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by Charles Brockden Brown
(1771-1810)

Arthur Mervyn, published in 1799, is the story of a young man from the country who arrives in a city stricken with Yellow Fever. He soon comes down with the illness and is rescued by a kindly doctor. Arthur tells the doctor and his wife the story of his life, thereby gaining the doctor's confidence and good will.

However, others familiar with Arthur tell another tale, and the doctor's as well as the reader's confidence in Arthur is shaken. Brown, who himself contracted Yellow Fever during an outbreak in New York City, vividly describes the horrors of the disease and its effects on an early American city.



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