

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE

The picture is set in an English country house, owned by Lady Hunstanton. At first, we are introduced to Lady Caroline. She is involved in conversation with Lady Hunstanton's American Puritan Guest Hester Worsley. Lady Hunstanton holds a party and invites her acquaintances. The other characters are then introduced, such as Mrs. Allonby, Lady Stutfield and Lady Caroline's husband, Sir John. They discuss frivolous matters and later join the powerful, charming and charismatic person, Lord Illingworth, who offers the post of secretary to Gerald Arbuthnot.

Gerald's mother is invited to join the party. When she arrives there, she realizes that Lord Illingworth is Gerald's father. She had an affair with him twenty years ago, became pregnant and refused to marry her. Such situation makes Mrs. Arbuthnot confuse whether to let Gerald have the job as the secretary or forbid him to take the job. Yet, she is reluctant to let Gerald become Illingworth's secretary. Nevertheless, he does not tell Gerald the reason for her unwillingness. Gerald finds out about his mother's past dramatically after trying to kill Lord Illingworth for having kissed Hester Worsley, with whom he is in love.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born in 1854 in Dublin. He is the son of a surgeon named Sir William Wilde, who was also a writer. Oscar Wilde is a famous playwright and novelist. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin and Magdalene College, Oxford. He has won some awards for his literary work, one of which is the Newdigate Prize for his poem Ravenna. In 1881, he published poems, several volumes of which are concerned children stories, and were originally written for his own sons.

Oscar Wilde was also famous for his comedy of manners in some of his plays. He wrote some plays such as The Importance of Being Earnest (1895), An Ideal Husband (1895), A Woman of No Importance (1893), and Lady Windermere's Fan (1892). He also wrote a famous novel in 1891 The Picture of Dorian Gray, his only novel. His great talent made him become a well-known writer in the literature.

He had a family but soon his relationship was ruined because of his relationship with the son of his closest friend. He was sentenced for having a relationship with man. As the punishment, he had to undergo two years of hard labour. After having the punishment, Wilde decided to move to France and spent his lifetime writing some poems and literary works. One of the famous ones is Salome, also known as his last play.

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