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The Dead And Other Stories



Synopsis

That James Joyce's "The Dead" forms an extraordinary conclusion to his collection *Dubliners*, there can be no doubt. But as many have pointed out, "The Dead" may equally well be read as a novella—arguably, one of the finest novellas ever written. "The Dead," a story of public life, as Joyce categorized it, was written more than a year after Joyce had finished the other stories in the collection, and was meant to redress what he felt was their unnecessary harshness. Set on the feast of the epiphany, it is a haunting tale of connection and of alienation, reflecting, in the words of Stanislaus Joyce (James's brother and confidant), "the nostalgic love of a rejected exile." The present volume highlights "The Dead" for readers who wish to focus on that great work in a concise volume—and for university courses in which it is not possible to cover all of *Dubliners*. But it also gives a strong sense of how that story is part of a larger whole. Stories from each of the other sections of *Dubliners* have been included, and a wide range of background materials is included as well, providing a vivid sense of the literary and historical context out of which the work emerged. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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The editor has assembled informative and engrossing essays that illuminate *The Dead*. Gosh, Joyce always makes me desperate, and I'm Irish. Dive too deep and drown, but don't give up too soon to experience the power of the authors and their visions.

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