



MARCELLA

Marcella

by Mrs. Humphry Ward (1851-1920)

Mary Augusta Ward was a very popular author at the end of the 19th century, and the arrival of *Marcella* was much discussed in the London papers. This popular novel tells about Marcella Boyce, a beauty of the 1880s, who thinks she truly believes in the values of socialism. A 21-year-old art student, she lives in a boarding house in Kensington until her father inherits Mellor Park, the family estate located in the Midlands. She unwillingly leaving her studies and her friends, and starts her new life at Mellor Park, determined to help the poor people she sees around her. Then Aldous Raeburn, Tory candidate for Parliament and heir to Lord Maxwell's estate, falls in love with her. Marcella is torn between her "love of power" and her "power to love." She'll have to learn in the hard way that high morals are apt to clash with reality.

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