

# Jacob Riis – The Story of America's Most Famous Immigrant of the 19th Century

Stranger than a Hans Christian Andersen Fairytale

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Jacob A. Riis became the most celebrated European immigrant to the United States in the period of mass immigration 1870-1914 and the national spokesman for social reform. He starred in the popular media as the most famous of all the muckraking writers, journalists and photographers at the beginning of the twentieth century. [more>>>](#)