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Clemence Housman (1861–1955) was an author and illustrator, perhaps eclipsed in fame by her brothers A.E. Housman and Laurence Housman, best remembered today as an activist in the women's suffrage movement. She wrote several novels, including *The Werewolf*, *Unknown Sea* and *The Life of Sir Aglovale De Galis*, all of which have sadly fallen into obscurity in the intervening years.

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