



# Lighthouse at the End of the World: The First English Translation of...

by [Jules Verne](#) (Author)

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## Olivermagnus's review

Written in 1905, *Lighthouse at the End of the World* is a novel of both survival and revenge. In the 1850s the Argentine navy built a lighthouse at Isla de los Estados, located on the southern tip of South America, near the Magellan Strait that connects the Atlantic and the Pacific. Three lighthouse keepers are left on the island to protect the world's ships in the dangerous and stormy seas surrounding the island. Unknown to them, a gang of pirates is also stranded on the island, lead by an evil man named Kongre. After killing two of the lighthouse keepers, the remaining man named Vasquez is forced to hide alone in the wilderness, hoping the returning ship will come back and save him. During a particularly bad storm the pirates draw in an American ship, killing all on board except the First Officer, John Davis. Vasquez and Davis team up to try to capture the pirates.

Verne's novel paints a gripping picture of intrigue and heroism. You can see the beginnings of the modern action novel in this short book. Written at the end of his life, *Lighthouse* was revised by his son, and is not considered one of his best works. I thought it was a really good book that completely captured my attention. The author excelled in capturing the turbulent atmosphere of an island at the end of the world.

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