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The Portrait of a Lady (一位女士的画像)-Henry James 2011-09-15
HarperCollins is proud to present its new range of best-loved, essential classics. 'Money's a horrid thing to follow, but a charming thing to meet.' Isabel Archer is a beautiful, intelligent and independent young woman. Brought from America to England by her wealthy Aunt who seeks to further her education and find her niece a husband, Isabel is determined to shape her own future - one that does not necessarily entail becoming a wife. Isabel inherits a fortune when her rich uncle dies and feels even more inclined to turn down two eligible suitors on the basis that she is a woman of her own means. However, a trip to Italy heralds her downfall when she meets the charming Gilbert Osmond, a worthless, yet ambitious and scheming dilettante.

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Portrait Of A Lady-Henry James 1999-01-01 The Portrait of a Lady (1881) is Henry James's early novel of psychological realism, in which various types of American character are transplanted into the European environment. Upon her father's death, the high-minded heroine Isabela Archer is visited by Relationships in Henry James "Portrait of a Lady"-Kathrin Hüttlin 2010-10 Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 2.0, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, course: Hauptseminar "Henry James," language: English, abstract: In Henry James' realist novel The Portrait of a Lady not love but apparently the international theme is the main topic. The international theme mirrored in the portrait of Isabel Archer and her journey from America to England, to Europe. But if the reader has a closer look to the interpretation of the text, he will find out that James has made his work more complex. The international
theme and love are strongly intertwined; both themes, in a way, influence each other. James has established several different relationships between men and women in his work. By close reading, the reader will discover that there is hardly a page in the book which is not filled with aspects of or allusions to romantic or interpersonal conversations or interactions between or about two potential lovers. According to Borchers, Henry James' attitude towards women and towards marriage itself reveals that we may not expect a modern novel about marriage (116). Because Henry James has already abolished the traditional style of matrimonial novel writing which originally ends with the engagement or the marriage of the heroine, Borchers names The Portrait of a Lady the predecessor of the modern novel about marriage matters (116). So, in the novel, not only aspects of traditional marriage structures but also problems and forms of how to avoid the bond of matrimony are discussed. In The Portrait of a Lady, there is hardly a chance for love between men and women to be lived, neither in legitimate relationships, in illegitimate relationships, nor in alternative relationships.

A Psychological Analysis of Henry James' the Portrait of a Lady-
Dr. Claudine L. Maria-Julia Boros 2010-08-09 The author of over twenty novels, twelve plays, and one hundred and twelve short stories, Henry James (1843-1916) is the acknowledged "Father of the Psychological Novel." With his seminal masterpiece, The Portrait of A Lady (1881), he ushered in the birth of what was to be the emergence of psychological fiction. Although a steady progression of other great novels and works would follow this one, it is this work, therefore, that will be the focus of the present study.

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The Portrait of a Lady-Henry James 1882

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Henry James: The Portrait of a Lady, The Bostonians, The Tragic Muse & Daisy Miller (4 Books in One Edition)-Henry James 2017-12-06 The Portrait of a Lady is a novel by Henry James, first published as a serial in The Atlantic Monthly and Macmillan's Magazine in 1880–81 and then as a book in 1881. It is the story of a spirited young American woman, Isabel Archer, who "affronts her destiny" and finds it overwhelming. She inherits a large amount of money and subsequently becomes the victim of Machiavellian scheming by two American expatriates. Like many
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The Portrait of a Lady, Volume 2-Henry James 2018-10-08 The Portrait of a Lady is a novel by Henry James, first published as a serial in The Atlantic Monthly and Macmillan's Magazine in 1880-81 and then as a book in 1881. It is one of James's most popular long novels and is regarded by critics as one of his finest. The Portrait of a Lady is the story of a spirited young American
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Henry James, The Portrait of a Lady-Roger Gard 1986 This set comprises 40 volumes covering 19th and 20th century European and American authors. These volumes will be available as a complete set, mini boxed sets (by theme) or as individual volumes. This second set complements the first 68 volume set of Critical Heritage published by Routledge in October 1995.
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Perspectives on James's The Portrait of a Lady—William T. Stafford
1967

The Portrait of a Lady—Henry James 2020-03-12

When Isabel Archer, a young American woman with looks, wit, and imagination, arrives in Europe, she sees the world as 'a place of brightness, of free expression, of irresistible action'. She turns aside from suitors who offer her their wealth and devotion to follow her own path. But that way leads to disillusionment and a future as constricted as 'a dark narrow alley with a dead wall at the end'. In a conclusion that is one of the most moving in modern fiction, Isabel makes her final choice. The Portrait of a Lady is the masterpiece of James's middle period, and Isabel is perhaps his most engaging central character.

Henry James was an American writer, regarded as one of the key figures of 19th-century literary realism. James contributed significantly to the criticism of fiction, particularly in his insistence that writers be allowed the greatest possible freedom in presenting their view of the world. His imaginative use of point of view, interior monologue and possibly unreliable narrators in his own novels and tales brought a new depth and interest to narrative fiction. An extraordinarily productive writer, in addition to his voluminous works of fiction he published articles and books of travel, biography, autobiography, and criticism, and wrote plays, some of which were performed during his lifetime with moderate success. His theatrical work is thought to have profoundly influenced his later novels and tales.
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Isabel Archer, a young American heiress arrives in Europe with great projects in mind for her future destiny. Nevertheless, she is so fond of her freedom that she refuses two honorable suitors: Lord Warburton and Caspard Goodwood. This clever woman finally marries Gilbert Osmond, a cupid man without an estate. This choice turns out to be a failure and deprives her both of her independence and happiness. Isabel actually finds out that she is the victim of a conspiracy. A study of Isabel's childhood is necessary to clarify her ambiguous behavior. In fact, the lack of parental guidance shaped her personality. She embodies the victim of the story and this theme is omnipresent in "The Portrait of a lady". Moreover, her strong self-sufficiency represents also an important element of the story. We can but wonder what accounts for such stubbornness to refuse the opportunities which might have helped her make her dreams come true. Besides, through Isabel's portrait, the writer clearly shows his art to depict women. In many ways, Isabel Archer, his heroine can be compared to a modern woman.

The Novels and Tales of Henry James-Henry James 1909
The Portrait of a Lady-Henry James 1947
The portrait of a lady-Collectif, 1998 17 articles traitent de The portrait of a Lady, le roman et le film. Plus d'un siècle après sa publication, la modernité du roman-charge de Henry James continue de s'affirmer. La question est posée dès le titre et le "placement" de la dame indifférenciée interroge les théories de la formation du moi en même temps qu'il pose, de façon nouvelle, la relation entre réalité et idéal. Drame de la conscience, The Portrait of a Lady témoigne d'une vision incertaine du monde au moment où l'écriture de James est elle-même en transition entre Daisy Miller et The Wings of the Dove. Le film de Jane Campion a souffert de la comparaison avec le roman de James. Et pourtant la composition de l'œuvre et de l'image, les points de vue et les cadrages, la mise en scène du désir et de l'enfermement, l'implicite et l'explicite des corps qui suscitent la réflexion du
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The Portrait of a Lady (1881) by-Henry James 2016-03-18 The Portrait of a Lady (Penguin Classics) Regarded by many as Henry James's finest work, and a lucid tragedy exploring the distance between money and happiness, The Portrait of a Lady contains an introduction by Philip Horne in Penguin Classics. When Isabel Archer, a beautiful, spirited American, is brought to Europe by her wealthy aunt Touchett, it is expected that she will soon marry. But Isabel, resolved to enjoy the freedom that her fortune has opened up and to determine her own fate, does not hesitate to turn down two eligible suitors. Then she finds herself irresistibly drawn to Gilbert Osmond. Charming and cultivated, Osmond sees Isabel as a rich prize waiting to be taken. Beneath his veneer of
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Femininity and Female Interiority: The Representation of Gender in Henry James's "The Portrait of a Lady"-Annika Uhlig
2006-09-26 Thesis (M.A.) from the year 2006 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Hannover, 78 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: The Portrait of a Lady was first published in serialization in The Atlantic Monthly and Macmillan’s Magazine in 1880 and came out in book form one year later. Due to its parallel publication on the American and the English market, this novel of Henry James’s early period had enormous success, although the critical reception was not the same on both sides of the Atlantic. However, The Portrait of a Lady is still considered to be his greatest achievement until this day. In the course of publishing his works in collected volumes, Henry James also extensively revised The Portrait of a Lady for the 1908 New York edition, supplementing a preface to it and placing greater significance on the heroine’s perceptive progress. The story that Henry James tells in The Portrait of a Lady is a conventional one about courtship and marriage, but only at first sight. Beyond following traditional patterns of literary conventions of his time, James also included a range of novelistic features into his work or reworked some of the traditional material to an extent that a clear break can be registered. The first part of my study will therefore be a literary classification of The Portrait of a Lady by examining and analyzing which conventional features James makes use of or breaks with and which novelties he introduces. In terms of these literary novelties, special attention will be given to the treatment of narrative perspective, since Henry James transferred this mode of presentation in the course of the story from the narrator to a “center of consciousness” within the story. The Portrait of a Lady cannot yet be considered as a masterpiece of the stream of consciousness technique; however, the novel already exhibits features which indicate that Henry James will devote himself to this narratological technique in his succeeding works. The second
part of my study of Henry James’s The Portrait of a Lady will be a close reading of the novel in which the reader comes across “a young girl affronting her destiny.” James’s choice of a female protagonist will be a crucial aspect of examination before giving a detailed characterization of the American Girl Isabel Archer, the young woman whom James considered worth making “the subject in the novel.”

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The Portrait of a Lady - Volume 2 - Henry Henry James 2017-03-27
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