



BARTLEBY THE SCRIVENER

Bartleby the Scrivener: a Story of Wall Street

by Herman Melville (1819-1891)

Melville's novella *Bartleby the Scrivener: A Story of Wall Street* first appeared in *Putnam's Magazine* in 1853. The work is said to have been inspired, in part, by Melville's reading of Emerson, and some have pointed to specific parallels to Emerson's essay, "The Transcendentalist." Others assert that it was written as a reaction to the commercial failure of *Moby-Dick*.

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Blindman's Meal* (detail), (1903)



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