

Unveiling the Seductive World of Les Liaisons Dangereuses: The Oxford World Classics Edition Explores a Literary Masterpiece



Les Liaisons dangereuses (Oxford World's Classics)

by David Coward

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An Immersive Journey into the Heart of Seduction and Deception

First published in 1782, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* remains a literary tour de force that continues to captivate readers with its intricate plot, complex characters, and timeless themes. The Oxford World Classics edition of this masterpiece offers a profound exploration of the novel, providing a comprehensive understanding of its literary significance and enduring appeal.

Characters that Dance on the Edge of Decadence

At the heart of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* lie two unforgettable characters: the Marquise de Merteuil and the Vicomte de Valmont. Merteuil, a cunning and manipulative woman, and Valmont, a seductive libertine, engage in a dangerous game of seduction and manipulation, exploiting others for their own amusement. Their scheming and deceit create a web of intrigue that ensnares the lives of those around them.

Themes of Power, Manipulation, and the Perils of Passion

Beneath the surface of its seductive facade, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* explores profound themes of power, manipulation, and the perils of

passion. The characters' relentless pursuit of pleasure and control reveals the darker aspects of human nature, exposing the fragility of virtue and the corrupting influence of desire. The novel delves into the complexities of love, betrayal, and the consequences of playing with hearts.

A Captivating Epistolary Format

Les Liaisons Dangereuses is presented in the form of an epistolary novel, consisting of a series of letters exchanged between the characters. This unique format allows readers to witness the unfolding events through the eyes of the participants themselves, providing an intimate and nuanced perspective on their thoughts, emotions, and motivations. The letters reveal the intricate web of relationships and the shifting allegiances that drive the plot.

The Oxford World Classics Edition: A Scholarly Exploration

The Oxford World Classics edition of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* is meticulously edited and annotated by acclaimed scholar David Coward. Coward's provides a comprehensive overview of the novel's historical and literary context, shedding light on its genesis, reception, and enduring influence. The edition also includes detailed notes on the text, providing readers with additional insights into the characters, themes, and literary devices employed by Laclos.

A Must-Read for Lovers of Literature and Seductive Storytelling

Whether you are a seasoned literature enthusiast or a newcomer to the world of classic novels, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* is a captivating read that will leave a lasting impression. The Oxford World Classics edition offers an exceptional opportunity to delve into the depths of this literary masterpiece,

revealing its complexities, exploring its themes, and marveling at its seductive storytelling.

Embrace the allure of Les Liaisons Dangereuses and immerse yourself in a world of seduction, deception, and timeless insights. Free Download your copy of the Oxford World Classics edition today and embark on an unforgettable literary journey.

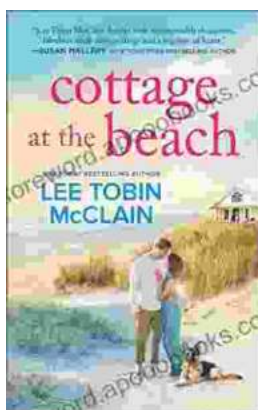


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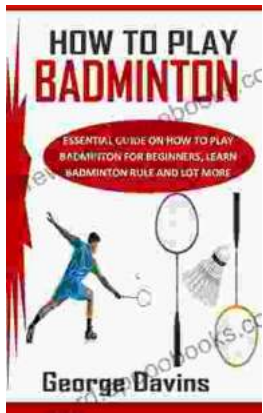
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