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One had to come to terms with it... To look at his gambling passion as a disease for which there was no cure.

> Anna Dostoevsky Reminiscences

It was the end of September, 1866, and <u>Fyodor Dostoevsky</u> was in serious trouble.

Desperate for money the prior year, he had made a bad bargain with a rogue publisher. In exchange for an advance on an unwritten novel, Dostoevsky agreed to give Fyodor Stellovsky the rights to all his future works for a period of ten years if he could not deliver the new book by November 1, 1866.

The novel - eventually called <u>The Gambler</u> (first translated into English by <u>Constance Garnett</u>) - was due in thirty days. Dostoevsky had yet to write the first word.

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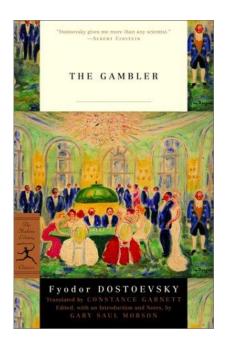


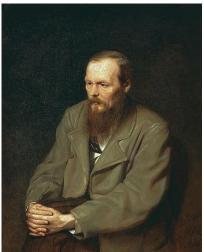
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