

## *The Elephant Man*

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Frederick Treves

(Frederick Treves is a surgeon and a doctor who brings John Merrick, the Elephant Man, to the hospital after viewing him in a freak show and after Ross, his manager, abandons him. He appears to genuinely care about Merrick. Treves is a Victorian gentleman in his mid to late 30's.)

My aim's to lead him to as a normal life as possible. His terror of us all comes from having been held at arm's length from society. I am determined that shall end. For example, he loves to meet people and converse. I am determined he shall. For example, he had never seen the inside of any normal home before. I had him to mine, and what a reward, Mrs. Kendal; his astonishment, his joy at the most ordinary things. Most critical I feel, however, are women. I will explain. they have always shown the greatest fear and loathing of him. While he adores them of course.