

Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky / THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV (1880)

As a creative writer, (Dostoyevsky) has his place not far behind Shakespeare. THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV is the greatest novel that has ever been written, and the episode of the Grand Inquisitor one of the highest achievements of the world's literature, one scarcely to be overestimated.

It is no chance that the three major masterpieces of all time treat of the theme of parricide: Sophocles' OEDIPUS REX, Shakespeare's HAMLET and Dostoyevsky's BROTHERS KARAMAZOV.

Sigmund Freud: DOSTOYEVSKI AND PARRICIDE  
(1927)

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Dostoyevsky born 1821 in Moscow, his mother dies 1827, his father is murdered 1830. Dostoyevsky goes to Military Engineering College in St. Petersburg, graduates with rank of officer. 1849, he is arrested and sentenced to death for being involved with Petrashevsky circle, at last minute he is reprieved and sentenced to penal servitude in Siberia, where he lives in convict prison at Omsk until 1854. 1862 he travels through Europe, begins gambling. 1867, he marries Anna Grigoryevna Snitkina (second wife), she helps him get out of debt. 1880, address at Pushkin memorial in Moscow. He dies 1891.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND (1864)  
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (1866)  
THE GAMBLER (1866)  
THE IDIOT (1869)  
THE DEVILS (1871)  
THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV (1880)

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The Karamazov family:

Fyodor Pavlovich Karamazov (father)  
Dmitri / Mitya Karamazov  
Ivan Karamazov  
Alexey / Alyosha Karamazov  
Smerdyakov Karamazov (illegitimate brother)

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