

# Download Oscar Wilde's Decorated Books

Oscar Wilde: Oscar Wilde, Irish wit, poet, and dramatist who was a spokesman for the late 19th-century Aesthetic movement that advocated art for art's sake. Oscar Wilde was born at 21 Westland Row, Dublin (now home of the Oscar Wilde Centre, Trinity College), the second of three children born to Sir William Wilde and Jane Wilde, two years behind William ("Willie"). Wilde's mother had distant Italian ancestry, and under the pseudonym "Speranza" (the Italian word for 'hope'), wrote poetry for the revolutionary Young Irelanders in 1848; she was a ... Robert Ross's labor of love, *The Complete Works of Oscar Wilde*, was published in London by Methuen in 1908. In December of that year, this achievement, monumental in itself, was celebrated with an elaborate dinner for Ross at the Ritz (Figs. 5 and 6). Over one hundred of Wilde's friends, publishers and admirers were in attendance to celebrate Ross's success. Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (16 October 1854 – 30 November 1900) was an Irish writer and poet. After writing in different forms throughout the 1880s, he became one of London's most popular playwrights in the early 1890s.