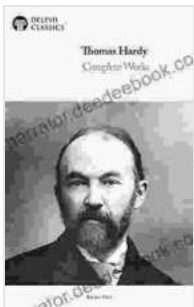


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Prepare to embark on an epic literary journey as we unveil the Delphi Complete Works of Thomas Hardy Illustrated, a breathtaking collection that encompasses the entire literary output of one of the most revered figures in English literature. Step into the intricate and evocative world of Wessex, a fictional county that serves as the backdrop for many of Hardy's poignant and thought-provoking stories.



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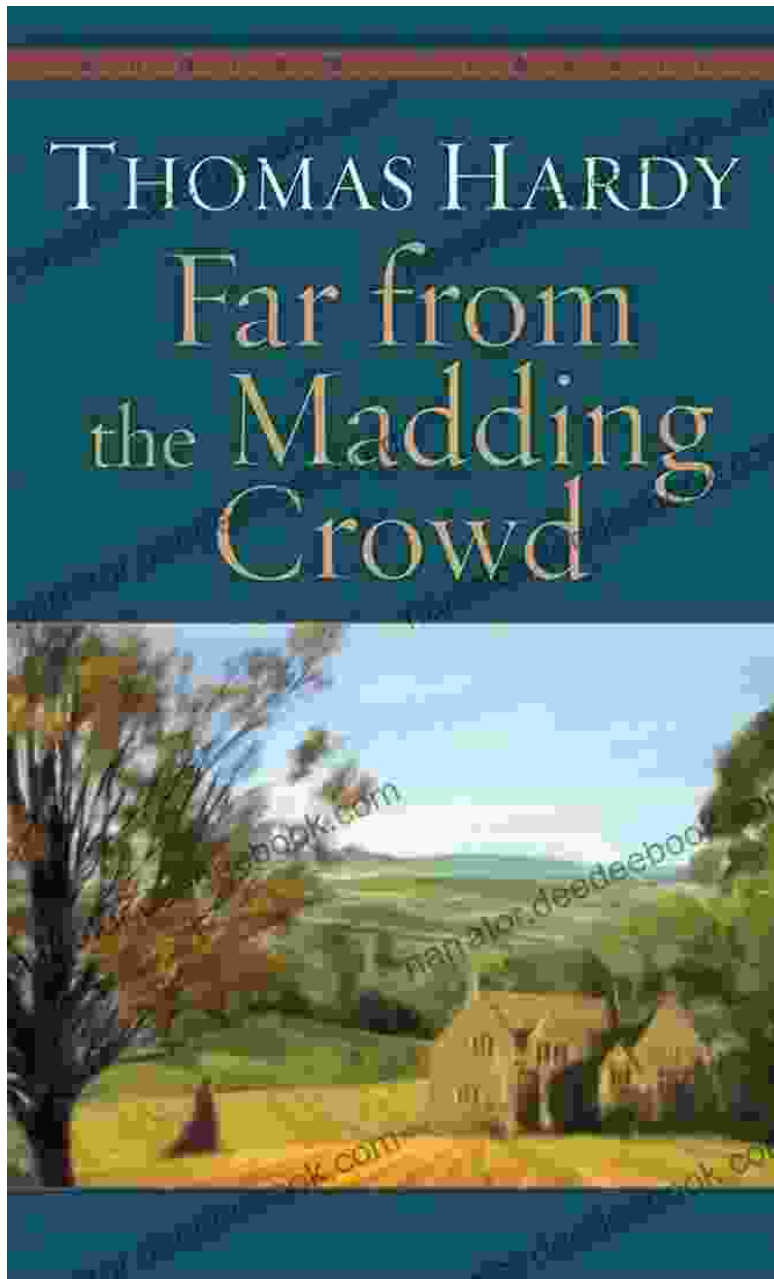


Hardy's profound understanding of human nature and the complexities of life earned him both acclaim and controversy during his lifetime. His works

delve into the themes of fate, free will, and the indomitable spirit of humanity, resonating with generations of readers.

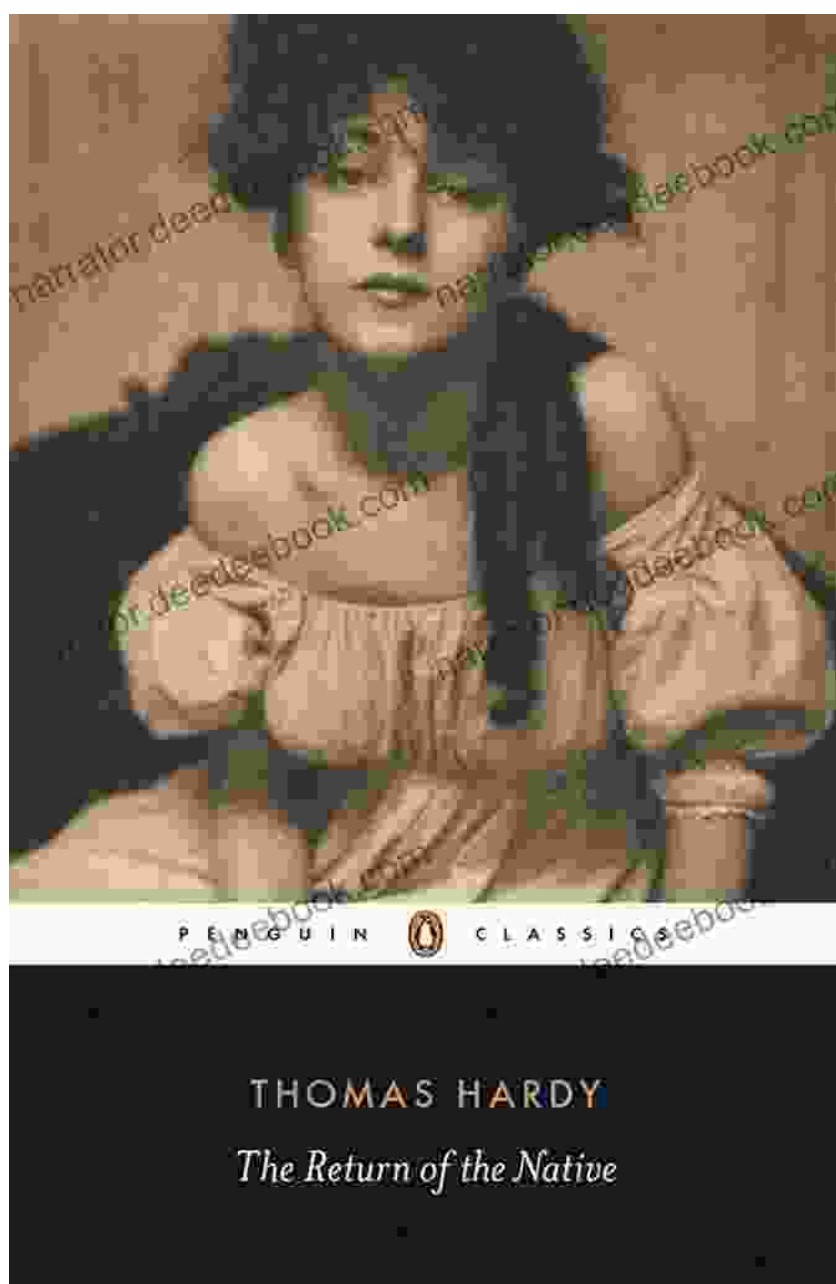
Novels

Far from the Madding Crowd (1874)



Escape to the idyllic sheep-farming countryside of Weatherbury in this captivating novel. Bathsheba Everdene, an independent and spirited young woman, finds herself torn between three suitors: a pragmatic farmer, a passionate soldier, and a wealthy landowner. As their lives intertwine, Hardy examines the nature of desire, jealousy, and the consequences of choice.

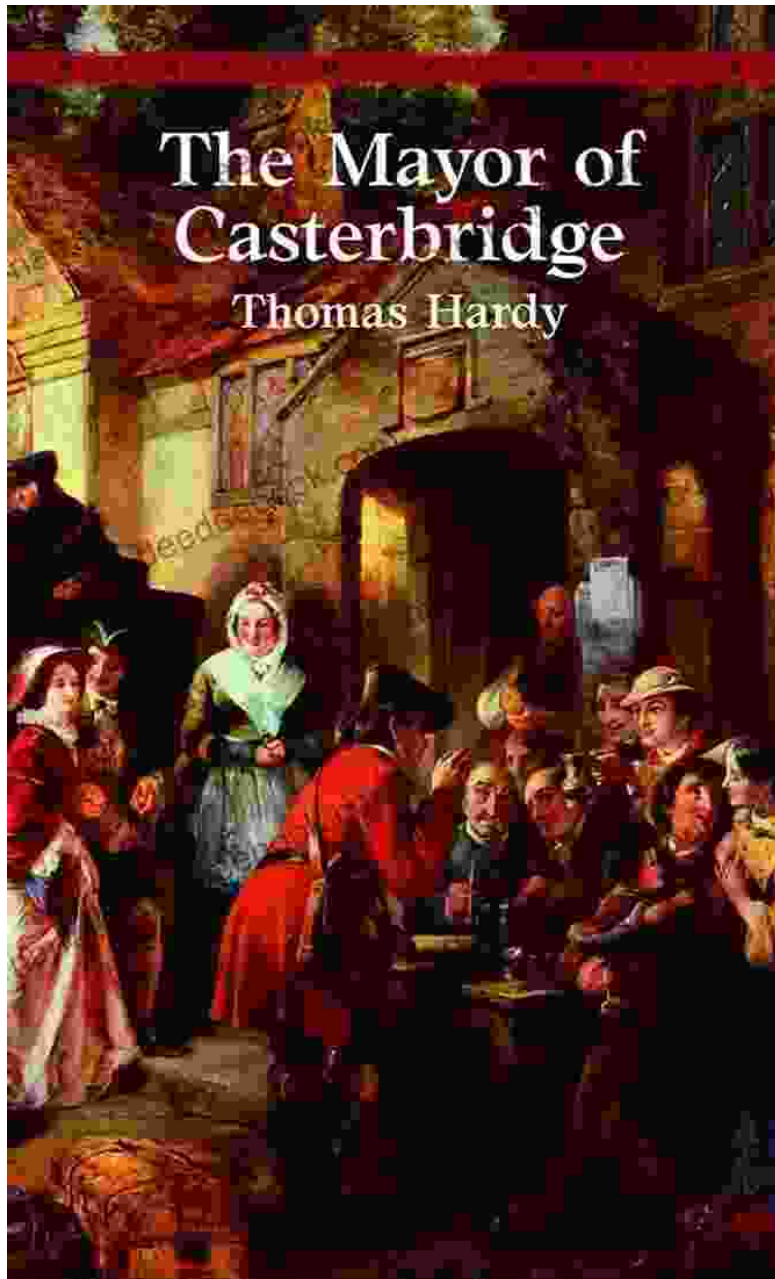
The Return of the Native (1878)



The Return of the Native is a haunting tale set on the desolate Egdon Heath.

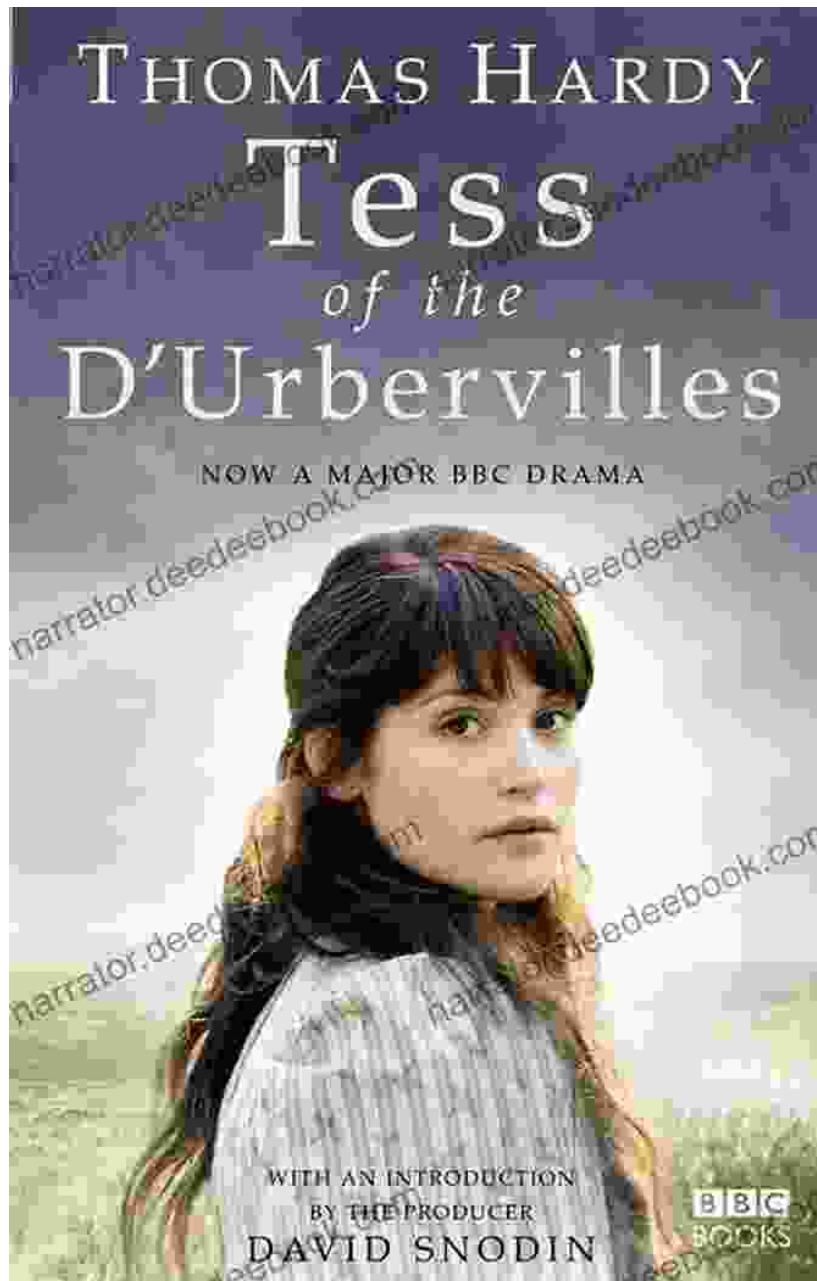
Step into the eerie and unforgiving landscape of Egdon Heath, where Eustacia Vye, a beautiful and enigmatic woman, yearns for a life beyond her humble beginnings. When two men, a socially awkward clergyman and a wealthy landowner, enter her life, Hardy weaves a gripping story of unrequited love, tragedy, and the enduring power of the human spirit.

The Mayor of Casterbridge (1886)



Witness the rise and fall of Michael Henchard, a man driven by ambition and a troubled past. As he ascends to the position of Mayor of Casterbridge, Hardy explores the corrosive effects of pride, guilt, and the relentless march of fate. This powerful novel is a testament to the human capacity for both great heights and profound depths.

Tess of the d'Urbervilles (1891)

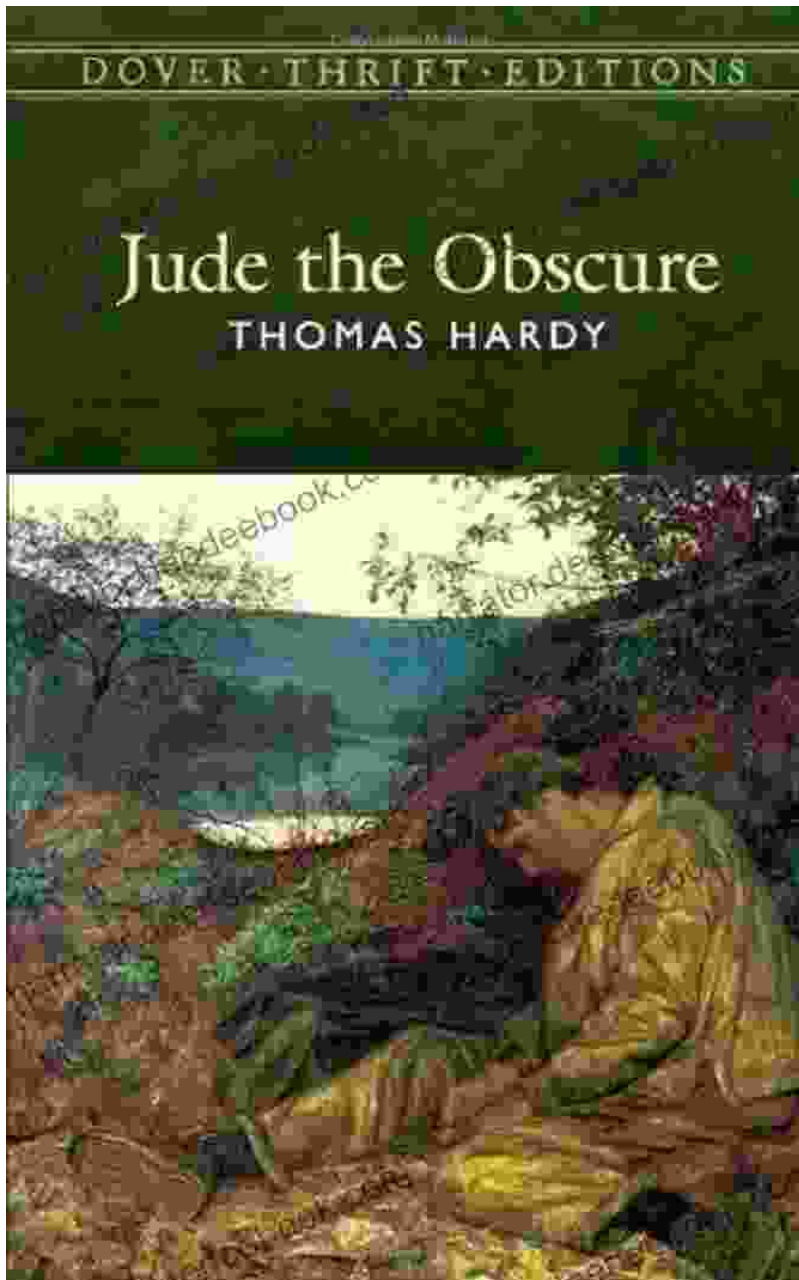


Tess of the d'Urbervilles is a tragic love story that explores the plight of women in Victorian society.

Follow the tragic journey of Tess Durbeyfield, a young woman from a humble background who is seduced and betrayed by a wealthy landowner. Hardy's incisive social commentary exposes the injustices faced by women

in Victorian England, as Tess struggles to find her place in a society that values appearances over substance.

Jude the Obscure (1895)



In this controversial and deeply moving novel, Jude Fawley, a working-class young man, dreams of a better life through education. However, his aspirations are thwarted by societal constraints, failed relationships, and

personal tragedy. *Jude the Obscure* is a powerful indictment of the hypocrisies and injustices of Victorian society.

Short Stories

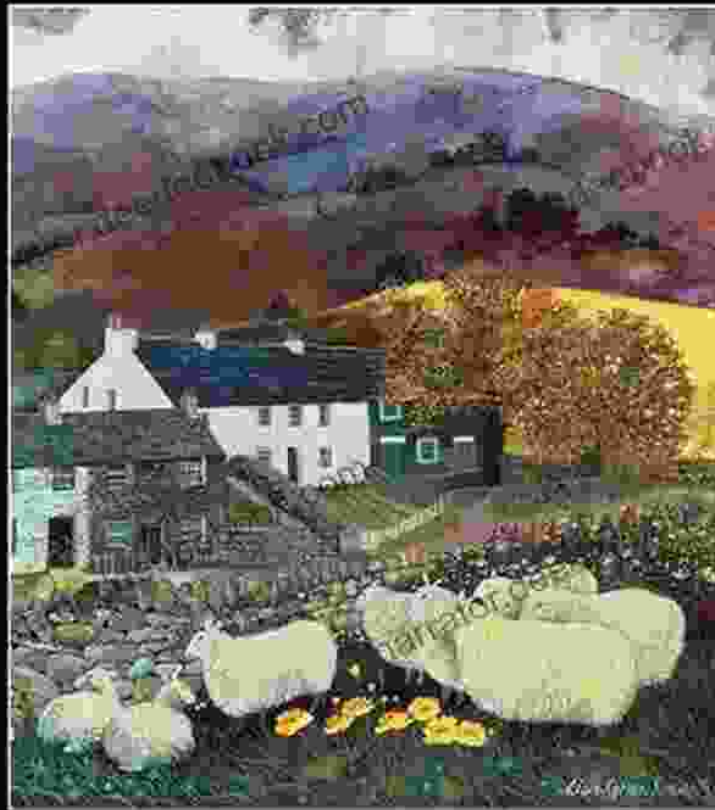
In addition to his acclaimed novels, Hardy was also a master of the short story form. The Delphi Complete Works includes a comprehensive collection of his short stories, offering a diverse range of themes and settings.

Wessex Tales (1888)

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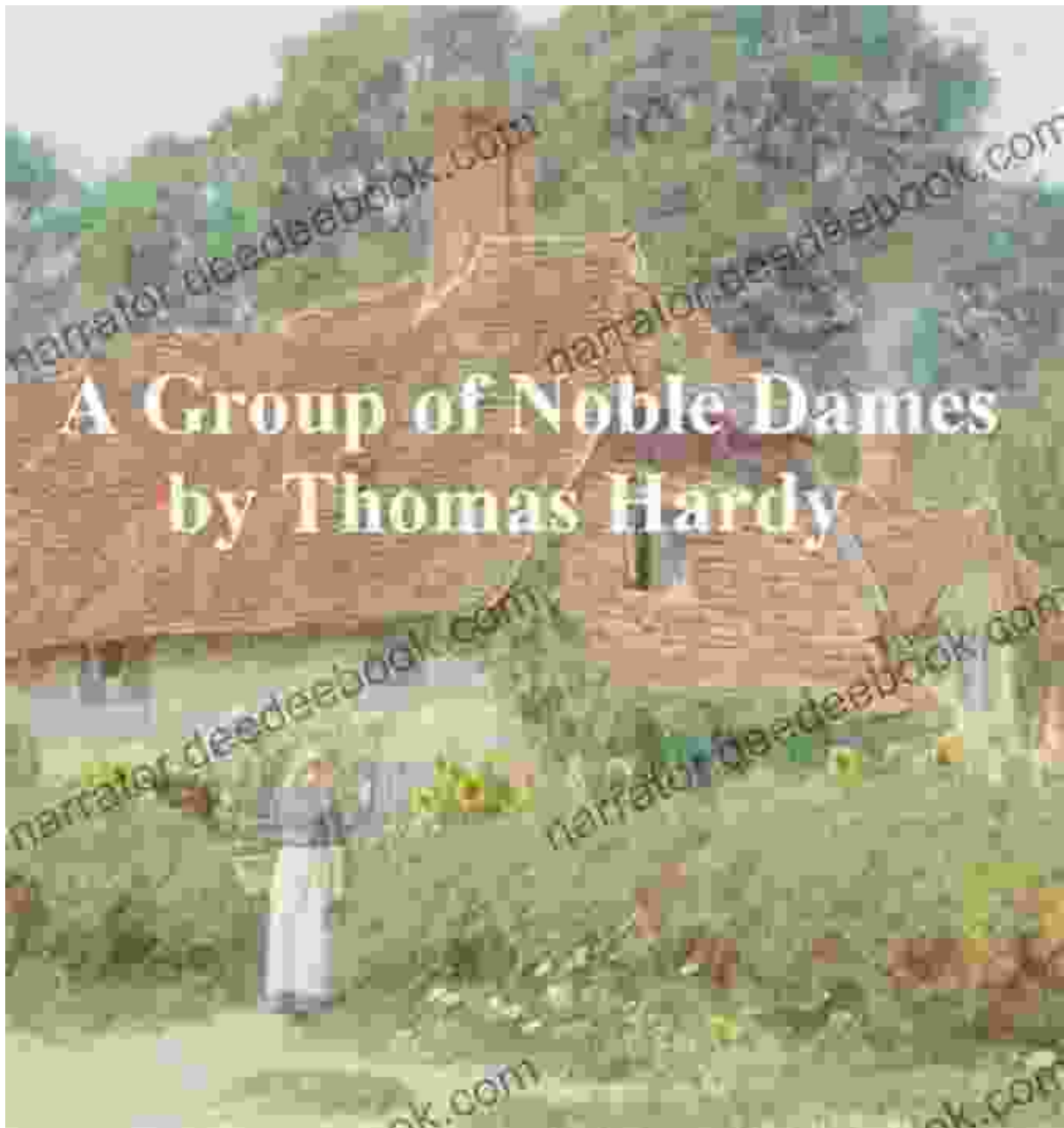
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Wessex Tales is a collection of fourteen short stories set in Hardy's fictional county of Wessex.

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Wessex through fourteen enchanting short stories. From the poignant "The Three Strangers" to the haunting "The Withered Arm," Hardy's masterful storytelling and keen observation of human nature shine through in every tale.

A Group of Noble Dames (1891)

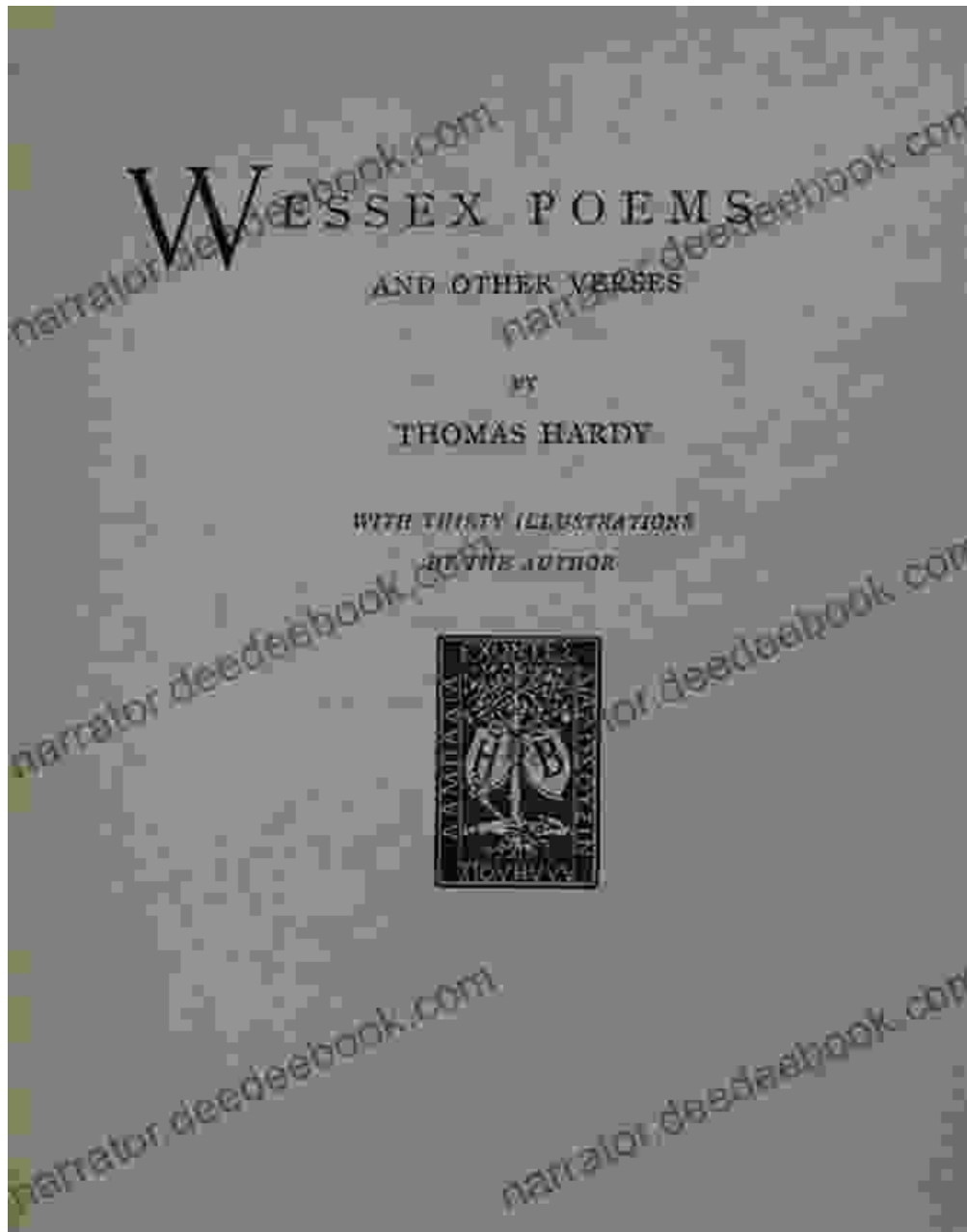


Step back in time to witness the intertwining lives of six noble women across different historical periods. From the tragic story of "The Lady Penelope" set during the English Civil War to the poignant "The Marchioness of Stonehenge" set in the Victorian era, Hardy weaves a captivating tapestry of female experience.

Poems

Hardy's literary genius extended beyond prose to include a significant body of poetry. The Delphi Complete Works presents a comprehensive collection of his poems, showcasing his versatility and mastery of the poetic form.

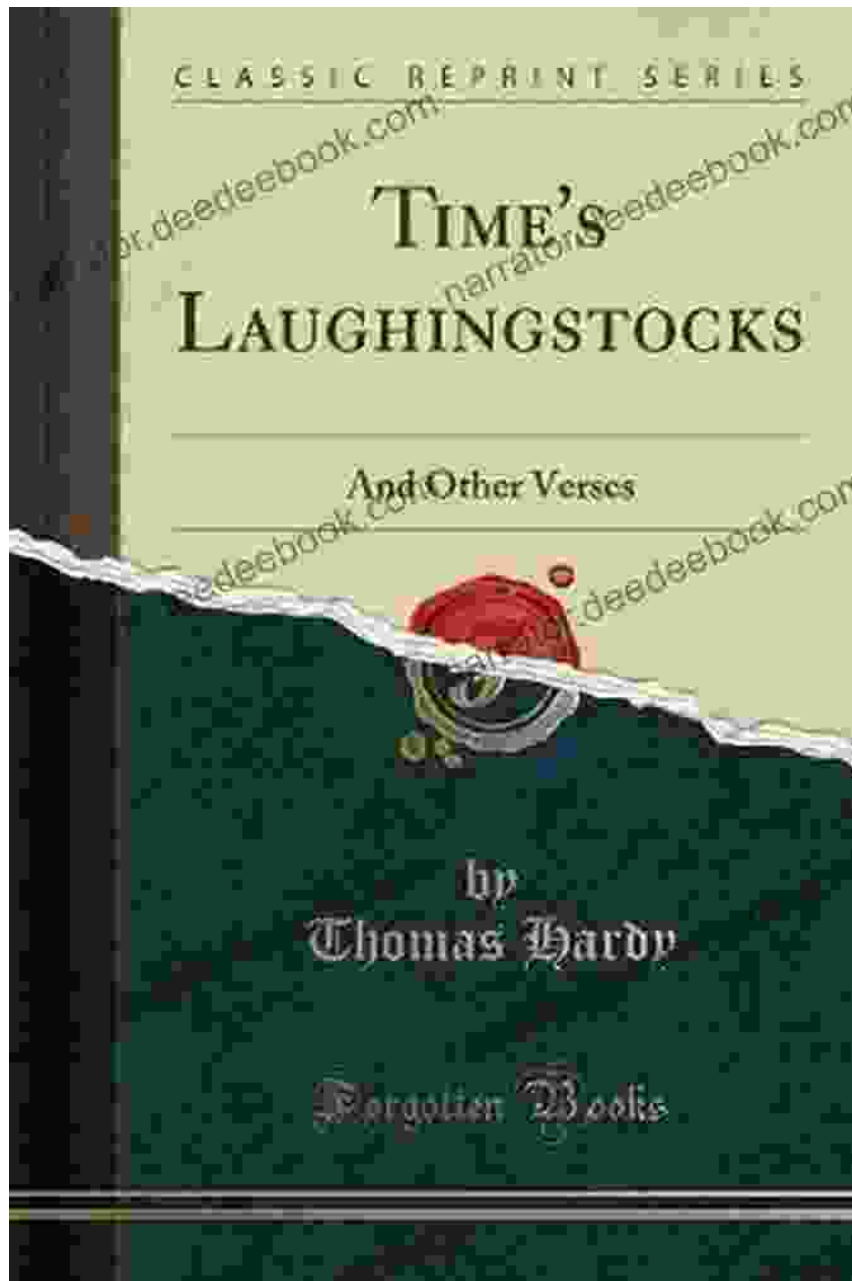
Wessex Poems (1898)



Wessex Poems is a collection of Hardy's earlier poems, many of which are set in his beloved Wessex.

Immerse yourself in the lyrical beauty of Wessex Poems, a collection that celebrates the rural landscapes, rustic characters, and timeless themes that define Hardy's literary world. From the haunting "The Darkling Thrush" to the nostalgic "In Time of 'The Breaking of Nations'," Hardy's poems captivate with their vivid imagery and profound insights.

Time's Laughingstocks (1899)

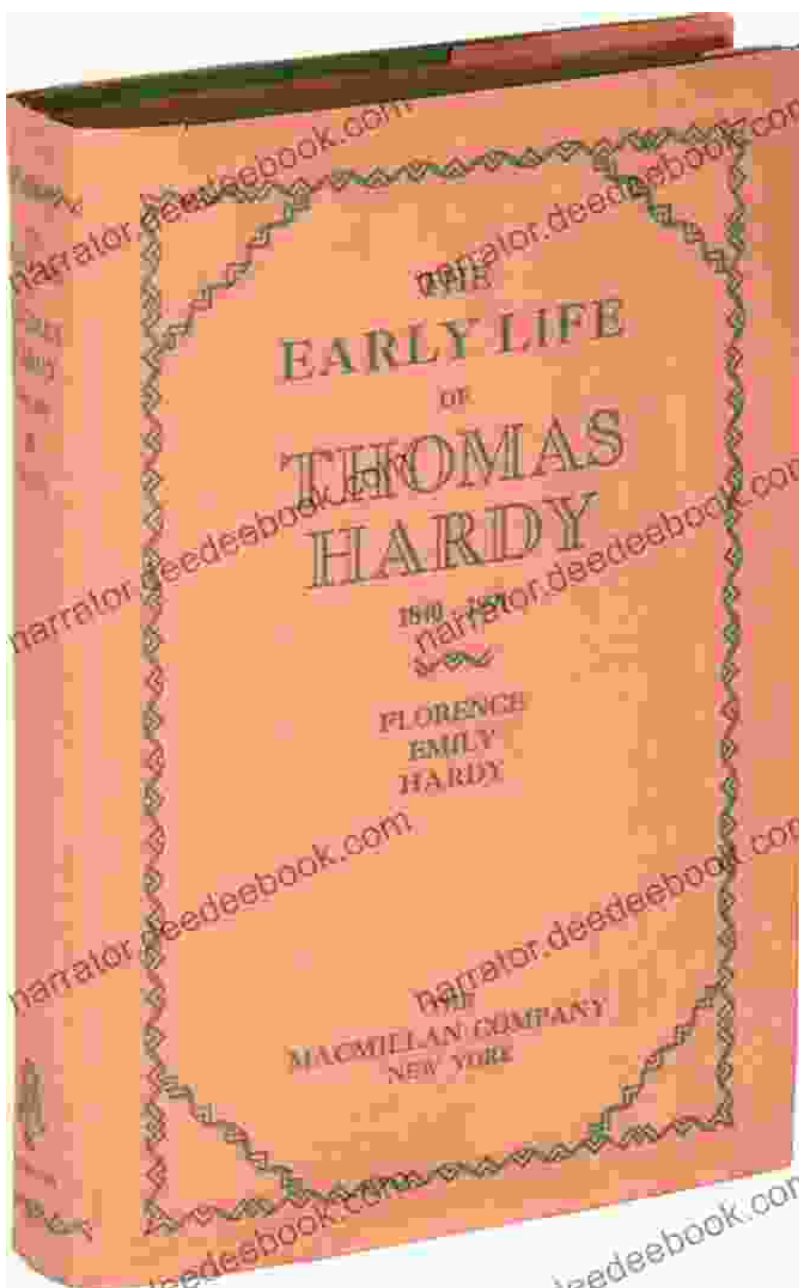


Witness Hardy's evolving worldview in *Time's Laughingstocks*, a collection that grapples with themes of mortality, the indifference of nature, and the elusive nature of truth. Through his poignant and often somber verse, Hardy invites us to contemplate the complexities of human existence and the futility of our struggles against the relentless march of time.

Non-Fiction Writings

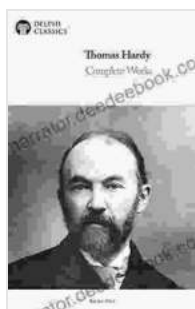
The Delphi Complete Works also includes a selection of Hardy's non-fiction writings, offering insights into his personal life, literary philosophy, and social commentary.

The Life and Art of Thomas Hardy (1928)



The Life and Art of Thomas Hardy is a biography of Hardy written by his second wife, Florence Emily Hardy.

Uncover the fascinating life and creative process of Thomas



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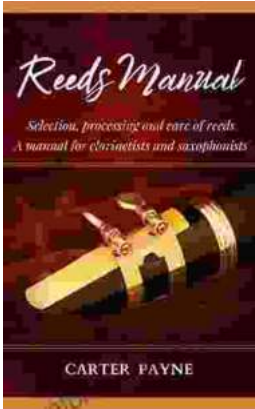
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