



The House of Mirth (Paperback)

By Edith Wharton

HarperCollins Publishers, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 178 x 111 mm. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. HarperCollins is proud to present its incredible range of best-loved, essential classics. Do you remember what you said to me once? That you could help me only by loving me? Well-you did love me for a moment; and it helped me. It has always helped me. Lily Bart, an attractive young woman living in New York City, relies on beauty and charm to ensure economic survival. Determined to marry into wealth to support her expensive lifestyle, Lily denies her feelings for Lawrence Stern due to his modest income. She turns instead towards young millionaire, Percy Grace. During her pursuit of money and status, Lily becomes the agent of her own undoing. Events take a tragic turn and her reputation is ruined by scandal. She is unwilling to adhere to the standards of New York's social elitism, which leads to devastating consequences. Wharton's stunning and disturbing commentary on the role of women in this irresponsible, hedonistic society will delight those enchanted by her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Age of Innocence*.

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