

Booth Tarkington

Alice Adams

by Booth Tarkington (1869-1946)

A Pulitzer Prize-winner in 1922, *Alice Adams* chronicles the attempts of a lower middle class American midwestern family at the turn of the 20th century to climb the social ladder. The eponymous heroine is at the heart of the story, a young woman who wants a better place in society and a better life. As literary critic Gerard Previn Meyer stated, "Apart from being the contribution to social history its author conceived it to be,



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[Alice Adams] is something more, that something being what has attracted to it so large a public: its portrait of a (despite her faults) 'lovable girl'."



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