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France Edith Wharton, 2017-10-12 Edith Wharton born Edith Newbold Jones January 24 1862 August 11 1937 was an American novelist short story writer and designer Wharton combined an insider's view of American aristocracy with a powerful prose style Her novels and short stories realistically portrayed the lives and morals of the late nineteenth century an era of decline and faded wealth She won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in 1921 and was the first woman to receive this honor Wharton was acquainted with many of the well known people of her day both in America and in Europe including President Theodore Roosevelt Edith Wharton was born Edith Newbold Jones to George Frederic Jones and Lucretia Stevens Rhinelanders at their brownstone at 14 West Twenty third Street in New York City She had two older brothers Frederic Rhinelanders who was sixteen and Henry Edward who was eleven She was baptized April 20 1862 Easter Sunday at Grace Church To her friends and family she was known as Pussy Jones The saying keeping up with the Joneses is said to refer to her father's family She was also related to the Rensselaers the most prestigious of the old patroon families who had received land grants from the former Dutch government of New York and New Jersey She had a lifelong friendship with her niece the landscape architect Beatrix Farrand of Reef Point in Bar Harbor Maine Wharton was born during the Civil War she was three years old when the Confederate States surrendered After the war the family traveled extensively in Europe From 1866 to 1872 the Jones family visited France Italy Germany and Spain During her travels the young Edith became fluent in French German and Italian At the age of ten she suffered from typhoid fever while the family was at a spa in the Black Forest After the family returned to the United States in 1872 they spent their winters in New York and their summers in Newport Rhode Island While in Europe she was educated by tutors and governesses She rejected the standards of fashion and etiquette that were expected of young girls at the time which were intended to allow women to marry well and to be put on display at balls and parties She considered these fashions superficial and oppressive Edith wanted more education than she received so she read from her father's library and from the libraries of her father's friends Her mother forbade her to read novels until she was married and Edith obeyed this command Wharton began writing poetry and fiction as a young girl and attempted to write her first novel at age eleven At age 15 her first published work appeared a translation of a German poem Was die Steine Erzählen What the Stones Tell by Heinrich Karl Brugsch for which which she was paid 50 Her family did not want her name to appear in print since writing was not considered a proper occupation for a society woman of her time Consequently the poem was published under the name of a friend's father E A Washburn a cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson who supported women's education He played a pivotal role in Edith's efforts to educate herself and encouraged her ambition to write professionally In 1877 at the age of 15 she secretly wrote a 30 000 word novella Fast and Loose In 1878 her father arranged for a collection of two dozen original poems and five translations Verses to be privately published In 1880 she had five poems published anonymously in the Atlantic Monthly an important literary magazine Despite these early successes she was not encouraged by her family or her social circle and though she continued to write she did not publish anything more until her

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