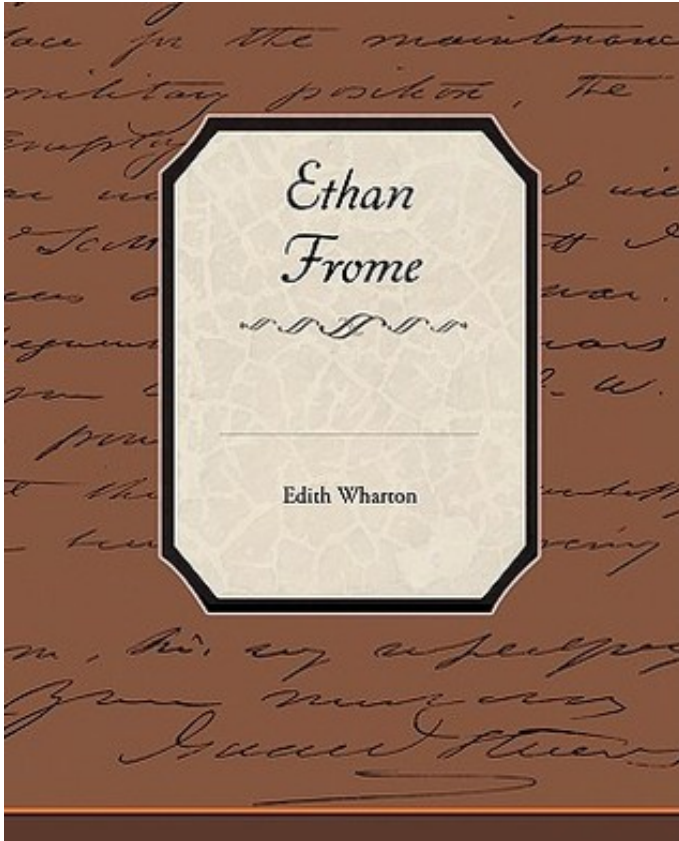


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## Edith Wharton

### Ethan Frome



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## Description

A masterwork From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author  
Nineteenth-century New England villager Ethan Frome is tormented by his love for his ailing wife's cousin. Trapped, he may ultimately be destroyed by that which offers his greatest chance at happiness...

## Insightful reviews

Chrissie: I absolutely hated this book.

OK, two things were good. The author draws New England landscapes, particularly in winter, beautifully. Secondly, the book was exceedingly short, so my misery wasn't prolonged. I need to joke after reading this sad, dismal, depressing book. Jeez, how can people look at life with such eyes?! Stop griping and do something with your life. It is your own fault if you just sob and moan.

You follow a couple that is ill-fit. The reader has to listen to their arguments. On top of this, the wife, Zeena, is a hypochondriac. You have to listen to her sob story, complaints and grumbles. Ugh.

Then there is attraction that arises between the husband and the wife's cousin who has been taken into the house as a maid. This is so corny, and so melodramatically described. Overly sentimental too. At the same time there is no fire in this love, and you scarcely see how it develops. You are instead supposed to moan about the impossibility of it all.

What others may think is if of prime importance.

I know this is maybe going to irritate those who love this book. Please excuse me, but this is how I react to the book.

It doesn't get better; the end is pure maudlin.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Elizabeth Klett. The speed varies. It is not always read too quickly, but much is. Each new chapter starts out at a good speed. Then she seems to get carried away by the story, causing her to read faster and faster. The tone, the voices she uses for the different characters, is fine, so this is quite a shame.

It wasn't hard writing this review! I knew exactly what I had to say! If you are like me, avoid this book. It is depressing, sentimental and maudlin.

bup: If you're looking for a punch in the gut that matches the solar plexus thumping you got from "Of Mice and Men," this is where you want to be.

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Reading the other reviews that are listed here, I'm glad I never got assigned this in school. That apparently ruins the book.

Ethan's easy to judge. He's not perfect, and he blames fate for his situation when he should be blaming himself. Sure, he grew up on the Baltic-Avenue part of the board, and he has to farm, and his wife's a witch and stuff. But nobody forced him to marry her. What's interesting is that Frome's imperfections don't *seem* to be there to make some moral point. Here's a novel from 1911 that's not a morality play. His humanity works to make something better than perfect - to get all in-your-face intellectual jerk about it, Wharton wrote a *wabi-sabi* character - he's better than perfect for his imperfections.

It's like, MacBeth is all ambitious to show us that's wrong and that's why he dies, Hetty Sorrel is all slutty to show us that's wrong and that's why she dies, the camp counselors were all not-virgin-y to show us that's wrong and that's why they died. Ethan Frome's all put-upon and not pro-active, but it just *is*. It doesn't feel *constructed* - he feels organic.

Or maybe I just really related to Ethan Frome. Either way, it's a great read, and you learn that 'sledding' used to be called 'coasting.'

Karen: Haunting, tragic tale of forbidden love

Tatiana: i admire Edith Wharton, yet truthfully i do not comprehend why Ethan Frome is taken into account one in every of her most sensible works. Firstly, studying it, I felt like i would already heard this tale before. This novella a few guy who's restricted via his social prestige and unsatisfied marriage, and not able to gain his wishes - be assorted career or marriage to another lady - is simply all too familiar. Of course, Wharton's writing is as regularly remarkable, however the tale itself isn't impressive. possibly my coldness in the direction of it has anything to do with the truth that i cannot muster any compassion for the characters. Ethan is weak, not able to face as much as his spouse or come clean with his personal responsibilities. Zeena - his hypochondriac spouse who reveals her in basic terms excitement in taunting him. Mattie - a helpless woman who has an eye fixed on her cousin's husband. i do not know, those people's difficulties simply look too melodramatic to me. And secondly, i cannot rather take this novella seriously, simply because let's accept it, the surroundings and the characters are way past the Wharton's scope of data and hence by no means ring true. Overall, a decent, albeit overpraised read. I a lot desire Wharton's works which care for the themes extra primary to her: The Age of Innocence, the home of Mirth, The customized of the Country.

j: in case you advised me this used to be a longish deleted phase of Winesburg, Ohio, i might completely think you, even bearing in mind the truth that one of many books used to be written by way of Sherwood Anderson and the opposite by means of Edith Wharton. just like the tales in that a lot respected brief tale cycle (no no longer novel), Ethan Frome matters itself with grim characters harassed by way of unfulfilled dreams, goals unfulfilled due to the strictures of society or their very own lack of ability to actually sieze the day. a cold atmosphere, a grim experience of place, a punch within the intestine finishing that will be lurid melodrama if the tale wasn't already so unrelentingly bleak throughout. One to learn for you to suppose rather bad. or

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perhaps to consider relatively good. Basically, you could shut the e-book and sink right into a funk or swallow the lump on your throat and hug your female friend or your spouse or your boyfriend or your husband (or perhaps even your cat), since you can, simply because you are fortunate adequate to not be the person who entered right into a marriage of comfort instead of one among passion, that you just will not be doomed to limp via life, scarred and nerve-damaged, metaphorically or otherwise. Here are another miserable tales approximately sleds:

Mimi: now not bad, simply bizarre and never in an enticing approach either. This was once the 1st time I learn a narrative and notion the most characters should've died and died faster. I have no idea what it really is approximately Edith Wharton's writing that makes me apathetic to her stories. I believe it is a mix of lifeless characters best tedious lives, going approximately in boring settings, and having uninteresting interactions with different characters of equivalent dullness. An overpowering experience of dullness was once all I'll see at any time when I needed to learn Wharton. She's no longer a foul author though--she's in (on?) the canon after all. Objectively speaking, her writing is critical and may be studied simply because she's one of many few ladies writers of her time to be recognized. yet her tales simply do not resonate with me, and that also bothers me apparently.

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