

\*Pop-up Moby Dick read-aloud contest. Visit each of the ten sites, take a selfie of you reading the Moby Dick selection from the podium. Post it to Instagram and include the hashtag, #ACKMobyDick. Winners will be selected weekly for a gift certificate to one of the participating restaurants.

**List of locations to visit:**

**Artists Association of Nantucket**  
19 Washington Street

**Greenhound Station**  
10 Washington Street

**Maria Mitchell Association**  
2 Vestal Street

**Museum of African American History**  
29 York Street

**Nantucket Atheneum**  
1 India Street

**Nantucket Lifesaving and Shipwreck Museum**  
158 Polpis Road

**Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum**  
49 Union Street

**Queequeg's Restaurant**  
6 Oak Street

**Sconset Trust**  
1 New Street, Sconset

**Whaling Museum**  
15 Broad Street



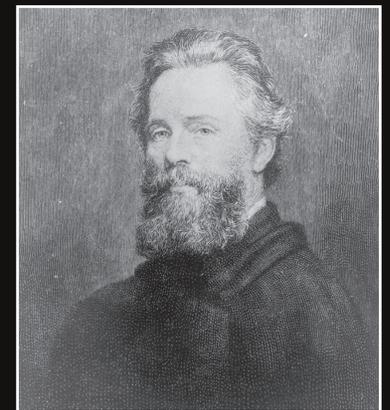
**Melville at 200/Essex at 200  
Participating Organizations**

- Artists Association of Nantucket
- Department of Culture and Tourism
- The Dreamland
- Egan Maritime Institute
- Greenhound Station/ReMain Nantucket
- Maria Mitchell Association
- Museum of African American History
- Nantucket Atheneum
- Nantucket Historical Association
- Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum
- Or, The Whale Restaurant
- Queequeg's Restaurant
- Sconset Trust
- Theatre Workshop of Nantucket



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*Celebrating the  
200th Birthday  
of Herman Melville*



*Herman Melville*  
1819 - 1891

## About Herman Melville

Born on August 1, 1819, into a once-prominent New York family, Herman Melville was raised in an atmosphere of financial instability and genteel pretense. It was his adventures as a seaman in 1845 that inspired Melville to write. On one voyage, he was captured and held for several months by the Typees; when he returned unscathed, friends encouraged Melville to write the escapade down. *Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life* became his first literary success.

After ending his seafaring career, Melville read voraciously. In 1847, he married Elizabeth Shaw and moved first to New York and then the Berkshires. There he lived near the reclusive writer Nathaniel Hawthorne, who was to become a close friend and confidant. In 1851, he completed his masterpiece, *Moby-Dick*, or *The Whale*. Considered by modern scholars to be one of the great American novels, the book was dismissed by Melville's contemporaries and he made little money from the effort.

During the 1850s, Melville supported his family by farming and writing stories for magazines. He later traveled to Europe, where he saw his friend Hawthorne for the last time. During that visit in 1856, it was clear to Melville that his novel-writing career was finished. In 1857, after returning to New York still unnoticed by the literary public, he stopped writing fiction.

Herman Melville died of a heart attack on September 28, 1891, at the age of 72. At that time, he was almost completely forgotten by all but a few admirers. During the week of his death, *The New York Times* wrote: "There has died and been buried in this city...a man who is so little known, even by name, to the generation now in the vigor of life that only one newspaper contained an obituary account of him, and this was but of three or four lines." It wasn't until the 1920s that the literary public began to recognize Melville as one of America's greatest writers.

# Calendar of Events

## April

### Friday, April 26

Opening of the Whaling Museum's Essex Disaster exhibition

## May

### Friday, May 24

Opening of three exhibitions at Hadwen House: Melville on Nantucket

Race and Diversity on PEQUOD

Moby Dick and Pop Culture

### Friday, May 17

Opening of Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum (49 Union Street) including display of Moby Dick basket by Michael Kane.

## June

### Saturday, June 15

Launch of a new children's book: "Would You Want To Sail In A Nantucket Whale Ship?" illustrated by English artist David Antram and author, Peter Cook. Whaling Museum

### July & August ongoing

Self-guided walking tour related to the Essex (*Available at Visitor Services and Whaling Museum*)

Pop-up reading stations around Nantucket - Select Moby Dick readings at partner sites (See Location List)\*

Open Nights at MMA's Loines Observatory ([mariamitchell.org](http://mariamitchell.org)) on celestial navigation from Moby Dick

Moby Dick basket by Michael Kane with scrimshaw by Dorothy Grant O'Hara on display at Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum, 49 Union Street

## July

### Tuesday, July 9 5:30 pm

Sea Shanties with Don Sinetti, Whaling Museum rooftop

## August

### Thursday, Aug. 1

200th birthday of Herman Melville

Lecture by Joe and Kathy Gallichio on the Moby Dick basket at Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum, 49 Union Street

### Thursday, Aug. 1

Visit "Or, The Whale," a restaurant located at 38 Main Street and bearing the subtitle to "Moby Dick," for a special menu to celebrate Herman Melville's 200th birthday.

Visit "Queequeg's," a restaurant located at 6 Oak Street for a special menu to celebrate Herman Melville's 200th birthday.

### Thursday, Aug. 8 - Monday, Aug. 12

"Not Down on Any Map: Herman Melville at Sea" Artists Association of Nantucket, Cecilia Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery, 19 Washington Street. Opening Reception, Thursday, Aug. 8, 6 - 8 pm with sea shanties performance by Joe Flood

### Monday, Aug. 12

200th anniversary of sailing of whaleship *Essex* from Nantucket

*In The Heart of the Sea* film at The Dreamland

### Monday, Aug. 12

Visit "Queequeg's," a restaurant located at 6 Oak Street for a special menu to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the sailing of the whaleship *Essex*.

### Thursday, Aug. 12 8:30 am - 12 pm

NHA's Quaker Meeting House - Melville Symposium featuring Nathaniel Philbrick, Jamie Jones and Mary Bercauw Edwards. A special reading connecting passages from Whale Ship log books and *Moby-Dick*, by Harvey Young and Caleb Cardell.

### Wednesday, Aug 21 - Friday, Aug 23 7 - 8:30 pm

*Moby Dick Rehearsed*, Whaling Museum in collaboration with Theater Workshop of Nantucket

## November

### Saturday, Nov. 16 and Sunday, Nov. 17

Moby Dick Marathon Reading - Atheneum & Whaling Museum