

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS

Booth Tarkington

The Magnificent Ambersons (version 2)

by Booth Tarkington (1869-1946)

"The Magnificent Ambersons is perhaps Tarkington's best novel," said historian and literary critic Van Wyck Brooks. "[It is] a typical story of an American family and town—the great family that locally ruled the roost and vanished virtually in a day as the town spread and darkened into a city. This novel no doubt was a permanent page in the social history of the United States, so admirably conceived and written was the



tale of the Ambersons, their house, their fate and the growth of the community in which they were submerged in the end."

The Magnificent Ambersons won the 1919 Pulitzer Prize.

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