



THE TREASURE

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by Selma Lagerlöf (1858-1940)

Selma Lagerlöf was born in 1858 in Vaermland, Sweden, and enjoyed a long and very successful career as a writer, receiving the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1909. She died in Vaermland in 1940. *The Treasure (Herr Arnes penningar)* is both a drama and a ghost story. It was published in 1904, with an English translation in 1923. The story is set in Bohuslaen on the West coast of Sweden in the middle of the 16th Century. Herr Arne, the old Parson in Solberga, and all his household are brutally murdered, and his great treasure stolen. The only survivor is Elsalill, the orphaned foster daughter. On her lies the burden to find the murderers. She wants revenge, but falls in love with one of the murderers, whom she must betray.



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