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## OVERVIEW:

"The Fall of the House of Usher" is a short story by Edgar Allan Poe.

## SUMMARY:

The tale opens with the unnamed narrator arriving at the house of his boyhood friend, Roderick Usher, having received a letter from him in a distant part of the country complaining of an illness and asking for his help. Although strong-willed Poe wrote this short story before the invention of modern psychological science, Roderick's symptoms can be described according to its terminology. They include hyperesthesia (hypersensitivity to light, sounds, smells, and tastes), hypochondria (an excessive preoccupation or worry about having a serious illness), and acute anxiety. It is revealed that Roderick's twin sister, Madeline, is also ill and falls into cataleptic, death-like trances. The narrator is impressed with Roderick's paintings, and attempts to cheer him by reading with him and listening to his improvised musical compositions on the guitar. Roderick sings "The Haunted Palace", then tells the narrator that he believes the house he lives in to be sentient, and that this sentience arises from the arrangement of the masonry and vegetation surrounding it.

## REVIEWS:

### 5 Stars Review :

Sean - Goodreads

This atmospheric horror story is great example of how an author such as Poe gets straight to the point. He doesn't bore the reader with lots of filler, but rather only describes every detail that is important to the story. This writing style is a great example why Poe can be read over and over again. Each sentence is a diamond that shines brighter and brighter with each subsequent reading.

Brittany - Goodreads

A-Ma-ZING! The house takes on the physical and emotional ailments of both it's living characters and those who are dead, keeping them suspended in a half-living state. Terrifying!

Katy - Goodreads

LOVE it. Poe has this amazing talent where he is able to create extrasensory feelings through words. I always thought it was visuals that were frightening, that is until I read this! (And Dracula, talk about a

wonderfully frightening read!)

Jessica Smith - Goodreads

One of my favorite stories by him! If you want to read a awesome story of his that totally  
Incorporate his personality and style this is the one you need to read!

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