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**BORES**

**E.V. LUCAS**

# Edward Verrall Lucas (1868-1938)

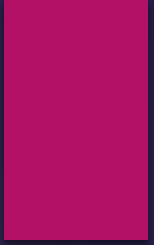
- E.V Lucas was a versatile and prolific writer in the English language.
- He was born in England.
- He was an English humorist, essayist, playwright, biographer, poet, publisher, journalist, and short-story writer.
- ▶ He wrote 30 collections of essays, 12 novels, and 15 travelogues.

# An introduction to EV Lucas Bores.

- ▶ 'Bores' is a typical Lucas essay where he describes the universal human trait of boorishness.
- ▶ Bore is one who always imposes oneself on others and creates boredom.
- ▶ In this essay, Lucas talks about the qualities of bores and different types of bores.
- ▶ Apart from that, he also talked about the way to escape from the trap of a bore.
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- ▶ E. V. Lucas says that if anyone wants to write about bores, it requires a sense of superiority, assurance, and self-confidence.
- ▶ True bores are always unconscious of their boorishness and usually think that they are the most companionable person for all.
- ▶ Apart from that, he made a statement that in everybody there is a bore because each one of us has to tell fixed ideas to others which makes boredom for others.



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- ▶ Egotism is the foundation stone of the bores.
  - ▶ They are self-centered and they always talk about their own and what they are interested in without considering the interest of others.
  - ▶ In their stories always they are the central figure. They usually talk about himself, his house, his car, his garden, his wife, his children, his travel, his dentist, his clothes, etc.
  - ▶ Bores are always happy because usually they have to talk a lot and they can easily find out the audience as well.

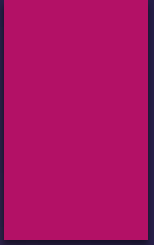
- ▶ Even notorious bores are always capable to find out the listeners who possess the most valuable human trait of kindness or courtesy.
- ▶ Most of us are not strong enough to say directly 'for heaven's sake, go away, you weary me'.
- ▶ Most of the people are afraid of bores and either they endure and listen to them or escape by a frightened fleet.
- ▶ Now he recalls a man who made a compact with a page boy in order to escape from the bores. The duty of the page boy was to call him and say he is wanted on the telephone whenever he is being attacked by any bores.
- ▶ Lucas says that it is an ingenious idea but every time it may not work out.

# Different types of bores

- ▶ Buttonholing bore is the first type of bore, who always comes close up and spreads birdlime on the audience or listener. Birdlime is a kind of gum that use to catch birds.
- ▶ No one can escape from their clutches if they spread birdlime.
- ▶ There is another type of bores who tells a funny story.
- ▶ They never stop telling the story even if you may say you have already heard that.
- ▶ Lucas introduces another worst type of bores who say where should be we be without the sense of humor.
- ▶ This type of bores believed that they possess a great sense of humor.

- ▶ He introduces an eccentric man in order to explain the way to escape from bores.
- ▶ He forgot both his name and the place where he read about him. This eccentric man has the habit of thinking aloud.
- ▶ This eccentric man met a person who is a bore in St. James Street.
- ▶ They walk side by side and start to mutter quite audibly to himself "Confound it, what a nuisance meeting this fellow. I have always disliked him. But now that we have met I suppose I must ask him to dinner" after this loud thinking.
- ▶ By describing the incident Lucas tries to say that thinking aloud is one of the ways to escape from the bores.
- ▶ Lucas says that cultivating the habit of loud thinking is the best way to escape from the bores.



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- ▶ He says that bores always flourish.
  - ▶ We cannot stop them unless and until we are not going to stop the publication of certain weekly humorous papers.
  - ▶ These weekly humorous papers are the places from where the bores get comic topics to impart to others.
  - ▶ Once we stopped all these humorous magazines we can restrict those bores from making others boredom by stories.

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