



## Tristram Shandy (Paperback)

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By Laurence Sterne

Wordsworth Editions Ltd, United Kingdom, 2001. Paperback. Condition: New. New edition. Language: English. Brand new Book. With a new Introduction by Cedric Watts, Research Professor of English, University of Sussex. Laurence Sterne's *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman* is a huge literary paradox, for it is both a novel and an anti-novel. As a comic novel replete with bawdy humour and generous sentiments, it introduces us to a vivid group of memorable characters, variously eccentric, farcical and endearing. As an anti-novel, it is a deliberately tantalising and exuberantly egoistic work, ostentatiously digressive, involving the reader in the labyrinthine creation of a purported autobiography. This mercurial eighteenth-century text thus anticipates modernism and postmodernism. Vibrant and bizarre, *Tristram Shandy* provides an unforgettable experience. We may see why Nietzsche termed Sterne 'the most liberated spirit of all time'.



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