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The Mayor of of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy 2013-08-20 Michael Henchard sells his wife and baby daughter by accident in an auction after a few too many pints. A sailor buys them for five guineas, but 21-year-old Henchard regrets his decision in the morning. Unable to find them, he swears he will not drink alcohol for his next 21 years. Two decades later, the sailor is dead and Henchard's wife Susan and daughter Elizabeth-Jane arrive in Casterbridge and learn that Henchard is the mayor. The parents meet and decide that rather than allow Elizabeth-Jane to learn of the disgrace, Henchard will court and remarry Susan as though they had just met.

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Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge - Harold Bloom 1988 A collection of six critical essays on the Hardy novel, arranged in chronological order of their original publication.

The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy - 1987-11-11

The Mayor of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy 1997 Michael Henchard, an unemployed farmhand, gets drunk and sells his wife and baby daughter. Years later, when he is the Mayor of Casterbridge, his past is brought back to haunt him, and he reverts to drinking.

A Critical Commentary on Thomas Hardy's 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' - F. B. Pinion 1966

Thomas Hardy, The Mayor of Casterbridge - Roger Ebbatson 1994 The author explores the genesis, publication and reception of Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge, alongside the historical and social context of the plot. He also looks at the central themes (identity and non-identity, nature, death, superstition) of the work, and gives an analysis of the tragic qualities of the text, asking whether it is possible to produce such tragic literature within a fundamentally secular society. Finally, Ebbatson examines the gender issues raised by the narrator, and the representation of the characters Elizabeth-Jane and Lucetta.

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The Mayor of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy 1886

The Mayor of Casterbridge is a 1886 novel by the English author Thomas Hardy. One of Hardy's Wessex novels, it is set in a fictional rural England with Casterbridge standing in for Dorchester in Dorset where the author spent his youth. It was first published as a weekly serialisation from January 1886. The novel is considered to be one of Hardy's masterpieces, although it has been criticised for incorporating too many incidents: a consequence of the author trying to include something in every weekly published instalment.

Susan lives as Newson's wife for 18 years. After Newson is lost stumped Susan, lacking any means of support, decides to hunt out Henchard again, taking her daughter together with her. Susan has told Elizabeth-Jane little about Henchard, and therefore the girl knows only that he's a relation by marriage. Susan discovers that Henchard has become a really successful hay and merchant and Mayor of Casterbridge, known for his staunch sobriety. He has avoided explaining how he lost his wife, allowing people to assume he's a widower. When the couple are reunited, Henchard proposes remarrying Susan after a sham courtship, this in his view being the only and most discreet thanks to remedy matters and to stop Elizabeth-Jane learning of their disgrace. To try to do this, however, he's forced to interrupt off an engagement with a lady named Lucetta Templeman, who had nursed him when he was ill. Donald Farfrae, a young and energetic Scotsman passing through Casterbridge, helps Henchard by showing him the way to salvage substandard grain he has bought. Henchard takes a liking to the person, persuades him to not emigrate, and hires him as his corn factor, rudely avoiding a person named Jopp to whom he had already offered the work. Farfrae is extremely successful within the role, and increasingly outshines his employer. When he catches the attention of Elizabeth-Jane, Henchard dismisses him and Farfrae sets himself up as an independent merchant. Farfrae conducts himself with scrupulous honesty, but Henchard is so determined to ruin his rival that he makes risky business decisions that prove disastrous. Susan falls ill and dies shortly after the couple's remarriage, leaving Henchard a letter to be opened on the day of Elizabeth-Jane's wedding. Henchard reads the letter, which isn't properly sealed, and learns that Elizabeth-Jane isn't actually his daughter, but Newson's - his Elizabeth-Jane having died as an infant. Henchard's new knowledge causes him to behave coldly towards the second Elizabeth-Jane. Elizabeth-Jane accepts an edge as companion to Lucetta, a newcomer, unaware that she had had a relationship with Henchard which resulted in her social ruin. Now wealthy after receiving an inheritance from her aunt, and learning that Henchard's wife had died, Lucetta has come to Casterbridge to marry him. However, on meeting Farfrae, she becomes interested in him, and he to her. Henchard's financial difficulties persuade him that he should marry Lucetta quickly. But she is crazy with Farfrae, and that they run away one weekend to urge married, not telling Henchard until after the very fact. Henchard's credit collapses and he goes bankrupt. Farfrae buys Henchard's old business and tries to assist Henchard by employing him as a ...
journeyman. Lucetta asks Henchard to return her old love letters, and Henchard asks Jopp to require them to her. Jopp, who still bears a grudge for having been cheated out of the position of factor, opens the letters and reads them aloud at an inn. a number of the townspeople publicly shame Henchard and Lucetta, creating effigies of them during a skimming on ride. Lucetta is so devastated by the spectacle that she collapses, features a miscarriage, and dies.

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The Mayor of Casterbridge, Thomas Hardy - Mary Sewell 1997 The York Notes series covers major works from medieval to modern English literature, and classic and contemporary works from Europe, America, the Commonwealth and the Third World.

The Mayor of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy 2017-02-15 The Mayor of Casterbridge (1886), subtitled "The Life and Death of a Man of Character", is a novel by British author Thomas Hardy. It is set in the fictional town of Casterbridge (based on the town of Dorchester in Dorset). The book is one of Hardy's Wessex novels, all set in a fictional rural England. Hardy began writing the book in 1884 and wrote the last page on 17 April 1885. Within the book, he writes that the events took place "before the nineteenth century had reached one-third of its span". Literary critic Dale Kramer sees it as being set somewhat later-in the late 1840s, corresponding to Hardy's youth in Dorchester.

PLOT: At a country fair near Casterbridge, Wessex, a young hay-trusser named Michael Henchard gets drunk on rum-laced furmity and argues with his wife, Susan. He decides to auction off his wife and baby daughter, Elizabeth-Jane, to a sailor, Mr. Newson, for five guineas. Sober the next day, he is too late to recover his family. When he realises that his wife and daughter are gone, he swears not to touch liquor again for as many years as he has lived so far (21). Eighteen years later, Henchard is now a successful grain merchant and Mayor of Casterbridge, known for his staunch sobriety. Henchard has avoided explaining the circumstances of the "loss" of his wife, allowing people to assume he is a widower. On a visit to Jersey on business, Henchard falls in love with Lucette Le Sueur, who nurses him back to health after an illness. Although Henchard never tells Lucetta exactly how he "lost" his wife, he does tell her he has a wife who is probably dead, but who may return. Besotted, Lucetta develops a relationship with him despite the risk. The book implies that they have a sexual relationship, and Lucetta's reputation is ruined. Henchard returns to Casterbridge, leaving Lucetta to face the social consequences of their fling. To rejoin polite society, Lucetta would have to marry him, although Henchard is already technically married. Yet just as Henchard is about to send for Lucetta, Susan unexpectedly appears in Casterbridge with her daughter, Elizabeth-Jane. Newson appears to have been lost at sea, and without means to earn an income Susan is looking to Henchard again. Susan believed for a long time that her "marriage" to Newson was perfectly legitimate. Only recently, just before Newson's disappearance, had Susan begun to question whether or not she was still legally married to Henchard. Just as Susan and Elizabeth-Jane arrive in town, a Scotsman, Donald Farfrae, is passing through on his way to America. He has experience as a grain and corn merchant, and is on the cutting edge of agricultural science. He befriends Henchard and helps him out of a bad financial situation by giving him some timely advice. Henchard persuades him to stay and offers him a job as his corn factor, rudely dismissing a man named Jopp to whom he had already offered the job. Hiring Farfrae is a stroke of business genius for Henchard, who, although hardworking, is not well-educated.....
society, though Hardy focused more on a declining rural society.

The Mayor of Casterbridge, Thomas Hardy - Julian Wolfreys 2000

The Mayor of Casterbridge - Thomas Hardy - Thomas Hardy 2020-09-05

Thomas Hardy, OM, was an English author of the naturalist movement, although in several poems he displays elements of the previous romantic and enlightenment periods of literature, such as his fascination with the supernatural. He regarded himself primarily as a poet and composed novels mainly for financial gain. The bulk of his work, set mainly in the semi-fictional land of Wessex, delineates characters struggling against their passions and circumstances. In a fit of drunken anger, Michael Henchard sells his wife and baby daughter for five guineas at a country fair. Over the course of the following years, he manages to establish himself as a respected and prosperous pillar of the community of Casterbridge, but behind his success there always lurk the shameful secret of his past and a personality prone to self-destructive pride and temper. Subtitled 'A Story of a Man of Character', Hardy's powerful and sympathetic study of the heroic but deeply flawed Henchard is also an intensely dramatic work, tragically played out against the vivid backdrop of a close-knit Dorsetshire town.

Subversion and Sympathy - Martha C. Nussbaum 2013-01-31

This interdisciplinary volume of contributed essays focuses on issues of gender in the British novel of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, particularly Hardy and Trollope. Approaching the topic from a variety of backgrounds, the contributors reinvigorate the law-and-literature movement by displaying a range of ways in which literature and law can illuminate one another and in which the conversation between them can illuminate deeper human issues with which both disciplines are concerned. Their chapters shed light on a range of gender-related issues, from inheritance to money-lending to illegitimacy, but also make an important methodological contribution by displaying (and discussing) a range of methodological perspectives that exemplify the breadth and range of this discipline, which links history, gender studies, philosophy, literary studies, and law.

Sugar, Smoke, Song - Reema Rajbanshi 2020

Sugar, Smoke, Song is a short fiction debut about girls and women caught between their desires, others' expectations, and unexpected disaster, and how they maneuver with humor and rage into wilder, surviving selves.

The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Writings - Edgar Allan Poe 2003-03-27

The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Writings is a collection that displays the full force of Edgar Allen Poe's mastery of both Gothic horror and the short story form. This Penguin Classics edition is edited with an introduction and notes by David Galloway. This selection of Poe's critical writings, short fiction and poetry demonstrates his intense interest in aesthetic issues, and the astonishing power and imagination with which he probed the darkest corners of the human mind. 'The Fall of the House of Usher' is a slow-burning Gothic horror, describing the final hours of a family tormented by tragedy and the legacy of the past. In 'The Tell-Tale Heart', a murderer's insane delusions threaten to betray him, while stories such as 'The Pit and the Pendulum', 'The Raven' and 'The Cask of Amontillado' explore extreme states of decadence, fear and hate. In his introduction David Galloway re-examines the myths surrounding Poe's life and reputation. This edition includes a new chronology and suggestions for further reading. Although dissipated in his youth and plagued by mental instability towards the end of his life, Boston-born Edgar Allan Poe (1809-49) had a variety of occupations, including service in the US army and magazine editor, as well as his remarkable literary output. If you enjoyed The Fall of the House of Usher, you might like Horace Walpole's The Castle of Otranto, also available in Penguin Classics. 'The most original genius that America has produced' Alfred, Lord Tennyson 'Poe has entered our popular consciousness as no other American writer' The New York Times Book Review

Thomas Hardy: The Mayor of Casterbridge - Douglas Brown 1962
The Mayor of Casterbridge (Thomas Hardy) - George G. Urwin 1964

The Mayor of Casterbridge Novel By Thomas Hardy (Psychological Fiction) "The Complete Unabridged & Annotated Edition" - Thomas Hardy 2020-08-17 Late one night at a local fair, Michael Henchard, blinded by alcohol and foolish bravado, trades away his wife and daughter to a visiting sailor. Nineteen years later the two women return to Casterbridge and the now-sober Michael, who has gained power and influence in his role as the mayor, must confront his past. As his life begins to collapse, Henchard realizes that it is his treatment of others has been his greatest downfall. Burdened by guilt and stripped of his status and money, Henchard succumbs once again to drink. One of Hardy's most powerful novels, The Mayor of Casterbridge opens with a shocking and haunting scene: In a drunken rage, Michael Henchard sells his wife and daughter to a visiting sailor at a local fair. When they return to Casterbridge some nineteen years later, Henchard-having gained power and success as the mayor-finds he cannot erase the past or the guilt that consumes him. The Mayor of Casterbridge is a rich, psychological novel about a man whose own flaws combine with fate to cause his ruin. The Mayor of Casterbridge, like Jude the Obscure and Far From the Maddening Crowd, is set in Hardy's fictional county of Wessex. It is regarded as Hardy's greatest "Novel of Character and Environment." As in his other novels, Hardy's characters struggle to console their passions with their social circumstances. A version of The Mayor of Casterbridge called The Claim, starring Sarah Polley, Wes Bentley and Milla Jovovich, was filmed in 2000 with the setting changed to the prospecting northwest of the nineteenth century.

Thomas Hardy - The Mayor of Casterbridge / Jude the Obscure - Simon Avery 2009 A wide-ranging and accessible guide to the critical history of two of Hardy's most popular tragic novels, from the time of their publication to the present day.

Thomas Hardy's The Mayor of Casterbridge - Laurence Lerner 1975

An Old Man's Love - Anthony Trollope 2018-04-04 Reproduction of the original: An Old Man's Love by Anthony Trollope

The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy (Book Analysis) - Bright Summaries 2019-03-28 Unlock the more straightforward side of The Mayor of Casterbridge with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of The Mayor of Casterbridge by
Thomas Hardy, one of the author’s famed Wessex novels. It tells the story of the titular character, an upright but temperamental man who earlier sold his wife and daughter on a drunken whim. In the two decades that have passed since then, he has risen from humble beginnings to become respected and wealthy, but he finds that in the end his past catches up with him. Like much of Hardy’s work, The Mayor of Casterbridge challenges Victorian conceptions of morality and explores themes that remain relevant today, including the limitations of the institution of marriage and the differing standards applied to men and woman. Find out everything you need to know about The Mayor of Casterbridge in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you on your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!

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