

www.litlong.org MISSING MANUSCRIPTS





Some manuscripts are missing and your task is to find them. Robert Louis Stevenson included lots of references to Edinburgh in his writing so Edinburgh seems a good place to piece together some clues and find the missing manuscripts.

1. Chart your path



Go to www.litlong.org. On the filter menu, select author (Robert Louis Stevenson), maximum (date range and number of locations).



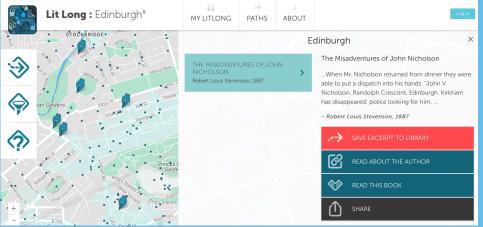
Use the clues over the page to find each excerpt. Select 'Make a Path' for the first excerpt, then 'Add excerpt to Path'. Select 'Finish path' (Filter menu) to complete your path.













TIP

If you're not already familiar with Edinburgh, why not run a map application alongside LitLong

2. Follow clues

Use the clues below to create a path of RLS excerpts. You must create your path of excerpts in the correct order otherwise the cipher will not work in Part 3.

- Lothian Road fairyland
- 2. Princes Street (east), published in 1897 a myth and a risk
- 3. Edinburgh Castle inheritance
- 4. Lauriston Place hard up, a journey
- 5. Chalmers St-yarn craft
- 6. Horse Wynd- unusal bubblebath
- 7. Drummond Street a vision
- 8. Queen Street martial arts view
- 9. Ravelston desiring camouflage



3. Decipher location

Using the path you've created and the cipher below, decrypt the location of the missing manuscripts. Codes reveal a single letter that will spell out a placename.

1. W5L3 2. W7L11 3. W10L4 4. W6L3 5. W12L4 6. W6L1 7. W11L3 8. W2L4 9. W15E1

The Misadventures of John Nicholson

...The rooks were awake in Randolph Crescent; but the windows looked down, discreetly blinded, on the return of the prodigal. John's pass-key was a recent privilege; this was the first time it had been used; and, oh! with what a sickening sense of his unworthiness he now inserted it into the well-oiled lock and entered that citadel of the proprieties! All slept; the gas in the hall had been left faintly burning to light his return; a

- Robert Louis Stevenson, 1887

4. Send us your answer

Email your answer to:

litlongedinburgh@gmail.com

Delight in the regard of your peers on Twitter:

@litlong #RLSFOUND

..just don't broadcast your answer!

Deadline for entries:
Friday 17th November (5pm)
Winner announced:
24th November

About Litlong

LitLong is a unique map of literary Edinburgh. Behind it sits a database of 50,000 excerpts from around 550 books (novels, short stories, letters, memoirs). Excerpts feature the use of an Edinburgh place name, allowing each to be given a set of coordinates and pinned to the map. The database was created using state of the art text-mining tools by a project team involving researchers in both English Literature and Informatics at The University of Edinburgh.