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about impoverished boys and their rise from humble backgrounds to lives of middle-class security and comfort through hard work, determination, courage, and honesty, starting with *Ragged Dick* in 1868. [Critics point out that hard work itself does not rescue the boy from his fate, but rather some extraordinary act of bravery or honesty, which brings him into contact with a wealthy benefactor.] In the last decades of the 19th century, Alger's moral tone coarsened, and violence, murder, and other sensational themes entered his works.