

Another rich-boy-becomes-poor-and-makes-good book

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During the nineteenth century, when Social Darwinism was in affect in America, Horatio Alger, a writer and clergyman, was busy writing boy-becomes-poor-and-makes-good stories. *Walter Sherewood's Probation* is as good of an example

as any of this theme.

In this story, a seventeen-year-old college student, Walter Sherewood, is found to be using his money wastefully by his guardian, Doctor Mack. Doctor Mack tells Walter his inheritance is gone. Walter then decides to leave college to work for a year and takes a train toward the city.

He soon realizes that life outside the leisure of his father's estate is difficult and treacherous. After being victim to numerous robbery attempts, he learns to be more careful about trusting people.

One problem with this book is Walter himself. For some reason, Walter is able to talk his way out of any situation, and when confronted

in a fight by a large pirate-like man of about thirty, this seventeen-year-old boy is able to take him down in hand to hand combat. Also, everywhere Walter goes a new woman is introduced into the story, but none of them ever reappear in the book.

The book has good sentence structure, but the topic and the unbelievable ability of Walter Shere-

wood makes the story drab because he is never confronted with a problem that he cannot handle.

Alger has other works that may present a better story than *Walter*

Sherewood's Probation. If this theme sounds trite and annoying to a reader, than let this one stay hidden in the history of American literature.



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