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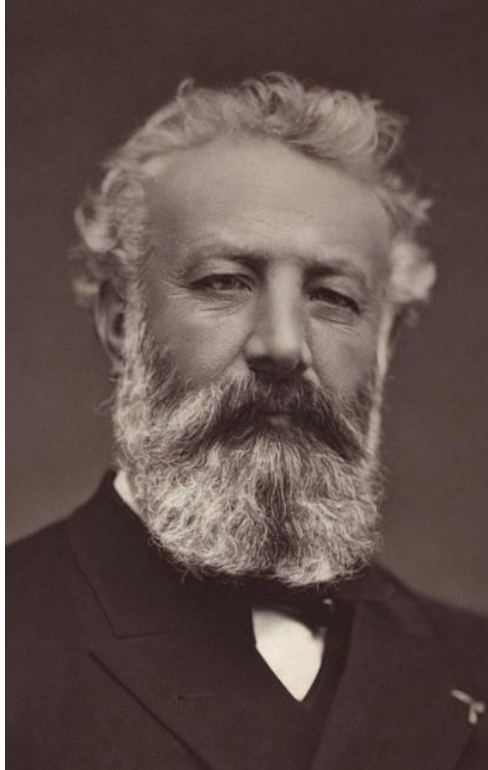
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Jules Verne, c.1884, by Étienne Carjat

I think I would single out *Les Enfants du capitaine Grant* and *Hector Servadac*, though these were only two of the thirty-odd titles by Jules Verne I had read by the time I was twelve. (The only other person I have met who had read a similar number was Rose Macaulay.) And *David Copperfield*, which I had read three times by the same age.

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