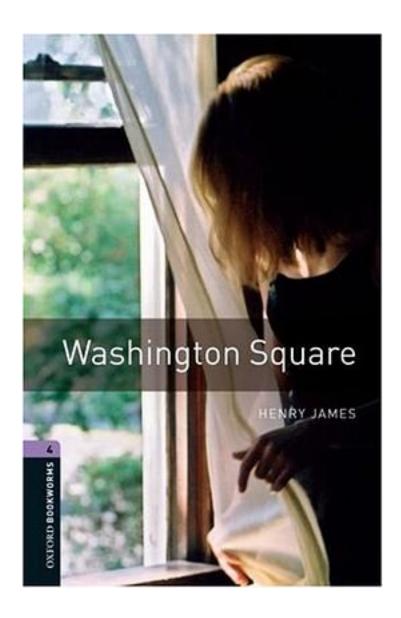
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Introduction and Notes by Ian F.A. Bell. Professor of English Literature. University of Keele Washington Square marks the culmination of James's apprentice period as a novelist. With sharply focused attention upon just four principal characters, James provides an acute analysis of middle-class manners and behaviour in the New York of the 1870s, a period of great change in the life of the city. This change is explored through the device of setting the novel's action during the 1840s, similarly a period of considerable turbulence as the United States experienced the onset of rapid commercial and industrial expansion. Through the relationships between Austin Sloper, a celebrated physician, and his sister Lavinia Penniman, his daughter Catherine, and Catherine's suitor, Morris Townsend, James observes the contemporary scene as a site of competing styles and performances where authentic expression cannot be articulated or is subject to suppression.

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 要不是看到作者名字,还真以为是奥斯汀小姐的大作啊~
Poor Catherine, false Morris, smart Dr Sloper
re-reading a classic that I read in high school, in part to contrast the difference in my reactions between the two readings. I became much more sympathetic to the daughter figure this time and the sarcasm of the doctor is a lot more biting and cold. Also tried to appreciate why James wanted to dedicate an entire novel to a topic so mundane.

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