

Narrative of a Journey Overland from England, by the Continent of Europe, Egypt, and the Red Sea, to India: Including a Residence There, and Voyage Home, in the Years 1825, 26, 27, and 28 #460 pages #2010 #9781108019163 #Cambridge University Press, 2010

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Great Britain is separated from the European continent by the North Sea and the English Channel, the narrower part of which is called the Strait of Dover. The southeastern part of England lies quite close to the continent, the Strait of Dover in its narrowest part being only 33 kms wide. At one time the British Isles formed an integral part of the mainland. They became segregated in consequence of the sinking of the land surface. It was already in the epoch when man had come into existence that this segregation took place. The very structure of the sea bottom indicated that the British Isles were there are three overland boundaries subject to definition: between Europe and Asia (dividing Eurasia): along the Turkish Straits, the Caucasus, and the Urals and the Ural River (historically also north of the Caucasus, along the Kuma-Manych Depression or along the Don River). By contrast, the Canary and Madeira islands (including the Desertas Islands and the Savage Islands) off the Atlantic coast of Morocco are much closer to, and usually grouped with, Africa (the Canary Islands are only 100 km (62 mi) from the African coast at their closest point, while Madeira is 520 km (320 mi) from Africa and 1,000 km (620 mi) from the African coast). There are six definitive occurrences of territories unequivocally being a part of the African continent, but legally being administered by a European state. Initially, Verne's narrative was influenced by the 1863 uprising of Poland against Tsarist Russia. The Poles were quashed with a violence that appalled not only Verne but all Europe. As originally conceived, Verne's Captain Nemo was a Polish nobleman whose entire family had been slaughtered by Russian troops. Lastly the book has stature as a novel of character. Even the supporting cast is shrewdly drawn: Professor Aronnax, the career scientist caught in an ethical conflict; Conseil, the compulsive classifier who supplies humorous tag lines for Verne's fast facts; the harpooner Ned Land, a creature of constant appetites, man as heroic animal. Start by marking *Narrative of a Journey Overland from England, by the Continent of Europe, Egypt, and the Red Sea, to India: Including a Residence There, and Voyage Home, in the Years 1825, 26, 27, and 28* as *Want to Read*: *Want to Read* saving *Want to Read*. The first woman to travel overland to India, she acquired a reputation as a pioneer even before her diary was published. When it first appeared in 1830 this work attracted Described by The Morning Post as exhibiting 'facilities of observation never before possessed by a European lady', Anne Katharine Elwood was the ideal narrator for an exotic and exciting travel journal. The first woman to travel overland to India, she acquired a reputation as a pioneer even before her diary was published.