



## **Jules Gabriel Verne**

Jules Verne was born on the 8th of February 1828 in Île Feydeau, in the city of Nantes, France. His full name was Jules Gabriel Verne, and he was the first of five children born from the marriage between his father, Pierre Verne, a Parisian lawyer, who came from a lineage of jurists of the city of Provence, and his mother, Sophie Allotte de la Fuÿe, of Breton and Scottish origin. His brother Paul was born in 1829, and three sisters: Anna in 1836, Mathilde in 1839, and Marie in 1842.

Verne wrote a lot in his youth. He wrote many poems, short stories, plays and songs. Most of them were published in a magazine that was edited in Paris named *Musée des familles*. Some years later, when Verne began to be famous, many of those short stories and plays — chosen by his editor — appeared in some volumes of his well-known series of books. Also, a book with a collection of his poems and songs was published recently.

Jules Verne was already 35 when his first novel, *Five Weeks in a Balloon or Un voyage dans les airs*, was published in January 1863. He had written the novel in 1862, and at that point he began to visit all the Parisian editors. After some days he found Jules Hetzel, one of the most famous editors of the time. Verne gave the novel to Hetzel who suggested the needed corrections to publish the manuscript. The publication was a brilliant success. Verne pioneered a new literary field, effortlessly, combining geography, science and technology with fantasy and literature.