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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)

Salomé: 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.

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