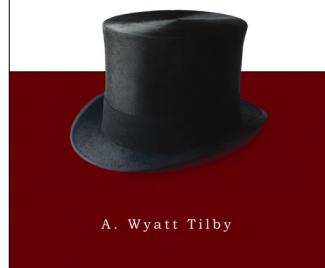


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A. Wyatt Tilby (1880–1948) was a journalist and author of history and philosophy by profession. As a child his surrogate parents were informed that his health was such that he was unlikely to live beyond childhood, and consequently he was deprived of a formal education.

A Stiff-Necked Generation, written in 1920 during a period of convalescence from presumed TB, was not published during the author's lifetime for fear of offending his family upon which it is based. Spanning three generations, from the marriage of his grandfather to his own development from neglected child to independent adult, the picture he paints is of a disharmonious family, blighted by sibling rivalries and philosophical differences. In particular, he contrasts his own passion for learning and experience with his uncle's lust for money and power.

Set predominantly in Victorian London, moving through Holborn, Tooting, Wimbledon and Shoreditch, this beautifully written autobiographical novel offers a rare and authentic insight into a bygone age and the enduring nature of the human condition.

Safe in the knowledge that all those referred to in the novel have long since departed, it was agreed by all the inheritors of the author's estate that the time was now right for his only known work of fiction to be published.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A. Wyatt Tilby was born in Addiscombe, Surrey on 1st April, 1880. Originally a journalist and history author, he turned to writing on philosophy after presumed TB left him with a permanently deformed hip. As a young man he spent much of his time travelling and studying in Europe, mainly in Germany, Austria and Italy. After joining the editorial staff of the *Globe* in 1905 he continued to work on his six-volume history, *The English People Overseas*. In 1915 he was appointed editor of the *Evening Standard*, but illness forced him to reduce his journalistic commitments the following year. A frequent contributor to *The Edinburgh Review* and *The Nineteenth Century*, he had 35-year association with *The Glasgow Herald*, as a reviewer, special correspondent and (from 1944) a leader-writer. He also edited *The Outlook* from 1924 to 1928 and *The Saturday Review* from 1930. Married to Kathleen for thirty-nine years, he had three children and eight grandchildren.

His published works include: *The English People Overseas Vol I–VI*, Francis Griffiths/Constable (1908–1914); *The Evolution of Consciousness*, T. Fisher Unwin Ltd (1922); *The Quest of Reality*, William Heinemann Ltd (1927); *Lord John Russell*, Cassell & Company (1930); and *Right, A Study in Physical and Moral Order*, Williams and Norgate (1933).



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