing something which was against the rules; for, sad to say, both of our youngsters, since their loss of character for steadiness in their form, had gotten into the habit of doing things which were forbidden, as a matter of adventure,â€just in the same way, I should fancy, as men fall into smuggling, and for the same sort of reasonsâ€thoughtlessness in the first place. It never occurred to them to consider why such and such rules were laid down: This is in direct opposition to attitudes during the late-century, which sought to keep this juvenile adventure spirit in stasis. For example, the narrator of Tom Brown encourages boys to: Quit yourselves like men, then; speak up, and strike out if necessary, for whatsoever is true, and manly, and lovely, and of good report; never try to be popular, but only to do your duty and help others to do theirs For boys follow each other in herds like sheep, for good or evil; they hate thinking, and have rarely any settled principlesâ€ it is the leading boys of the time being who give the tone to all the rest, and make the School either a noble institution for the training of Christian Englishmen, or a place where a young boy will get more evil than he would if he were turned out to make his way in London-streets, or anything between these two extremes. As conservative strains of imperialism displaced older liberal narratives of progress, civilization, and enlightenment in favor of militarism, expansionism, and a vision of permanent dominion and endless competition, imperialists found in enduring boyishness a natural and suitably anti-developmental model of identity. An empire that had ceased to strive towards idealistic ends no longer required its heroes to grow up, and a non-developmental understanding of global politics welcomed a masculinity resistant to development. Instead of religion or morality, imperial boys based their formation upon play-ethic, or game mindset, constructing their masculinity in relation to competition and achievement instead of a set of ethical binaries. In this fashion, Jack Sheppard and its titular hero or anti-hero can be read as a precursor to the eternal boys of the late-century. It makes thieves of the coming generation, and so helps fill our goals. It was concerned with questions of fairness that might guide the players in a game, but generally uninterested in questions of a universal justice that might guide us all. Again, this mode of masculinity significantly contrasts with the masculine narrative of the mid-century, which stressed a journey to maturation and subsequent goodness, a goal to which a boy could aspire, whereas in many boyhood narratives of the late century, such as *Treasure Island*, boyhood is itself the goal. Their meeting is interrupted by the arrival of the mysterious figure Darrell, who is fleeing the wrath of his brother-in-law, Sir Rowland, in an effort to protect his newborn son. When the incident turns violent, Mr. Wood raises the alarm in the streets, an action standardly reserved in the Old Mint to prevent arrests by the sheriff, thus preserving the impunity of the debtors from British law. Here the alternate law of the Old Mint becomes clear, as the rabble Wood roused demands payment for their assistance in ceasing the scuffle. Do not imagine you can at one moment avail yourself of our excellent regulationsâ€ and the next break them with impunity. If you assume the character of the debtor for your own convenience, you must be content to maintain it for ours. Shortly after this incident the young Jack, himself born in the Old Mint, is apprenticed to Mr. Wood, and supposedly set upon the path of middle-class trade and respectability. However, it does not take long for Jack to find his way back to this playground-world, where he returns in adolescence, under the tutelage of Jonathan Wild, to begin his career as a housebreaker. These codes manifest themselves in the novel as the weight both the adult Jack and Jonathan Wild place upon keeping promises. While Jack and Jonathan may be uninterested in civic justice or moral behavior, they place value upon being honorable, at least in this manner. Kneebone to join him for dinner that night. Despite all these precautions, Jack does in fact escape, and of course keeps his dinner engagement with Mr. Rather than fleeing London and ensuring his safety once his escape is made good, Jack keeps his promise

or perhaps his boast to Kneebone, despite the near certainty of recapture. Although this sets Jonathan up to be treacherous and volatile, it also emphasizes a dark form of promise-keeping. Although Wild is treacherous, unmerciful and self-serving, much like Long John Silver, he too abides by the codes of play-ethic, even when it is not always convenient, in the service of the very gruesome game over which he presides. Thus, much of the tension and resulting action in Jack Sheppard lies in the power struggle between Jack and Jonathan Wild. Jack and Jonathan thus stand out amongst their ramshackle colleagues in that they possess these attributes in abundance, leading to their success as criminals, but also to a natural rivalry. This was no light conquest; nor was it a government easily maintained. Wood, who threatens to raise the alarm. When Jonathan responds by threatening to hang him if he leaves, Jack issues the following challenge: Henceforth, I utterly throw off the yoke you have laid upon me. I will neither stir hand nor foot for you more. Attempt to molest me, and I split. You are more in my power than I am in yours. Jack Sheppard is a match for Jonathan Wild, any day. Jonathan even utilizes the language of games. Jonathan suffers a vicious attack at the hands of Blueskin while gloating over Jack in prison, nearly dying of lacerations inflicted on his throat. Jack and Jonathan certainly do not establish their masculine identity in relation to moral or civic law, but in relation to their competition with each other, a practice Deane locates amongst the pirates in Treasure Island, and identifies as essentially boyish in nature. The Muscular Christian vs. Like Jack, Thames enters the narrative as an infant, the son of the mysterious figure Darrell. Wood helps Darrell escape from Sir Rowland, who believes Darrell, thought to be lower class and title-less, has enticed his sister into an illicit affair. Wood adopts Thames as his own son, naming him in honor of a severe storm they both survive upon the River Thames. Thus, Jack and Thames are raised alongside each other, both working in Mr. Their childhood provides ample opportunities for comparison, as Thames rises to the role of the favored son, while Jack is consistently chastised for laziness and vulgarity. However, as the novel progresses, Thames proves to be essentially useless, although he is honorable and good. Thames Darrell stands in the novel as a much more conventional figure of the honorable, respectable gentleman-hero. He identifies in adolescence with glorious military heroes of antiquity and styles himself in adulthood a courtly gallant of the Restoration—albeit fifty years after the fact. He would be the hero and commander of a civil society, yet he proves himself not only anachronistic but also repeatedly incapable of taking action. Thames pales next to the masculinized rogue Jack, who emerges as the true romance hero of the novel. The two friends contrasted strikingly with each other. In all other respects they differed as materially. Jack could hardly be accounted as good-looking: Thames, on the contrary, was one of the handsomest boys possible. The expression pervading the countenance of the one was vulgarity; of the other, that which is rarely found, except in persons of high birth. While Ainsworth is explicit that Thames is the more wholesome of the two, he suggests that Jack is by far the more fascinating, effective, and even the more likable. The characters of the youthful occupants of the room might be detected in every article it contained. His vocal collection comprised a couple flash songs while his extraordinary mechanical skill was displayed in another model of the pillory at Fleet Bridge; and a third of the permanent gibbet at Tyburn. Once locked up, Jack reveals what he has learned to Thames: Listen to me, Thames. Here Jack is inserted into a heroic plot, instead of the villainous one readers may be expecting, caring for Thames rather than seeing only to his own interests. He laughs at locks and bolts; and the more carefully you guard your premises from him, the more likely are you to ensure an attack. He has been lodged in every round-house in the metropolis, and has broken out of them all, and boats that no prison can hold him. Upon his reunion with the Woods in adulthood, Thames later recounts the ensuing events: Carried out to sea by Van Galgebok, and thrown overboard, while struggling with the waves, he had been picked up by a French fishing boat, and carried to Ostend. After encountering various hardships and privations for a long time, during which he had no means of communicating with England, he, at length, found his way to Paris, where he was taken notice of by Cardinal Dubois, who employed him as one of his secretaries, and subsequently advanced to the service of Philip of Orleans, from whom he received a commission. On the death of his royal patron, he resolved to return to his own country; and, after various delays, which had postponed it to the present time, he had succeeded in accomplishing his object. Thames and Jack thus reveal significant differences in the manner that mid and late Victorians conceived of boyhood. Dandies and Desert Saints: Styles of Victorian Manhood. Victorian People

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5: Jack Sheppard, Vol II, by W. Harrison Ainsworth

Jack Sheppard's Quarrel with Jonathan Wild. Jack Sheppard's Escape from the New Prison. The Disguise. Winifred receives two Proposals.

He had a second brother, Thomas, and a younger sister, Mary. Their father, a carpenter, died while Sheppard was young, and his sister died two years later. He was sent out to a second cane-chair maker, but Sheppard was treated badly. Sheppard signed his seven-year indenture on 2 April. He had a pale face with large, dark eyes, a wide mouth and a quick smile. Despite a slight stutter, his wit made him popular in the taverns of Drury Lane. Joseph Hayne, a button-moulder who owned a shop nearby, also ran a tavern named the Black Lion off Drury Lane, which he encouraged the local apprentices to frequent. In his *History*, Defoe records that Bess was "a main lodestone in attracting of him up to this Eminence of Guilt. Inevitably, his carpentry suffered, and he became disobedient to his master. His first recorded theft was in Spring, when he engaged in petty shoplifting, stealing two silver spoons while on an errand for his master to Rummer Tavern in Charing Cross. Finally, he quit the employ of his master on 2 August, with less than two years of his apprenticeship left, [11] although he continued to work as a journeyman carpenter. He moved to Fulham, living as husband and wife with Lyon at Parsons Green, before moving to Piccadilly. Tom, also a carpenter, had already been convicted once for stealing tools from his master the previous autumn and burned in the hand. Tom was arrested again on 24 April. He distracted their attention by pointing to the shadows on the roof and shouting that he could see the escapee, and then swiftly departed. On 19 May, Sheppard was arrested for a second time, caught in the act of picking a pocket in Leicester Fields near present-day Leicester Square. They appeared before Justice Walters, who sent them to the New Prison in Clerkenwell, but they escaped from their cell, known as the Newgate Ward, within a matter of days. By 25 May, Whitsun Monday, Sheppard and Lyon had filed through their manacles; they removed a bar from the window and used their knotted bed-clothes to descend to ground level. Finding themselves in the yard of the neighbouring Bridewell, they clambered over the foot-high 6. This feat was widely publicised, not least because Sheppard was only a small man, and Lyon was a large, buxom woman. Wild demanded that Sheppard surrender his stolen goods for Wild to fence, and so take the greater profits, but Sheppard refused. He was prosecuted on three charges of theft at the Old Bailey, but was acquitted on the first two due to lack of evidence. Having loosened an iron bar in a window used when talking to visitors, he was visited by Lyon and Poll Maggott, who distracted the guards while he removed the bar. His fame had increased with each escape, and he was visited in prison by the great, the good and the curious. His plans to escape in September were thwarted twice when the guards found files and other tools in his cell, and he was transferred to a strong-room in Newgate known as the "Castle", clapped in leg irons, and chained to two metal staples in the floor to prevent further escape attempts. In his *History*, Defoe reports that Sheppard made light of his predicament, joking that "I am the Sheppard, and all the Gaolers in the Town are my Flock, and I cannot stir into the Country, but they are all at my Heels Baughing after me". Enraged, Blueskin attacked Wild in the courtroom, slashing his throat with a pocket-knife and causing an uproar. Jack Sheppard in Newgate Prison before his fourth escape, from the frontispiece of the "Narrative" of his life, published by John Applebee in 1726. The label "A" marks the hole he made in the chimney during his escape. Taking advantage of the disturbance, which spread to Newgate Prison next door and continued into the night, Sheppard escaped for the fourth time. He unlocked his handcuffs and removed the chains. Still encumbered by his leg irons, he attempted to climb up the chimney, but his path was blocked by an iron bar set into the brickwork. He removed the bar and used it to break through the ceiling into the "Red Room" above the "Castle", a room which had last been used some seven years before to confine aristocratic Jacobite prisoners after the Battle of Preston. He went back down to his cell to get a blanket, then back to the roof of the prison, and used the blanket to reach the roof of an adjacent house, owned by William Bird, a turner. Escaping through the streets to the north and west, Sheppard hid in a cowshed in Tottenham near modern Tottenham Court Road. This escape astonished everyone. He disguised himself as a beggar and returned to the city. He was arrested a final time in the early morning on 1 November, blind drunk, "in a handsome Suit of

Black, with a Diamond Ring and a carnelian ring on his Finger, and a fine Light Tye Peruke ". He was also loaded with pounds of iron weights. He was offered the chance to have his sentence reduced by informing on his associates, but he scorned the offer, and the death sentence was confirmed. Execution[edit] The following Monday, 16 November, Sheppard was taken to the gallows at Tyburn to be hanged. He planned one more escape, but his pen-knife , intended to cut the ropes binding him on the way to the gallows, was found by a prison warder shortly before he left Newgate for the last time. The procession halted at the City of Oxford tavern on Oxford Street, where Sheppard drank a pint of sack. Sheppard handed "a paper to someone as he mounted the scaffold", [38] perhaps as a symbolic endorsement of the account in the "Narrative". After hanging for the prescribed 15 minutes, his body was cut down. His badly mauled remains were recovered later and buried in the churchyard of St Martin-in-the-Fields that evening. He was even cited favourably as an example in newspapers, pamphlets, broadsheets, and ballads were all devoted to his amazing exploits, [40] and his story was adapted for the stage almost immediately. Let me exhort ye, then, to open the locks of your hearts with the nail of repentance! Burst asunder the fetters of your beloved lusts! Sheppard was the inspiration for the figure of Macheath ; his nemesis, Peachum, is based on Jonathan Wild. Moncrieff was published in Mr Cruickshank really created the tale, and that Mr Ainsworth, as it were, only put words to it. It has been described as the "exemplary climax" of "the pictorial novel dramatized pictorially". The fear may not have been entirely unfounded: Courvossier, the valet of Lord William Russell , claimed in one of his several confessions that the book had inspired him to murder his master.

6: William Harrison Ainsworth ()

When Mrs. Sheppard, who had been stricken down by the blow that prostrated her assailant, looked up, she perceived Jonathan Wild kneeling beside the body of Blueskin. He was holding the ring to the light, and narrowly examining the inscription.

ToC On the night of Friday, the 26th of November, , and at the hour of eleven, the door of a miserable habitation, situated in an obscure quarter of the Borough of Southwark, known as the Old Mint, was opened; and a man, with a lantern in his hand, appeared at the threshold. This person, whose age might be about forty, was attired in a brown double-breasted frieze coat, with very wide skirts, and a very narrow collar; a light drugget waistcoat, with pockets reaching to the knees; black plush breeches; grey worsted hose; and shoes with round toes, wooden heels, and high quarters, fastened by small silver buckles. He wore a three-cornered hat, a sandy-coloured scratch wig, and had a thick woollen wrapper folded round his throat. His clothes had evidently seen some service, and were plentifully begrimed with the dust of the workshop. Still he had a decent look, and decidedly the air of one well-to-do in the world. In stature, he was short and stumpy; in person, corpulent; and in countenance, sleek, snub-nosed, and demure. Immediately behind this individual, came a pale, poverty-stricken woman, whose forlorn aspect contrasted strongly with his plump and comfortable physiognomy. She was dressed in a tattered black stuff gown, discoloured by various stains, and intended, it would seem, from the remnants of rusty crape with which it was here and there tricked out, to represent the garb of widowhood, and held in her arms a sleeping infant, swathed in the folds of a linsey-woolsey shawl. Page 2 Notwithstanding her emaciation, her features still retained something of a pleasing expression, and might have been termed beautiful, had it not been for that repulsive freshness of lip denoting the habitual dram-drinker; a freshness in her case rendered the more shocking from the almost livid hue of the rest of her complexion. She could not be more than twenty; and though want and other suffering had done the work of time, had wasted her frame, and robbed her cheek of its bloom and roundness, they had not extinguished the lustre of her eyes, nor thinned her raven hair. Checking an ominous cough, that, ever and anon, convulsed her lungs, the poor woman addressed a few parting words to her companion, who lingered at the doorway as if he had something on his mind, which he did not very well know how to communicate. Wood," said she, in the deep, hoarse accents of consumption; "and may God Almighty bless and reward you for your kindness! Sheppard, and neither deserve nor desire your thanks. Sheppard, with a deep sigh, perceiving that her benefactor hesitated to pronounce the word. My heart would speak if it could, for it is very full. There was a time, long, long ago, when the tears would have rushed to my eyes unbidden at the bare mention of generosity Page 3 like yours, Mr. Wood; but they never come now. I have never wept since that day. I must stay a minute longer, if only to see you smile. The room in which this interview took place had a sordid and miserable look. Rotten, and covered with a thick coat of dirt, the boards of the floor presented a very insecure footing; the bare walls were scored all over with grotesque designs, the chief of which represented the punishment of Nebuchadnezzar. The rest were hieroglyphic characters, executed in red chalk and charcoal. The ceiling had, in many places, given way; the laths had been removed; and, where any plaster remained, it was either mapped and blistered with damp, or festooned with dusty cobwebs. Over an old crazy bedstead was thrown a squalid, patchwork counterpane; and upon the counterpane lay a black hood and scarf, a pair of bodice of the cumbrous form in vogue at the beginning of the last century, and some other articles of female attire. On a small shelf near the foot of the bed stood a couple of empty phials, a cracked ewer and basin, a brown jug without a handle, a small tin coffee-pot without a spout, a saucer of rouge, a fragment of looking-glass, and a flask, labelled "Rosa Solis. On one side of the handbill a print of the reigning sovereign, Anne, had been pinned over the portrait of William the Third, whose aquiline nose, keen eyes, and luxuriant wig, were just visible above the diadem of the queen. On the other a wretched engraving of the Chevalier de Saint George, or, as he was styled in the label attached to the portrait, James the Third, raised a suspicion that the inmate of the house was not altogether free from some tincture of Jacobitism. A farthing candle, stuck in a bottle neck, shed its feeble light upon the table, which, owing to the provident kindness of Mr. Wood, was

much better furnished with eatables than might have been expected, and boasted a loaf, a knuckle of ham, a meat-pie, and a flask of wine. Sheppard," said Wood, glancing round the chamber, as he expanded his palms before the scanty flame. Take my word for it, your troubles are over. Like carpenter, like chips. He never cries nor frets, as children generally do, but lies at my bosom, or on my knee, as quiet and as gentle as you see him now. And, when I have seen him pining away before my eyes, getting thinner and thinner every day, I have sometimes thought my prayers were heard. Wood was not particularly fortunate in his own matrimonial connections. He went by another name then,â€”Rykhart Scherprechter I think he called himself. His fellow-prisoners nicknamed him the gallows-provider, from a habit he had of picking out all those who were destined to the gibbet. He was never known to err, and was as much dreaded as the jail-fever in consequence. He singled out my poor husband from a crowd of other felons; and you know how right he was in that case, Sir. No, I did not know that. Sheppard mysteriously, "old Van told me one thing which has come true already. Of all crafts,â€”and it was the only craft his poor father, who, to do him justice, was one of the best workmen that ever handled a saw or drove a nail, could never understand,â€”of all crafts, I say, to be an honest man is the master-craft. Sheppard, somewhat alarmed by this preamble. The more haste, the worse speedâ€”better the feet slip than the tongue. Sheppard made an effort to speak, but her voice was choked by emotion. Not part with him! Remember what the conjuror said. Sheppard, "and am most grateful for your offer. But I dare not accept it. Sheppard in a troubled voice, "that if I lost my child, I should lose all Page 9 I have left in the world. I have neither father, mother, brother, sister, nor husbandâ€”I have only him. But give me till to-morrowâ€”only till to-morrowâ€”I may be able to part with him then. Sheppard; and, as soon as he could command his feelings, which were considerably excited by the mention of her distresses, Page 10 he squeezed her hand warmly, bestowed a hearty execration upon his own inhumanity, and swore he would neither separate her from her child, nor suffer any one else to separate them. I was to blame to carry the matter so far. However, confession of a fault makes half amends for it. A time may come when this little chap will need my aid, and, depend upon it, he shall never want a friend in Owen Wood. Opening a pair of large black eyes, the child fixed them for an instant upon Wood, and then, alarmed by the light, uttered a low and melancholy cry, which, however, was speedily stilled by the caresses of his mother, towards whom he extended his tiny arms, as if imploring protection. Sheppard, smiling through her tears. Sheppard; "for if I had not been a mother, I would not have survived the day on which I became a widow. Sheppard," said Wood in a soothing tone. The dismal tolling of St. The spirit I drink may be poison,â€”it may kill me,â€”perhaps it is killing me: I should have gone mad without it. It comforts him when he is most forlorn. It may be treacherous, it may lay up a store of future woe; but it insures present happiness, and that is sufficient. When I have traversed the streets a houseless wanderer, driven with curses from every door where I have solicited alms, and with blows from every gateway where I have sought shelter,â€”when I have crept into some deserted building, and stretched my wearied limbs upon a bulk, in the vain hope of repose,â€”or, worse than all, when, frenzied with want, I have yielded to horrible temptation, and earned a meal in the only way I could earn one,â€”when I have felt, at times like these, my heart sink within me, I have drank of this drink, and have at once forgotten my cares, my poverty, my guilt. Old thoughts, old feelings, old faces, and old scenes have returned to me, and I have fancied myself happy,â€”as happy as I am now. I tell you what, Mr. Wood," added she in a hollow voice, and with a ghastly look, "gin may bring ruin; but as long as poverty, vice, and ill-usage exist, it will be drunk. You shall hear from me to-morrow. Sheppard, again arresting his departure. Strange, I could never learn her history. Tom Sheppard was always a close file, and would never tell whom he married. As to this little fellow, in spite of the Dutchman, who, in my opinion, is more of a Jacobite than a conjurer, and more of a knave than either, he shall never mount a horse foaled by an acorn, if I can help it. For a few moments Mr. Wood dandled his little charge to and fro, after the most approved nursery fashion, essaying at the same time the soothing influence of an infantine melody proper to the occasion; but, failing in his design, he soon lost all patience, and being, as we have before hinted, rather irritable, though extremely well-meaning, he lifted the unhappy bantling in the air, and shook him with so much good will, that he had well-nigh silenced him most effectually. A brief calm succeeded. But with returning breath came returning vociferations; and the carpenter, with a faint hope of lessening the clamour by change of scene, took up his lantern, opened the door, and

walked out. The neighbouring houses were tenanted by the lowest order of insolvent traders, thieves, mendicants, and other worthless and nefarious characters, who fled thither to escape from their creditors, or to avoid the punishment due to their different offenses; Page 14 for we may observe that the Old Mint, although it had been divested of some of its privileges as a sanctuary by a recent statute passed in the reign of William the Third, still presented a safe asylum to the debtor, and even continued to do so until the middle of the reign of George the First, when the crying nature of the evil called loudly for a remedy, and another and more sweeping enactment entirely took away its immunities. In consequence of the encouragement thus offered to dishonesty, and the security afforded to crime, this quarter of the Borough of Southwark was accounted at the period of our narrative the grand receptacle of the superfluous villainy of the metropolis. And yet, on the very site of the sordid tenements and squalid courts we have mentioned, where the felon openly made his dwelling, and the fraudulent debtor laughed the object of his knavery to scorn—on this spot, not two centuries ago, stood the princely residence of Charles Brandon, the chivalrous Duke of Suffolk, whose stout heart was a well of honour, and whose memory breathes of loyalty and valour. Nothing more forlorn could be conceived. The roof was partially untiled; the chimneys were tottering; the side-walls bulged, and were supported by a piece of timber propped against the opposite house; the glass in most of the windows was broken, and its place supplied with paper; while, in some cases, the very frames of the windows had been destroyed, and the apertures were left free to the airs of heaven. On the groundfloor the shutters Page 15 were closed, or, to speak more correctly, altogether nailed up, and presented a very singular appearance, being patched all over with the soles of old shoes, rusty hobnails, and bits of iron hoops, the ingenious device of the former occupant of the apartment, Paul Groves, the cobbler, to whom we have before alluded. It was owing to the untimely end of this poor fellow that Mrs. Sheppard was enabled to take possession of the premises. In a fit of despondency, superinduced by drunkenness, he made away with himself; and when the body was discovered, after a lapse of some months, such was the impression produced by the spectacle—such the alarm occasioned by the crazy state of the building, and, above all, by the terror inspired by strange and unearthly noises heard during the night, which were, of course, attributed to the spirit of the suicide, that the place speedily enjoyed the reputation of being haunted, and was, consequently, entirely abandoned. In this state Mrs. Sheppard found it; and, as no one opposed her, she at once took up her abode there; nor was she long in discovering that the dreaded sounds proceeded from the nocturnal gambols of a legion of rats. A narrow entry, formed by two low walls, communicated with the main thoroughfare; and in this passage, under the cover of a penthouse, stood Wood, with his little burthen, to whom we shall now return. Sheppard did not make her appearance quite so soon as he expected, the carpenter became a little fidgetty, and, having succeeded in tranquillizing the child, he thought proper to walk so far down the entry as would enable him to reconnoitre the upper windows of the house. A light was visible in the garret, feebly struggling through the damp atmosphere, for the night was raw and overcast. This light did not remain stationary, but could be seen at one moment glimmering through the rents in the roof, and at another shining through the cracks in the wall, or the broken panes of the casement. Wood was unable to discover the figure of the widow, but he recognised her dry, hacking Page 16 cough, and was about to call her down, if she could not find the key, as he imagined must be the case, when a loud noise was heard, as though a chest, or some weighty substance, had fallen upon the floor. Before Wood had time to inquire into the cause of this sound, his attention was diverted by a man, who rushed past the entry with the swiftness of desperation. This individual apparently met with some impediment to his further progress; for he had not proceeded many steps when he turned suddenly about, and darted up the passage in which Wood stood. The appearance of the new-comer was extremely prepossessing; and, after his trepidation had a little subsided, Wood began to regard him with some degree of interest. Evidently in the flower of his age, he was scarcely less remarkable for symmetry of person than for comeliness of feature; and, though his attire was plain and unpretending, it was such as could be worn only by one belonging to the higher ranks of society. His figure was tall and commanding, and the expression of his countenance though somewhat disturbed by his recent exertion was resolute and stern.

7: Jack Sheppard, Thief, Highwayman & Escapologist | Spitalfields Life

Little Jack Sheppard is a burlesque melodrama written by Henry Pottinger Stephens and William Yardley, with music by Meyer Lutz, with songs contributed by Florian Pascal, Corney Grain, Arthur Cecil, Michael Watson, Henry J. Leslie, Alfred Cellier and Hamilton Clarke.

Early life[edit] Though his exact birth date is unknown, Jonathan Wild was born in Wolverhampton in either 1725 or 1726 although he was also alleged to have been born in the nearby Shropshire village of Boningale [1] as the first of five children in a poor family. His father, John Wild, was a carpenter, and his mother sold herbs and fruits in the local market. At that time, Wolverhampton was the second-largest town in Staffordshire, with a population of around 6,000, many involved in iron-working and related trades. After being dismissed by his master, he returned to Wolverhampton, before coming back to London in 1745. The prisons were notoriously corrupt, with gaolers demanding a bribe, or "garnish", for any minor comfort. Wild became popular, running errands for the gaolers and eventually earning enough to repay his original debts and the cost of being imprisoned, and even lend money to other prisoners. He received "the liberty of the gate", meaning that he was allowed out at night to aid in the arrest of thieves. With his new skills and contacts, Wild was released in 1748 under an Act of Parliament passed earlier that year for the relief of insolvent debtors. Soon Wild was thoroughly acquainted with the underworld, with both its methods and its inhabitants. At some point during this period, Milliner had begun to act as something of a madam to other prostitutes, and Wild as a fence, or receiver of stolen goods. Wild began, slowly at first, to dispose of stolen goods and to pay bribes to get thieves out of prison. He later parted with Milliner, cutting off her ear to mark her as a prostitute. He abused his office, however, by practising extortion on an extravagant scale, both from thieves and from their potential victims. His testimony about the rise of crime was given during an investigation of these activities by the London Board of Aldermen, who suspended him from the Under Marshal position in 1750. As the papers reported notable crimes and ingenious attacks, the public worried more and more about property crime and grew more and more interested in the issues of criminals and policing. London depended entirely upon localised policing and had no citywide police force. Unease with crime was at a feverish high. The public was eager to embrace both colourful criminals e. Jack Sheppard and the entirely upper-class gang called the "Mohocks" in and valiant crime-fighters. London saw a rise not only in thievery, but in organised crime during the period. The ending of the War of the Spanish Succession meant a further increase in crime as demobilised soldiers were on the streets. By this time, Hitchen was restored to his office, but Wild went his own way, and he opened a small office in the Blue Boar tavern, run by Mrs Seagoe in Little Old Bailey. He ran a gang of thieves, kept the stolen goods, and waited for the crime and theft to be announced in the newspapers. At this point, he would claim that his "thief taking agents" police had "found" the stolen merchandise, and he would return it to its rightful owners for a reward to cover the expenses of running his agents. In some cases, if the stolen items or circumstances allowed for blackmail, he did not wait for the theft to be announced. As well as "recovering" these stolen goods, he would offer the police aid in finding the thieves. The thieves that Wild would help to "discover", however, were rivals or members of his own gang who had refused to cooperate with his taking the majority of the money. The crime of selling stolen goods became increasingly dangerous in the period from 1750 to 1760, such that low-level thieves ran a great risk in fencing their goods. Wild avoided this danger and exploited it simultaneously by having his gang steal, either through pickpocketing or, more often, mugging, and then by "recovering" the goods. He never sold the goods back, explicitly, nor ever pretended that they were not stolen. He claimed at all times that he found the goods by policing and avowed hatred of thieves. That very penalty for selling stolen goods, however, allowed Wild to control his gang very effectively, for he could turn in any of his thieves to the authorities at any time. If they did not give their take to him, Wild would simply apprehend them as thieves. However, what Wild chiefly did was use his thieves and ruffians to "apprehend" rival gangs. Charles Hitchen had used his position as Under-Marshall to practice extortion. He had pressured brothels and pickpockets to pay him off or give him the stolen goods since purchasing the position in 1745, and the extortion was already an established practice at that time. When Hitchen was suspended from his

duties for corruption in that year, he engaged Jonathan Wild to keep his business of extortion going in his absence. There he named Wild as a manager and source of crime. Wild replied with *An Answer to a Late Insolent Libel* and there explained that Hitchen was a homosexual who visited "molly houses" homosexual brothels. Wild held a virtual monopoly on crime in London. Legends arose surrounding his management of his "empire. This supposed system inspired a fake or folk etymology of the phrase "double cross. This fabulous story is contradicted by the fact that the noun "double cross" did not enter English usage until In public, Wild presented an heroic face. He was the man who returned stolen goods. He was the man who caught criminals. By his testimony, over sixty thieves were sent to the gallows. His "finding" of lost merchandise was private, but his efforts at finding thieves were public. However, while fictional treatments made use of the device, it is not known whether or not Wild ever actually turned in one of his own gang for a private fee. This amounted to a significant pay increase for Wild. There is some evidence that Wild was favoured, or at least ignored, by the Whig politicians and opposed by the Tory politicians. Wild himself would approach the papers with accounts of his derring-do, and the papers passed these on to a concerned public. When one of the members of the gang was released, Wild pursued him and had him arrested on "further information". To the public, this seemed like a relentless defence of order. In reality, it was gang warfare disguised as a national service. Furthermore, Wild tells the owner through the ad that he knows what its owner was doing at the time, since the Fountain Tavern was a brothel. The Jack Sheppard struggle and downfall[edit] By , London political life was experiencing a crisis of public confidence. In , the South Sea Bubble had burst, and the public was growing restive about corruption. Authority figures were beginning to be viewed with scepticism. They both escaped on 25 May. By this point, Sheppard was a working class hero for apprentices being a cockney apprentice in love, non-violent, and handsome. Further, Sheppard was put in shackles and chained to the floor. Enraged, Blueskin attempted to murder Wild, slashing his throat in the process and causing an uproar, and Wild collapsed and was taken to a surgeon for treatment. This escape astonished everyone, and Daniel Defoe , working as a journalist, wrote an account. In the early morning on 1 November, Sheppard was found for a fifth and final time by a constable and arrested. He was so celebrated that the gaolers charged high society visitors to see him, and James Thornhill painted his portrait. On 11 November, Blueskin was hanged. Wild missed out on the hangings while he was confined to his bed for several weeks while the injury to his throat was healing. Wild was now despised. When, after his recovery, Wild used violence to perform a jail break for one of his gang members, he was being sought out and went into hiding for several weeks, and returned to business when he thought the affair had blown over. On 6 February , he was summoned to Leicester house, where he failed to recover a gold watch for one of his attendants because of the jail break and the incident with Blueskin at the Old Bailey. On 15 February Wild and Quilt Arnold were arrested for helping one of his men in a jailbreak. In the illustration from the *True Effigy* top of page , Wild is pictured in Newgate, still with notebook in hand to account for goods coming in and going out of his office. Slowly, gang members began to turn evidence on him, until all of his activities, including his grand scheme of running and then hanging thieves, became known. He could not eat or go to church, and suffered from insanity and gout. Even in a year with a great many macabre spectacles, Wild drew an especially large and boisterous crowd. Eighteen-year-old Henry Fielding was in attendance. Wild was accompanied by William Sperry and the two Roberts: Sanford and Harpham; three of the four prisoners who had been condemned to die with Wild a few days before. Literary treatments[edit] Jonathan Wild is famous today not so much for setting the example for organised crime as for the uses satirists made of his story. When Wild was hanged, the papers were filled with accounts of his life, collections of his sayings, farewell speeches and the like. The illustration above is from the frontispiece to the "*True Effigy of Mr. Criminal biography was a genre. These works offered a touching account of need, a fall from innocence, sex, violence and then repentance or a tearful end. Public fascination with the dark side of human nature and with the causes of evil, has never waned and the market for mass-produced accounts was large. Defoe himself was no stranger to this market: What differs about the case of Jonathan Wild is that it was not simply a crime story. Parallels between Wild and Robert Walpole were instantly drawn, especially by the Tory authors of the day. Once he did realise it, he banned the sequel opera, *Polly*, without staging. This prompted Gay to write to a friend, "For writing in the cause of virtue and against the fashionable vices, I have become the most hated man*

in England almost. He was created a peer and moved to the House of Lords , from where he still directed the Whig majority in Commons for years. Fielding is merciless in his attack on Walpole. In his work, Wild stands in for Walpole directly, and, in particular, he invokes the Walpolean language of the "Great Man". Walpole had come to be described by both the Whig and then, satirically, by the Tory political writers as the "Great Man", and Fielding has his Wild constantly striving, with stupid violence, to be "Great". The Sheppard character, Macheath, is the "hero" of the song Mack the Knife. Jonathan Wild was the hidden force of the London criminals, to whom he sold his brains and his organization on a fifteen per cent. The old wheel turns, and the same spoke comes up. A recording by the country music supergroup The Highwaymen entered the Hot Country Songs Billboard chart on 18 May , rising to number 1, and spending 20 weeks total on the chart. Jonathan Wild is also the title character in the "Phantom stories" "Jonathan Wild:

8: Jack Sheppard - Wikipedia

Jack Sheppard (4 March - 16 November) was a notorious English thief and gaol-breaker of early 18th-century www.enganchecubano.com *into a poor family, he was apprenticed as a carpenter but took to theft and burglary in , with little more than a year of his training to complete.*

The household of the worthy carpenter, it may be conceived, was thrown into the utmost confusion and distress by the unaccountable disappearance of the two boys. As time wore on, and they did not return, Mr. Wood, in indignant surprise. They must be for your father. Sit down, I command you. Winny, show the person into this room. Wood, regarding her husband with a glance of vindictive triumph. But she was disappointed. As the lapse of time and change of circumstances have wrought a remarkable alteration in the appearance of the poor widow, it may not be improper to notice it here. When first brought under consideration, she was a miserable and forlorn object; squalid in attire, haggard in looks, and emaciated in frame. Now, she was the very reverse of all this. Her dress, it has just been said, was neatness and simplicity itself. Her figure, though slight, had all the fulness of health; and her complexionâ€”still pale, but without its former sickly cast,â€”contrasted agreeably, by its extreme fairness, with the dark brows and darker lashes that shaded eyes which, if they had lost some of their original brilliancy, had gained infinitely more in the soft and chastened lustre that replaced it. For the fresh and feverish hue of lip which years ago characterised this feature, was now substituted a pure and wholesome bloom, evincing a total change of habits; and, though the coarse character of the mouth remained, in some degree, unaltered, it was so modified in expression, that it could no longer be accounted a blemish. In fact, the whole face had undergone a transformation. All its better points were improved, while the less attractive ones and they were few in comparison were subdued, or removed. Shall I put them into water? The little girl uttered no remonstrance; but, replacing the flowers in the basket, burst into tears, and withdrew. Sheppard, who witnessed this occurrence with dismay, looked timorously at Wood, in expectation of some hint being given as to the course she had better pursue; but, receiving none, for the carpenter was too much agitated to attend to her, she ventured to express a fear that she was intruding. I wonder how you dare show your face in this house, hussy! Look at me, and answer me one question. Sheppard raised her eyes, and fixed them upon her interrogator. Wood, with a look meant to reduce her supposed rival to the dust. Profligate women are never reclaimed. He has been a father to me and my child. Do not believe it, Madam. It is not so. The poor wretch, driven by desperation to the commission of a crime which her soul abhors, is no more beyond the hope of reformation than she is without the pale of mercy. I have sufferedâ€”I have sinnedâ€”I have repented. And, though neither peace nor innocence can be restored to my bosom; though tears cannot blot out my offences, nor sorrow drown my shame; yet, knowing that my penitence is sincere, I do not despair that my transgressions may be forgiven. Blest with a fond husband, surrounded by every comfort, you have never been assailed by the horrible temptations to which misery has exposed me. You have never known what it is to want food, raiment, shelter. You have never seen the child within your arms perishing from hunger, and no relief to be obtained. You have never felt the hearts of all hardened against you; have never heard the jeer or curse from every lip; nor endured the insult and the blow from every hand. I have suffered all this. I could resist the tempter now, I am strong in health,â€”in mind. Madam, there are momentsâ€”moments of darkness, which overshadow a whole existenceâ€”in the lives of the poor houseless wretches who traverse the streets, when reason is well-nigh benighted; when the horrible promptings of despair can, alone, be listened to; and when vice itself assumes the aspect of virtue. Pardon what I have said, Madam. I do not desire to extenuate my guiltâ€”far less to defend it; but I would show you, and such as youâ€”who, happily, are exempted from trials like mineâ€”how much misery has to do with crime. Bu I can speak to that point. During that period she has been a model of propriety. If all wives were of my mind and my spirit, husbands would soon be taught their own insignificance. Mistresses neither deserve consideration nor commiseration. But, rather than be the cause of any further misunderstanding between you and my benefactor, I will leave London and its neighbourhood for ever. The house will be well rid of him, for a more idle, good-for-nothing reprobate never crossed its

threshold. Sheppard, with an agonized look at Wood. Is Jack what Mrs. He has taken more than one step towards the gallows already. Thieves and pickpockets are his constant companions. Sheppard let fall her basket. Wood, in a taunting tone. Oh, Heavens; that I should have ever indulged a hope of happiness while that terrible man lives! Tell me in a word, that I may know the worst. I can bear anything but suspense. Where is he, Sir? Can I see him? If I were Mr. Wood, in equal trepidation. Kneebone were here to protect me! While the carpenter irresolutely quitted the room, with a strong presentiment of ill upon his mind, a light quick step was heard descending the stairs, and before he could call out to prevent it, a man was admitted into the passage. Terence, meanwhile, who had followed him, did not remain silent, but recapitulated his story, for the benefit of Mrs. The poor widow was thrown into an agony of distress on learning that a robbery had been committed, in which her son for she could not doubt that Jack was one of the boys, was implicated; nor was her anxiety alleviated by Mrs. Wood, who maintained stoutly, that if Thames had been led to do wrong, it must be through the instrumentality of his worthless companion. Lord bless you marm! Them young prigs is all alike. I seed he was one,â€”and a sharp un, too,â€”at a glance. Sheppard, which she gratefully declined. Nothing stronger than water has passed my lips for years. Now, do what you please. You know my fixed determination. Wood made no reply; but, hastily kissing his weeping daughter, and bidding her be of good cheer, hurried off. He was followed with equal celerity by Terence and the widow. Traversing what remained of Wych Street at a rapid pace, and speeding along Drury Lane, the trio soon found themselves in Kendrick Yard. Accordingly, having given Wood such directions as he thought necessary for his guidance, and received a handsome gratuity in return for his services, he departed. It was not without considerable demur and delay on the part of Sharples that the carpenter and his companion could gain admittance to the round-house. Reconnoitring them through a small grated loophole, he refused to open the door till they had explained their business. He was now as civil as he had just been insolent. Apologizing for their detention, he answered the questions put to him respecting the boys, by positively denying that any such prisoners had been entrusted to his charge, but offered to conduct him to every cell in the building to prove the truth of his assertion. He then barred and double-locked the door, took out the key, a precautionary measure which, with a grim smile, he said he never omitted, thrust it into his vest, and motioning the couple to follow him, led the way to the inner room. As Wood obeyed, his foot slipped; and, casting his eyes upon the floor, he perceived it splashed in several places with blood. Nor was this impression removed as he stole a glance at Mrs. Sheppard, and saw from her terrified look that she had made the same alarming discovery as himself. But it was now too late to turn back, and, nerving himself for the shock he expected to encounter, he ventured after his conductor. No sooner had they entered the room than Sharples, who waited to usher them in, hastily retreated, closed the door, and turning the key, laughed loudly at the success of his stratagem. Vexation at his folly in suffering himself to be thus entrapped kept Wood for a short time silent. When he could find words, he tried by the most urgent solicitations to prevail upon the constable to let him out. But threats and entreatiesâ€”even promises were ineffectual; and the unlucky captive, after exhausting his powers of persuasion, was compelled to give up the point. The room in which he was detainedâ€”that lately occupied by the Mohocks, who, it appeared, had been allowed to depart,â€”was calculated to inspire additional apprehension and disgust. Strongly impregnated with the mingled odours of tobacco, ale, brandy, and other liquors, the atmosphere was almost stifling. The benches running round the room, though fastened to the walls by iron clamps, had been forcibly wrenched off; while the table, which was similarly secured to the boards, was upset, and its contentsâ€”bottles, jugs, glasses, and bowls were broken and scattered about in all directions. Everything proclaimed the mischievous propensities of the recent occupants of the chamber. On this side stood the instruments with which the latter piece of pleasantry had been effected,â€”namely, a bucket filled with paint and a brush: Sheppard towards an appalling object in one corner. This was the body of a man, apparently lifeless, and stretched upon a mattress, with his head bound up in a linen cloth, through which the blood had oosed. Near the body, which, it will be surmised, was that of Abraham Mendez, two ruffianly personages were seated, quietly smoking, and bestowing no sort of attention upon the new-comers. Their conversation was conducted in the flash language, and, though unintelligible to Wood, was easily comprehended by this companion, who learnt, to her dismay, that the wounded man had received his hurt from her son, whose courage and dexterity formed the present

subject of their discourse. From other obscure hints dropped by the speakers, Mrs. Sheppard ascertained that Thames Darrell had been carried off—where she could not make out—by Jonathan Wild and Quilt Arnold; and that Jack had been induced to accompany Blueskin to the Mint.

9: Jack Sheppard, by William Harrison Ainsworth : book

Jonathan Wild seizing Jack Sheppard at his mother's grave in Willesden. Jack Sheppard sits for his execution portrait in oils by Sir James Thornhill - accompanied by Figg the prizefighter (to Jack's right), John Gay, the playwright (to Jack's left), while William Hogarth sketches him on the right.

The tradition itself stems from a Renaissance literary tradition of emphasising the actions of well-known criminals. The plots are similar, in that both deal with an individual attempting to corrupt a boy. His personality is different, especially as he is alternately described as malicious and heroic. He is less sympathetic than his Spanish counterparts until Wild is introduced into the work, whereupon he is seen more favourably. The feud between Wild and Sheppard results in Sheppard giving up his roguish ways. When Sheppard is executed, his character has gained the status of a martyr. This is particularly true of Sir Rowland Trenchard, whom Wild murders in a horrific manner. He suffers anguish as a result of his actions, continuing until the very moment of his death at Tyburn. This is not to suggest that his character is free from problems, but that he is depicted only as a thief and not a worse type of criminal. For instance, the second epoch begins with a reflection on the passing of twelve years and how people changed over that length of time. Where are the aspirations that fired us—the passions that consumed us then? Has our success in life been commensurate with our own desires—with the anticipations formed of us by others? Or, are we not blighted in heart, as in ambition? Has not the loved one been estranged by doubt, or snatched from us by the cold hand of death? Is not the goal, towards which we pressed, farther off than ever, the prospect before us cheerless as the blank behind? Writers such as Daniel Defoe included references to Jack Sheppard in their works in the Newgate tradition. Other figures appear within the work because of their connection to the Newgate tradition, including William Hogarth. Hogarth is particularly involved because of his "Industry and Idleness", a series of illustrations that depict the London underworld. I got my slang in a much easier way. I picked up the Memoirs of one James Hard Vaux a returned transport. The book was full of adventures, and had at the end a kind of slang dictionary. It was published in book form in 1786, before the serialised version was completed, and even outsold early editions of *Oliver Twist*. It has been described as the "exemplary climax" of "the pictorial novel dramatized pictorially". The novel was also adapted as popular burlesque *Little Jack Sheppard* in 1789. For an overview of the literary response, see Ellis. It spawned many imitations and parodies of the novel, but it also "aroused a very different response," according to George Worth, "a vigorous outcry concerning its alleged glorification of crime and immorality and the baneful effect which it was bound to have on the young and impressionable. The fear may not have been entirely unfounded; Courvoursier, the valet of Lord William Russell, claimed in one of his several confessions that the book had inspired him to murder his master. I am by some jolter-headed enemies most unjustly and untruly charged with having written a book after Mr. Unto these jolter-heads and their intensely concentrated humbug, I shall take an early opportunity of temperately replying. If this opportunity had presented itself and I had made this vindication, I could have no objection to set my hand to what I know to be true concerning the late lamented John Sheppard, but I feel a great repugnance to do so now, lest it should seem an ungenerous and unmanly way of disavowing any sympathy with that school, and a means of shielding myself. England hath need of thee. Great men have been among us—names that lend a lustre to our calling—better none: A novel upon the real or fabulous history of the burglar has afforded, by its extraordinary popularity, a further exemplification of the allegations in the text. After this, the critic has carte blanche to say anything, however vicious, ill-informed or downright libellous.

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