

Delphi Complete Plays of William Wycherley Illustrated: Delphi Eleven

William Wycherley (1640-1716) was an English playwright of the Restoration period, known for his witty and often controversial comedies. His plays satirized the social mores and sexual hypocrisy of his time, earning him both acclaim and notoriety.



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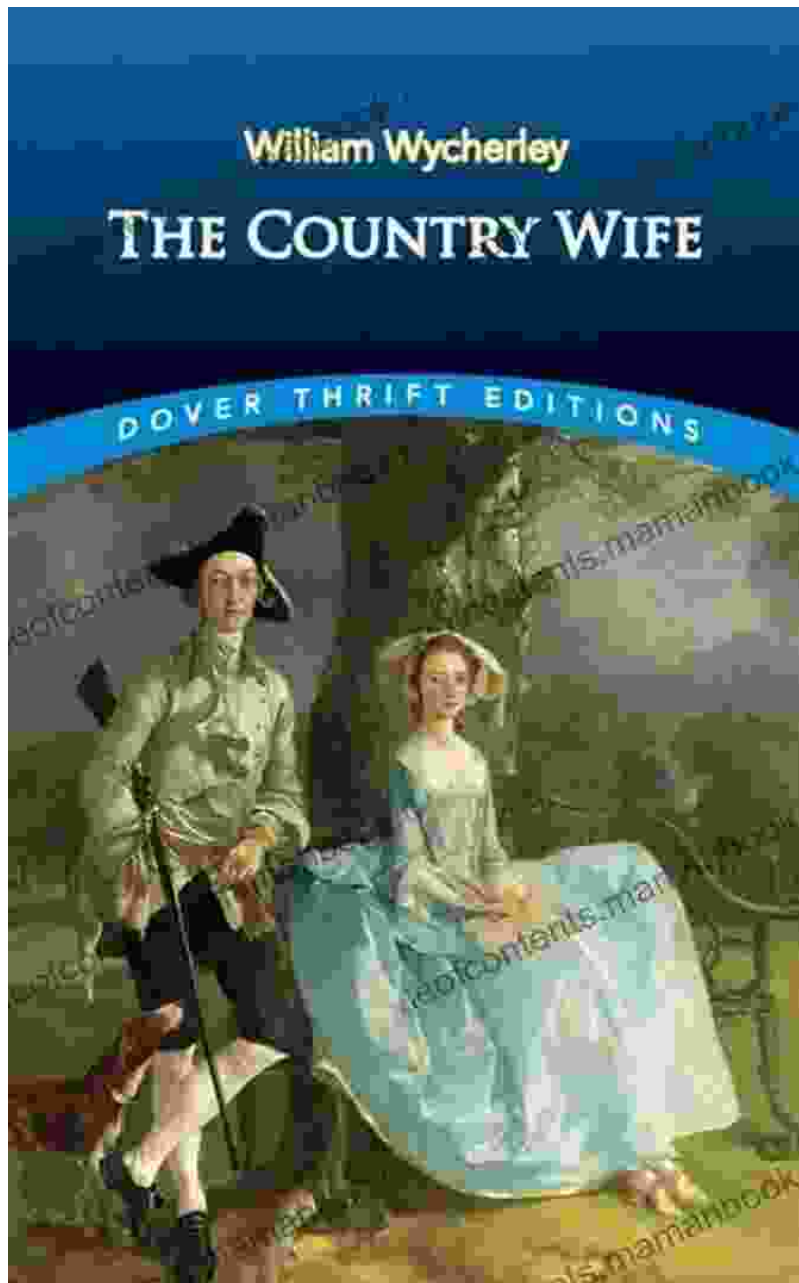
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This Delphi Classics edition of the Complete Plays of William Wycherley offers the definitive collection of his dramatic works, including his four major comedies and several lesser-known pieces.

The Country Wife (1675)

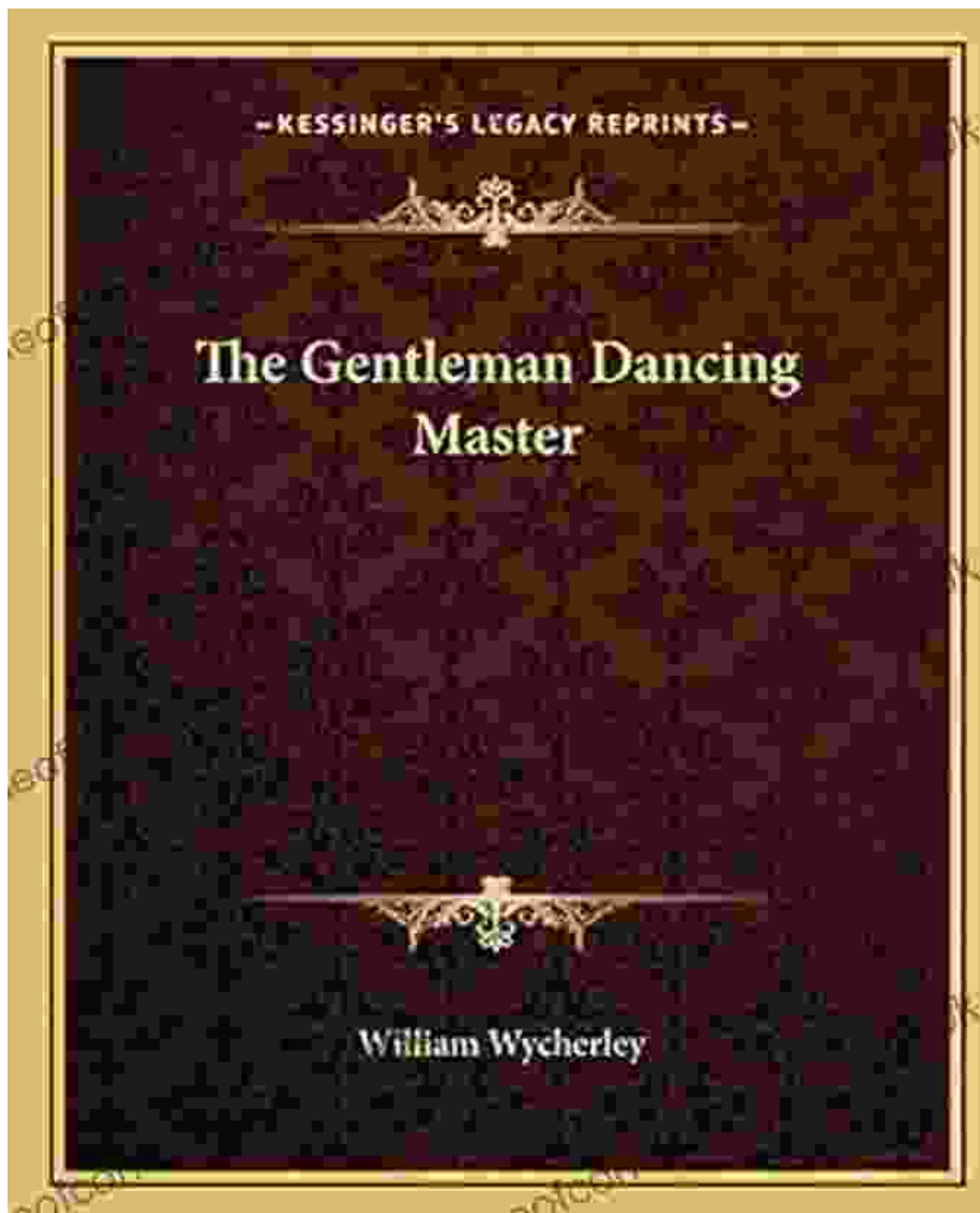


Wycherley's most famous play, *The Country Wife*, is a satiric comedy that follows the misadventures of Mr. Horner, a wealthy and libertine bachelor who pretends to be impotent in order to gain access to married women. The play's bawdy humor and frank treatment of sexual themes shocked audiences at the time, but it remains a popular and influential work today.

The Plain Dealer (1676)

Another of Wycherley's major comedies, *The Plain Dealer*, is a more serious and didactic work that attacks the hypocrisy and corruption of Restoration society. The play's protagonist, Manly, is a blunt and outspoken truth-teller who refuses to conform to social conventions. While *The Plain Dealer* was less successful than *The Country Wife* during Wycherley's lifetime, it has since been praised for its wit and moral insights.

The Gentleman Dancing Master (1672)



Wycherley's first play, *The Gentleman Dancing Master*, is a delightful comedy of intrigue and mistaken identities. The play follows the adventures of Gerrard, a young gentleman who disguises himself as a dancing master in order to woo the wealthy and beautiful Lucretia. *The Gentleman Dancing Master* is a charming and witty play that showcases Wycherley's early talent as a playwright.

Love in a Wood (1672)

Love in a Wood is another early comedy by Wycherley, which tells the story of a group of young lovers who are thwarted by their parents and guardians. The play is full of mistaken identities, romantic entanglements, and witty dialogue. *Love in a Wood* is a delightful and entertaining comedy that demonstrates Wycherley's mastery of the genre.

The Complete Plays

In addition to these four major comedies, this Delphi Classics edition of the Complete Plays of William Wycherley also includes three lesser-known plays: *The Writing Master*, *The Shaggy Dog*, and *The Plotter*. These plays are less polished than Wycherley's major comedies, but they contain many of the same witty and insightful observations on human nature.

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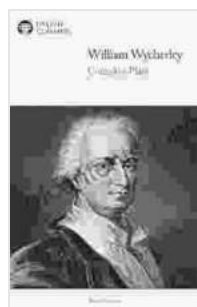
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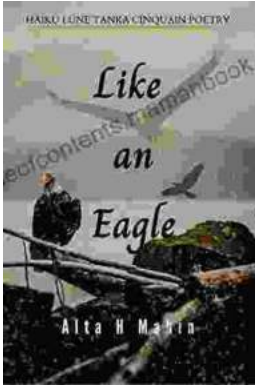
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