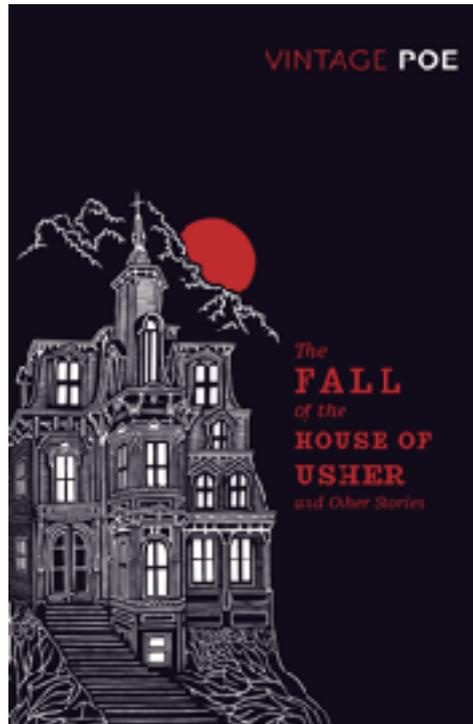


Overview



Author

Edgar Allan Poe

Year Published

1839

Type

Short Story

Genre

Horror

Perspective and Narrator

"The Fall of the House of Usher" is told by a nameless first-person narrator, who repeatedly claims that his attempts at telling the story fall short of the actual horror of the events. At times, the narrator seems capable of prophecy as the words he speaks manifest themselves in reality.

Tense

"The Fall of the House of Usher" is told in the past tense.

About the Title

The title "The Fall of the House of Usher" refers to Roderick Usher's actual house and to his family, both of which collapse at the same moment at the end of the story.