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oscar wilde owed his most outstanding characteristics his precocious intellectualism his flamboyance his hedonism his recklessness his pride his sense of superiority his liberal sexual values to his parents oscar s mother lady jane wilde rose to prominence as a political journalist advocating in 1848 a rebellion against colonialism proud involved and

challenging she became a salon hostess and opened the wilde s dublin home at no 1 merrion square to the public known as the most scintillating and stirring hostess of her day she passed on her infectious delight in the art of living to oscar who imbibed it greedily his father was sir william wilde one of the most eminent men of his generation acutely conscious of injustices in the social order sir william laid the foundations for the celtic renaissance in the belief that culture would establish a common ground between the privileged and the poor protestant and catholic but sir william was also a philanderer and when he stood accused of sexually assaulting a young female patient the scandal and trial sent shock waves through dublin society after his death the wildes moved to london where oscar burst irrepressibly upon the scene the one role that didn t suit him was that of the victorian husband as his wife constance was to discover for beneath the swelling forehead was a self destructive itch a lifelong devourer of attention oscar was unable to recognise when the party was over the fall of the house of wilde for the first time places oscar wilde as a member of one of the most dazzling anglo irish families of victorian times and also in the broader social political and religious context a remarkable and perceptive account this is a major repositioning of our first modern celebrity a man whose own fall from grace in a trial as public as his father s marked the end of fin de siècle decadence

this book explores the meteoric rise sudden fall and legendary resurgence of this influential writer s reputation in the years leading up to his two year imprisonment wilde stood among the foremost dramatists in london but after he was sent down for committing acts of gross indecency it seemed likely that social embarrassment would inflict irreparable damage to his legacy he died in comparative obscurity little could he have realized that in five years his name would come back into popular circulation thanks to the success of richard strauss s opera salomé and robert ross s edition of de profundis with each succeeding decade the twentieth century continued to honor wilde s name by keeping his plays in repertory producing dramas about his life adapting his works for film and devising countless biographical and critical studies of his writings

utilizing wilde s own characters vivian and cyril this critique in play format begins by discussing the playwright s ideas on the relation of art to life exploring his pronouncements on the artist s true purpose wilde s statement about the artist as a creator of beauty found in his preface to the picture of dorian gray is then examined with regard to his last and most popular play the importance of being earnest discussing earnest in extensis this book discovers whether the elegant artificiality and epigrammatic conceits of contemporary farce prevail as beauty per wilde s earlier theories as expressed in the decay of lying the consequence of wilde s assault on victorian values is considered in terms of its social

contribution to perceptions of beauty and the way in which we might appreciate both the playwright and earnest now

in oscar wilde ultimate collection 250 titles in one edition readers are presented with a comprehensive anthology that showcases the prolific genius of oscar wilde this collection encompasses his plays poems essays and stories revealing the wit and aestheticism that characterize wilde s literary style from the biting satire of the importance of being earnest to the poignant beauty of the picture of dorian gray each work is intricately woven with themes of morality identity and societal critique wilde s elegant prose imbued with sharp humor and rich symbolism not only reflects the decadent movement of the late 19th century but also engages with contemporary philosophical discourses making this collection a vital reference for understanding his literary contribution oscar wilde a quintessential figure of the victorian era was known not only for his literary prowess but also for his flamboyant personality and radical views on art and society his experiences as an irish expatriate along with his tumultuous encounters with love politics and societal norms deeply influenced his writing wilde s embrace of aesthetics and his challenge to social conventions resonate throughout this collection providing readers with insight into his complex character and the world he navigated this ultimate collection is an essential companion for both long time fans and newcomers to wilde s works it allows readers to explore the vastness of his creativity and intellectual depth within a single volume dive into the world of oscar wilde and discover the brilliant interplay of wit and wisdom that has captivated audiences for generations in this enriched edition we have carefully created added value for your reading experience a comprehensive introduction outlines these selected works unifying features themes or stylistic evolutions the author biography highlights personal milestones and literary influences that shape the entire body of writing a historical context section situates the works in their broader era social currents cultural trends and key events that underpin their creation a concise synopsis selection offers an accessible overview of the included texts helping readers navigate plotlines and main ideas without revealing critical twists a unified analysis examines recurring motifs and stylistic hallmarks across the collection tying the stories together while spotlighting the different work s strengths reflection questions inspire deeper contemplation of the author s overarching message inviting readers to draw connections among different texts and relate them to modern contexts lastly our hand picked memorable quotes distill pivotal lines and turning points serving as touchstones for the collection s central themes

few authors of the victorian period were as immersed in classical learning as oscar wilde although famous now and during his lifetime as a wit aesthete and master epigrammist

wilde distinguished himself early on as a talented classical scholar studying at trinity college dublin and oxford and winning academic prizes and distinctions at both institutions his undergraduate notebooks as well as his essays and articles on ancient topics reveal a mind engrossed in problems in classical scholarship and fascinated by the relationship between ancient and modern thought his first publications were english translations of classical texts and even after he had left parnassus for piccadilly antiquity continued to provide him with a critical vocabulary in which he could express himself and his aestheticism an intellectual framework for understanding the world around him and a compelling set of narratives to fire his artist s imagination his debt to greece and rome is evident throughout his writings from the sparkling wit of *Society* plays like the importance of being earnest to the extraordinary meditation on suffering that is *De Profundis* written during his incarceration in reading gaol oscar wilde and classical antiquity brings together scholars from across the disciplines of classics ancient history english literature theatre and performance studies and the history of ideas to explore the varied and profound impact that graeco roman antiquity had on wilde s life and work this wide ranging collection covers all the major genres of his literary output it includes new perspectives on his most celebrated and canonical texts and close analyses of unpublished material revealing as never before the enduring breadth and depth of his love affair with the classics

the truth is rarely pure and never simple

this book the first fully sustained reading of henry james s and oscar wilde s relationship reveals why the antagonisms between both authors are symptomatic of the cultural oppositions within aestheticism itself the book also shows how these conflicting energies animated the late nineteenth century s most exciting transatlantic cultural enterprise richly illustrated and historically detailed this study of james s and wilde s intricate decades long relationship brings to light aestheticism s truly transatlantic nature through close readings of both authors works as well as nineteenth century art periodicals and rare manuscripts as mendelssohn shows both authors were deeply influenced by the visual and decorative arts and by contemporary artists such as george du maurier and james mcneill whistler henry james oscar wilde and aesthetic culture offers a nuanced reading of a complex relationship that promises to transform the way in which we imagine late nineteenth century british and american literary culture

an innovative new edition of nine classic short stories from one of the greatest writers of the victorian era i cannot think other than in stories oscar wilde once confessed to his friend andré gide in this new selection of his short fiction wilde s gifts as a storyteller are on full display accompanied by informative facing page annotations from wilde

biographer and scholar nicholas frankel a wide ranging introduction brings readers into the world from which the author drew inspiration each story in the collection brims with wilde s trademark wit style and sharp social criticism many are reputed to have been written for children although wilde insisted this was not true and that his stories would appeal to all those who have kept the childlike faculties of wonder and joy lord arthur savile s crime stands alongside wilde s comic masterpiece the importance of being earnest while other stories including the happy prince the tale of a young ruler who had never known sorrow and the nightingale and the rose the story of a nightingale who sacrifices herself for true love embrace the theme of tragic forbidden love and are driven by an undercurrent of seriousness even despair at the repressive social and sexual values of wilde s day like his later writings wilde s stories are a sweeping indictment of the society that would imprison him for his homosexuality in 1895 five years before his death at the age of forty six published here in the form in which victorian readers first encountered them wilde s short stories contain much that appeals to modern readers of vastly different ages and temperaments they are the perfect distillation of one of the victorian era s most remarkable writers

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oscar wilde s infamous wit taste for scandal and gift for revealing the hypocrisies of fashionable society are on display here in this collection of his finest plays a genius both of

and ahead of his time he built his craft on the eternal questions of right and wrong with pithy dialogue as fresh today as when it was written in addition to wilde's five major plays this signet classics edition contains two interviews with the playwright at the peak of his career in which wilde discusses his work and his critics some of his most brilliant critical writing in which he discusses the nature of art in terms that anticipate much of today's literary theory an appendix that restores valuable lines that appeared in the original text of the importance of being earnest with an introduction by sylvan barnet and a new afterword by marylu hill

this is the first collection of critical essays that explores oscar wilde's interest in children's culture whether in relation to his famous fairy stories his life as a caring father to two small boys his place as a defender of children's rights within the prison system his fascination with youthful beauty and his theological contemplation of what it means to be a child in the eyes of god the collection also examines the ways in which wilde's works not just his fairy stories have been adapted for young audiences

explores how the characters in oscar wilde's plays though not specifically gay epitomize today's image of the effeminate male how they relate to british theatrical fops and other characters since early modern times how the representation of same sex passion was altered by wilde's expose and trial as a homosexual and how the stereotype of the gay man became established in the 20th century annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

publishing venues for writers multiplied at midcentury establishing a new stylistic norm for criticism one that affirmed style as the manifestation of english discipline and objectivity the figure of the professional critic soon subsumed the authority of the polyglot intellectual and the later decades of the nineteenth century brought about a debate on aesthetics and criticism that set ideals of saxon rooted virile style against more culturally inclusive theories of expression book jacket

oscar wilde and modern culture the making of a legend explores the meteoric rise sudden fall and legendary resurgence of an immensely influential writer's reputation from his hectic 1881 american lecture tour to recent hollywood adaptations of his dramas always renowned if not notorious for his fashionable persona wilde courted celebrity at an early age later he came to prominence as one of the most talented essayists and fiction writers of his time in the years leading up to his two year imprisonment wilde stood among the foremost dramatists in london but after he was sent down for committing acts of gross indecency it seemed likely that social embarrassment would inflict irreparable damage to

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poems by oscar wilde 1881 is a collection of his famous poetry which represents the full range of his achievement as a poet and includes the memorable poem to his sister with other masterpieces like on the sale by auction of keats love letters sonnet on hearing the dies irae sung in the sistine chapel ravenna and the ballad of reading gaol with a wilde's keen perception of human feelings and emotions make this a mature anthology of poetry

oscar fingal o'flahertie wills wilde was born on the 16th october 1854 in dublin ireland the son of dublin intellectuals oscar proved himself an outstanding classicist at dublin then at oxford with his education complete wilde moved to london and its fashionable cultural and social circles with his biting wit flamboyant dress and glittering conversation wilde

became one of the most well known personalities of his day his only novel the picture of dorian gray was published in 1890 and he then moved on to writing for the stage with salome in 1891 his society comedies produced enormous hits and turned him into one of the most successful writers of late victorian london whilst his masterpiece the importance of being earnest was on stage in london wilde had the marquess of queensberry the father of his lover lord alfred douglas prosecuted for libel the trial unearthed evidence that caused wilde to drop his charges and led to his own arrest and trial for gross indecency he was convicted and imprisoned for two years hard labour it was to break him on release he left for france there he wrote his last work the ballad of reading gaol in 1898 he died destitute in paris at the age of forty six sipping champagne a friend had brought with the line alas i am dying beyond my means here we publish a couple of his poems as a prelude to his masterful account of his time in america

the story of oscar wilde s landmark 1882 american tour explains how this quotable literary eminence became famous for being famous on january 3 1882 oscar wilde a twenty seven year old genius at least by his own reckoning arrived in new york the dublin born oxford man had made such a spectacle of himself in london with his eccentric fashion sense acerbic wit and extravagant passion for art and home design that gilbert sullivan wrote an operetta lampooning him he was hired to go to america to promote that work by presenting lectures on interior decorating but wilde had his own business plan he would go to promote himself and he did traveling some 15 000 miles and visiting 150 american cities as he created a template for fame creation that still works today though wilde was only the author of a self published book of poems and an unproduced play he presented himself as a star taking the stage in satin breeches and a velvet coat with lace trim as he sang the praises of sconces and embroidered pillows and himself what wilde so presciently understood is that fame could launch a career as well as cap one david m friedman s lively and often hilarious narrative whisks us across nineteenth century america from the mansions of gilded age manhattan to roller skating rinks in indiana from an opium den in san francisco to the bottom of the matchless silver mine in colorado then the richest on earth where wilde dined with twelve gobsmacked miners later describing their feast to his friends in london as first course whiskey second course whiskey third course whiskey but as friedman shows wilde was no mere clown he was a strategist from his antics in london to his manipulation of the media wilde gave 100 interviews in america more than anyone else in the world in 1882 he designed every move to increase his renown there had been famous people before him but wilde was the first to become famous for being famous wilde in america is an enchanting tale of travel and transformation comedy and capitalism an unforgettable story that teaches us about our present as well as our past

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