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The Nomadic Lovers

Fanny & Robert Louis Stevenson

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The story of an improbable love that broke conventions and inspired Robert Louis Stevenson's masterpieces.

On May 18, 1880, in San Francisco, an unlikely couple exchanged silver rings before a perplexed pastor. The bride, was 40, divorced, a mother of two, and a failed painter. The groom was a penniless writer, sick and disowned by his family, ten years her junior. Their union seemed doomed to fail. Yet, by breaking with convention, Fanny and Robert Louis Stevenson created a bond that gave birth to such literary classics as *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and *Treasure Island*. Their love, imperfect but absolute, is the very essence of Stevenson's work, written with, for, and thanks to Fanny.

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