

Anglo-Irish writer Oscar Wilde is famous almost in equal parts for his life as for his literary legacy. A dandy, a self-proclaimed cynic and a flamboyant homosexual at a time when it was illegal to be gay in the United Kingdom, he was simultaneously society's greatest critic and a lightning rod for criticism. His literary output, almost all written in the brief period 1889-1895, consists of some of the greatest works of English literature. Included in this collection are: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1890) - his only novel *Short Stories: The Portrait of Mr. W. H.* (1889) *The Happy Prince and Other Tales* (1888) - a collection of fairy tales with a twist *A House of Pomegranates* (1891) - a similar collection *Lord Arthur Savile's Crime and Other Stories* (1891) - a collection of contemporary fiction containing the famous *The Canterville Ghost*. *Plays* (the most famous works of his lifetime): *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895) *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892) *A Woman of No Importance* (1893) *An Ideal Husband* (1895) *Vera; or, The Nihilists* (1880) *The Duchess of Padua* (1883) *Salome: A Tragedy in One Act* (1894) As well as two unfinished plays: *La Sainte Courtisane* and *A Florentine Tragedy* All of his known poems (over 100), including *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* (1898), a work about the time he spent in prison. *Letters and essays*, including: *The Decay of Lying* (1889) *The Soul of Man under Socialism* (1891) *The Critic as Artist* (1891) *De Profundis* (1897) and others. Unfortunately, Wilde's personality was too colorful for the conservative morals of upper-class British society. In 1895, after he was accused of "unnatural acts" by the father of one his lovers, the writer was prosecuted and sentenced to 2 years' hard labor -- the maximum possible. The prison term broke both the writer's health and his spirit. This edition also includes a foreword and editor's notes about the works. This material was NOT merely scanned from an ink-and-paper book, like many Kindle e-books are. All e-books offered by Di Lernia Publishers are hand-edited and checked for spelling and punctuation errors.

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