**The Monkey’s Paw Notes**

**Allusion**

* Allusion is a brief direct or indirect reference to a person, place, thing, or idea of historical, cultural, literary, or political significance.
* It does not describe the person or thing to which it refers.

**W.W. Jacobs**

* Born William Wymark Jacobs
* September 8, 1863 – September 1st, 1943
* English author of short stories and novels
* Most famous for ”The Monkey’s Paw”
* Born in Wapping in London
* Went to private school and the Birkbeck College
* 1879 – worked as a clerk in the post office
* 1885 – published first story
* Took the slow road to success but by 1899 he was financially secure enough to quit his job at the post office.
* “The Monkey’s Paw” was published in 1902.
* He wrote three kinds of stories: “misadventures of sailormen ashore; celebrating the artful dodger of a slow-witted village, and tales of the macabre.”