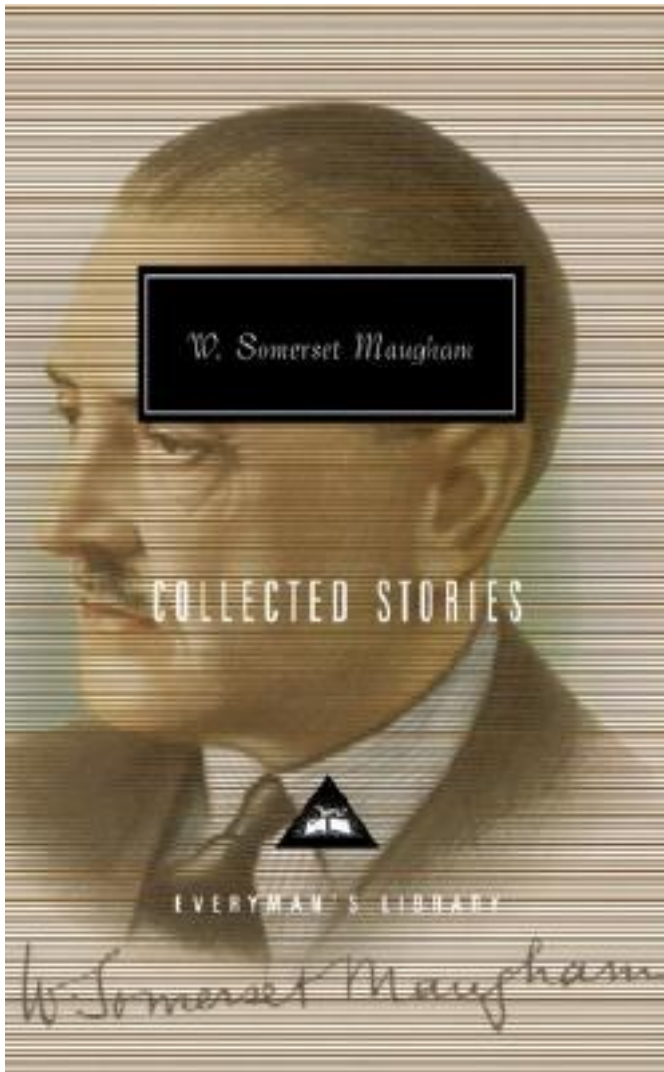


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From one of the twentieth century's most enduringly popular fiction writers: the only hardcover edition of his short stories.

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Whether the chasms of misunderstanding he plumbs are those between colonizers and natives, between a missionary and a prostitute, or between a poetry-writing woman and her uncomprehending husband, Maugham brilliantly displays his irony, his wit, and his genius in the art of storytelling.

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