

Nothing to Declare: Oscar Wilde's American Lectures

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America had long been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up. Oscar Wilde

A brief summary of Oscar Wilde's life and career and an examination of the highlights of his 1882 tour of the United States, hearing something of what he said, and touching on the effects that his presence had on both his audiences and the American Press.

John Wyse Jackson was born in 1953 and grew up in Ireland. After a degree in English Literature from Trinity College, Dublin, he was for 25 years a bookseller in London, where he was appointed an Honorary Research Fellow of London University. At the same time, as an independent scholar, his interest in Irish writers and their work gave rise to about a dozen books, including two on James Joyce and his world, two on Flann O'Brien, and several anthologies of unjustly forgotten verse, notably *Ireland's Other Poetry*. He has also written a biography of John Lennon, and has broadcast and lectured on various subjects. His selection of lectures and reviews by Oscar Wilde, entitled *Aristotle at Afternoon Tea*, appeared in 1991.

In 2003 John Wyse Jackson returned with his family to Ireland. He currently lives in County Wexford, where he has recently set up a large used book store, The Book Cafe, Gorey, and continues to write and work on various literary ventures, including teaching James Joyce's *Ulysses* to a class of brave volunteers.

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