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Washington Square

By Henry James, Martha Banta, Philip Horne,

Paperback. Book Condition: New. Not Signed; Henry James' classic tale of romance in urban nineteenth-century America, *Washington Square* is edited with an introduction and notes by Martha Banta in Penguin Classics. When timid and plain Catherine Sloper is courted by the dashing and determined Morris Townsend, her father, convinced that the young man is nothing more than a fortune-hunter, delivers an ultimatum: break off her engagement, or be stripped of her inheritance. Torn between her desire to win her father's love and approval and her passion for the only man who has ever declared his love for her, Catherine faces an agonising dilemma, and becomes all too aware of the restrictions that others seek to place on her freedom. James' masterly novel deftly interweaves the public and private faces of nineteenth-century New York society; it is also a deeply moving study of innocence destroyed. This edition of *Washington Square* includes a chronology, suggested further reading, notes and an introduction discussing the novel's lasting influence and James' depiction of the quiet strength of his heroine. Henry James (1843-1916) son of a prominent theologian, and brother to the philosopher William James, was one of the most celebrated novelists of the fin-de-siecle....



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