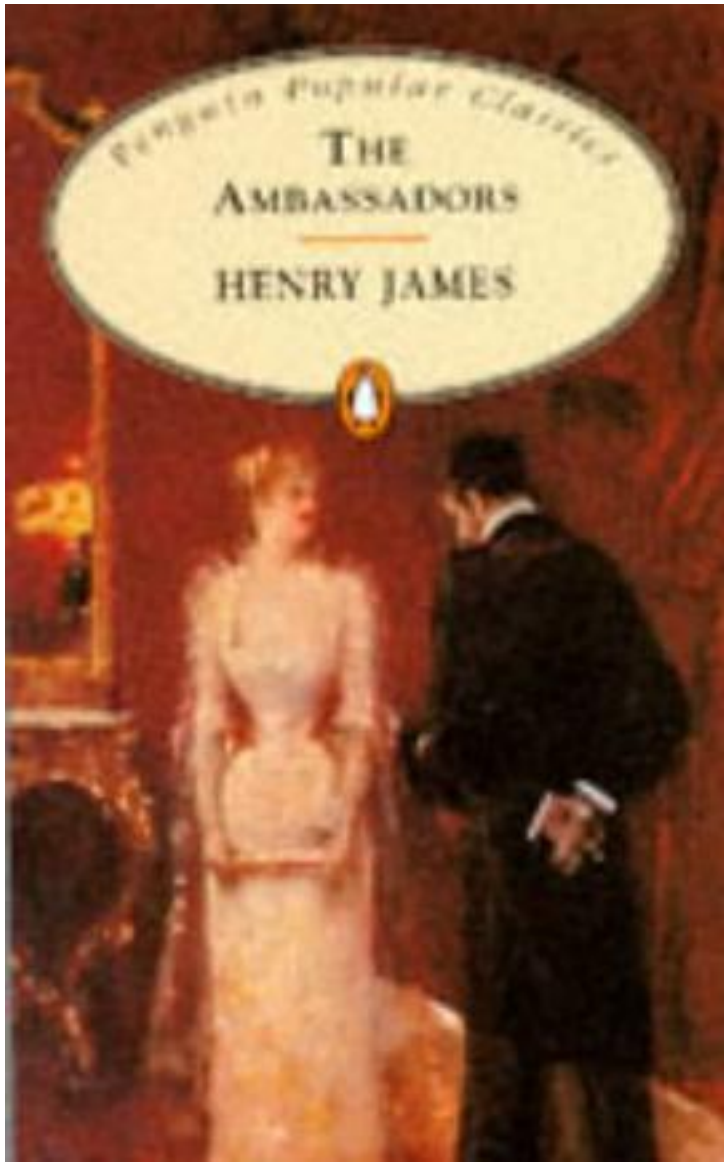


# THE AMBASSADORS



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## Book Description

This complex tale of self-discovery — considered by the author to be his best work — traces the path of an aging idealist, Lambert Strether. Arriving in Paris with the intention of persuading his young charge to abandon an obsession with a French woman and return home, Strether reaches unexpected conclusions.

Lambert Strether is sent by his wealthy fiancée, Mrs Newsome, to Paris to bring home her son Chad who is required to take charge of the family business. When Strether arrives he discovers the young man much changed by his old world environment and his relations with the Countess de Vionette.

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The Ambassadors, which Henry James considered his best work, is the most exquisite refinement of his favorite theme: the collision of American innocence with European experience. This time, James recounts the continental journey of Louis Lambert Strether--a fiftysomething man of the world who has been dispatched abroad by a rich widow, Mrs. Newsome. His mission: to save her son Chadwick from the clutches of a wicked (i.e., European) woman, and to convince the prodigal to return to Woollett, Massachusetts. Instead, this all-American envoy finds Europe growing on him. Strether also becomes involved in a very Jamesian "relation" with the fascinating Miss Maria Gostrey, a fellow American and informal Sacajawea to her compatriots. Clearly Paris has "improved" Chad beyond recognition, and convincing him to return to the U.S. is going to be a very, very hard sell. Suspense, of course, is hardly James's stock-in-trade. But there is no more meticulous mapper of tone and atmosphere, nuance and implication. His hyper-refined characters are at their best in dialogue, particularly when they're exchanging morsels of gossip. Astute, funny, and relentlessly intelligent, James amply fulfills his own description of the novelist as a person upon whom nothing is lost.

--Rhian Ellis

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Chad Newsome has gone to Paris. He is charmed by Old World fascinations and caught up in the leisurely craft and bohemian direction of European worldliness. An older woman of rank and adventurous but subtle skill, Madame de Vionnet, strokes his ego and does her best to keep Chad in Paris indefinitely. Chad's mother lives in Woollett, Mass., and wants her son to return to run the family business. Mrs. Newsome is an invalid and cannot go to Paris to fetch her son herself, so she employs Lambert Strether and Sarah Pocock to return Chad to Massachusetts. Sarah has been to Paris before and is aware of its attractiveness, so her determination to succeed in this task is fixed and uncompromising. Strether is of later middle age, however, and inspired by the fairytale of a beautiful life in Europe. Mrs. Newsome has promised to marry Strether if he can bring Chad home. Strether is completely enamored by the Parisian character and its enchantments and has a difficult time completing his mission. The drama of reestablishing Chad in business in America and of coming to terms with the mythological romance of France leaves the reader unbalanced, trying to recover equilibrium in the real world. Those involved with Chad's rescue are compelled to recognize the deep intimacies of personal attachment and the accepted proprieties of

direct consequence. The success and failures of such an undertaking are unpredictable. The result of every character's attempt to steer Chad rightly is a strange conglomeration of role reversal, fantasy, and truth. Please Note: This book is easy to read in true text, not scanned images that can sometimes be difficult to decipher. The Microsoft eBook has a contents page linked to the chapter headings for easy navigation. The Adobe eBook has bookmarks at chapter headings and is printable up to two full copies per year. Both versions are text searchable.

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亨利·詹姆斯 (Henry James, 1843—1916)，美国小说家、评论家。其父为著名神学家老亨利·詹姆斯 (Henry James, Sr.)，兄弟是著名的心理学家和哲学家威廉·詹姆斯 (William James)，这样的背景大概只有德国的曼 (Mann) 家族可与之相匹。詹姆斯从小受到良好教育，接受其父的“世界公民”概念，常到欧洲游历，后定居伦敦。詹姆斯于1864年开始写作生涯，他以国际间人与人的关系为主要题材。其代表作品有长篇小说《一个美国人》《一位女士的画像》《卡萨玛西玛公主》等。他的写作在晚年进入一个高峰期，陆续发表了以美国人在欧洲为题材的三部杰作：《鸽翼》《使节》《金碗》。詹姆斯丰富的创作奠定了20世纪现代文学的基石，影响了乔伊斯、伍尔夫等现代派大师，是当之无愧的现代文学先驱。

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“使节”，据说是20世纪百大英文小说位列27。作者Henry James算出身名门，自己就是从美国搬到欧洲路转粉的典型。我猜他多半把自己替入了主人公角色，把自己对欧洲无比崇爱之情硬塞个故事缅怀一下。500多页的小说，多少次出差都带着，一直读不完，还不够重死人。今天终于完成， ...

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