

# Madame Bovary Gustave Flaubert

madame bovary tells the tragic tale of a beautiful young woman who tries to escape the narrow confines of her life and marriage through a series of passionate affairs all in hopes of finding the romantic ideal she has always longed for but her recklessness comes back to haunt her and the strong willed and independent emma finds herself in a desperate fight for existence flaubert s daring depiction of adultery caused a national scandal when it was first published and the author was put on trial for offending public morality one hundred and fifty years later this masterpiece of realist literature has lost none of its impact the world s greatest works of literature are now available in these beautiful keepsake volumes bound in real cloth and featuring gilt edges and ribbon markers these beautifully produced books are a wonderful way to build a handsome library of classic literature these are the essential novels that belong in every home they ll transport readers to imaginary worlds and provide excitement entertainment and enlightenment for years to come all of these novels feature attractive illustrations and have an unequalled period feel that will grace the library the bedside table or bureau

we were in class when the head master came in followed by a new fellow not wearing the school uniform and a school servant carrying a large desk those who had been asleep

woke up and every one rose as if just surprised at his work the head master made a sign to us to sit down then turning to the class master he said to him in a low voice monsieur roger here is a pupil whom i recommend to your care he ll be in the second if his work and conduct are satisfactory he will go into one of the upper classes as becomes his age the new fellow standing in the corner behind the door so that he could hardly be seen was a country lad of about fifteen and taller than any of us his hair was cut square on his forehead like a village chorister s he looked reliable but very ill at ease although he was not broad shouldered his short school jacket of green cloth with black buttons must have been tight about the arm holes and showed at the opening of the cuffs red wrists accustomed to being bare his legs in blue stockings looked out from beneath yellow trousers drawn tight by braces he wore stout ill cleaned hob nailed boots

madame bovary was one of the most influential literary achievements of the nineteenth century and gained immediate notoriety through its questioning of marriage sex and the role of women stephen heath shows how this landmark text captures and articulates a fundamental experience of the post romantic commercial industrial emotional democratic period he explains how madame bovary represents flaubert s intense personal engagement with the tragedy of bourgeois culture while at the same time exemplifying the author s commitment to the impersonality of art and the transcendence of style the novel is set in its literary and historical context and there is a guide to further reading

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about flaubert gustave flaubert was born december 12 1821 in rouen france and died may 8 1880 he was the fourth child of a distinguished doctor who was the head of the hospital in that city gustave was a sensitive and quiet boy he read a lot and since the family lived in a house on the hospital grounds he early gained a knowledge of scientific techniques and ideas he attended a secondary school in rouen and in 1841 was sent against his will to study law in paris in the capital he made new friends and moved in literary circles his talent for writing was stimulated by these experiences in 1844 flaubert became the victim of a serious nervous illness which cannot be identified precisely but which was probably related to epilepsy

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this comprehensive reference begins with an introductory chapter that overviews flaubert s life and career a detailed summary of the novel s plot is followed by a close examination of the novel s genesis its publication history and the merits of various editions and translations later chapters discuss the social and cultural contexts informing the work flaubert s literary craftsmanship and the novel s critical reception the volume concludes with extensive bibliographic information flaubert s determination to achieve stylistic and structural perfection led to the creation of his masterpiece madame bovary the achievement was long considered the exemplary novel in western literature and writers remain deeply indebted to its legacy

madame bovary by gustave flaubert delve into the tragic tale of emma bovary a young woman trapped in a stifling marriage and yearning for passion and excitement written by gustave flaubert this classic novel portrays the complexities of human desires and the consequences of pursuing unattainable dreams set in the provincial french town of yonville madame bovary weaves a compelling narrative of love infidelity and societal expectations capturing the essence of 19th century france and the human condition key aspects of the book madame bovary character study flaubert skillfully develops the characters of emma bovary and her acquaintances offering profound insights into their motivations and flaws realism and naturalism the novel is renowned for its realistic portrayal of everyday life and its exploration of human emotions and desires provincial society madame bovary vividly depicts the customs and constraints of provincial french society highlighting the challenges faced by women in the 19th century gustave flaubert was a prominent french novelist known for his literary contributions to the realism movement born in rouen france in 1821 flaubert was fascinated by literature from an early age and went on to

become one of the most influential writers of his time his masterpiece *madame bovary* is considered a seminal work in the development of the modern novel and has left an enduring impact on literature and storytelling

*emma bovary* the bored wife of a french provincial doctor scans her solitude with desperate eyes like a shipwrecked sailor searching for a white sail on the distant horizon and when *emma* s ship finally comes in it carries with it vast and tragic consequences upon which her own life and the lives of those around her are wrecked

a crisp translation captures the psychological realism of the original and echoes the verbal precision for which flaubert is rightly famed with an apparatus of flaubert s life and works beautiful *emma rouault* yearns for the life of wealth passion and romance she has encountered in popular sentimental fiction and when her doctor the well meaning but awkward and unremarkable *charles bovary* begins to pay her attention she imagines that she may be granted her wish however after their marriage *emma* soon becomes frustrated with the boredom of provincial life and finds herself seeking escape and contemplating adultery as *emma* s efforts to make a reality of her fantasies become more dangerous both she and those around her must face the shattering consequences of her actions causing widespread scandal when it was published in 1857 *gustave flaubert* s masterpiece is one of the landmark works of 19th century realist fiction

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*madame bovary* by *gustave flaubert* translated from the french by *eleanor marx aveling*

emma bovary beautiful and ambitious but bored by her life in the provinces and her marriage to a country doctor craves passion in her life she tries to escape into sentimental novels and to find glamour in expensive fashion and an elaborately decorated home her self obsession and romantic fantasies lead her into two disappointing affairs and escalating debt as emma struggles to make her life everything she believes it should be and her efforts lead only to disaster and ruin deemed so lifelike that many women claimed they were the model for his heroine flaubert instead insisted madame bovary c est moi this new translation by lydia davis captures the modern tone that flaubert developed to reflect the weight and complexity of emma s psychology it also renders the richness of the original text and the subtleties of flaubert s celebrated style

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madame bovary takes place in provincial northern france near the town of rouen in normandy the story begins and ends with charles bovary a stolid kindhearted man without much ability or ambition as the novel opens charles is a shy oddly dressed teenager arriving at a new school amidst the ridicule of his new classmates later charles struggles his way to a second rate medical degree and becomes an officier de santé in the public health service his mother chooses a wife for him an unpleasant but supposedly rich widow named heloise dubuc and charles sets out to build a practice in the village of tostes now tôtés one day charles visits a local farm to set the owner s broken leg and meets his client s daughter emma rouault emma is a beautiful daintily dressed young woman who has received a good education in a convent and who has a latent but powerful yearning for luxury and romance imbibed from the popular novels she has read charles is immediately attracted to her and begins checking on his patient far more often than necessary until heloise s jealousy puts a stop to the visits when heloise dies charles waits a decent interval then begins courting emma in earnest her father gives his consent and emma and charles are married

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