

## **The Count of Monte Cristo**

**Alexandre Dumas**

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The beginning of this book takes place in France, 1815, where the readers follow Edmund Dantès, a young man who is set to marry his fiancée, Mercédès, and become a captain. His life plans, however, are altered when he is falsely accused and imprisoned in the Château d'If (an island fortress) by a drunken Caderousse, who is a cowardly and selfish neighbor, Villefort, the deputy crown prosecutor, Danglars, a colleague who desires Dantès' position, and Fernand Mondego, who longs for Mercédès. The book then follows Dantès as he survives his prison, escapes, becomes the Count of the island Monte Cristo, and plots against those who wronged him.

I had first read the book when I was in middle school, and upon reading it again, I found that my opinions on this book remained unchanged-that it was a remarkable piece of literature, as it was perceived when it was first published in the mid 1800s. As it is an older and lengthy piece of literature (my copy was 1000+ pages), I would recommend this to more advanced readers, such as teenagers and adults.

### **Recommended Titles**

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

Les Misérables by Victor Hugo

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens