
Rip Van Winkle book. Read 584 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Washington Irving's story of a man who sleeps for twenty years in t...Â “Rip Van Winkle” is considered by some critics to be one of the finest early American short stories. Almost everyone knows the basic story, but I'd guess not all that many people have actually read Washington Irving's original story. * *Warning: if you're one of those vanishingly rare people who's not familiar with this story, there are major spoilers after the next picture below.** It took a little digging to find the full original version of this old story online; it turns out that it's includ. *Rip Van Winkle* is considered by some critics to be one of the finest early American short stories. It first appeared in Washington Irving's collection of stories, *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*, published in 1819. The text and illustrations used in this ebook are from the revised edition of the *Sketch Book*, published in 1863. Â 6 rip van winkle. on his favorite topics; whereas he found the old burghers, and still more their wives, rich in that legendary lore, so invaluable to true history. Whenever, therefore, he happened upon a genuine Dutch family, snugly shut up in its low-roofed farm-house, under a spreading sycamore, he looked upon it as a little clasped volume of black-letter, and studied it with the zeal of a book-worm. The result of all these researches was a history of the province during the reign of the Dutch governors, which he published some years since. "Rip Van Winkle" is a short story published by Washington Irving as a part of a larger work, *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.* (Published as a series, from 1819 to 1820.) "Rip Van Winkle" is one of the earliest works of distinctively American literature. A frame narrative by "Geoffrey Crayon" introduces a tale found in the papers of the fictional historian Diedrich Knickerbocker; the story of Rip Van Winkle, a man who sleeps for twenty years and wakes to find that the world around him has significantly changed. One of these changes is that, during Van Winkle's long sleep, America has u