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# Herman Melville (1819-1891)

 (US novelist, b. New York, sailor and adventurer in the Atlantic and the Pacific 1839-44, l. Boston, then Pittsfield, 1850, friend and neighbour of Nathaniel Hawthorne; New York City, 1863; w. as sailor, schoolteacher and customs officer, m. Elizabeth Shaw; traveled Holy Land, commercially unsuccessful after early best-sellers, frustrated man of letters)

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