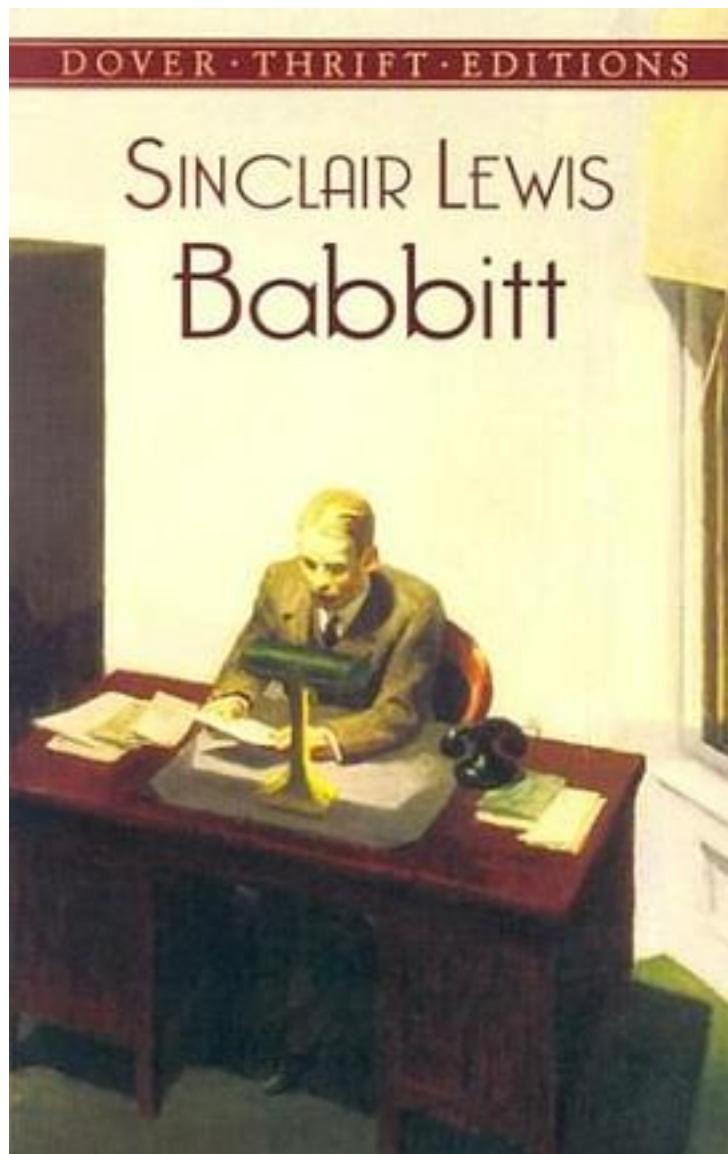


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The title of Sinclair Lewis ' s 1922 satire on American materialism added a new word to our vocabulary. Babbitt" has come to stand for all that' s wrong with a world where the pursuit of happiness means the procurement of thingsa world that substitutes stuff" for soul." Some twenty years after Babbitt ' s initial success, critics called Lewis dated and his fiction old-fashioned. But these judgments have come to seem like wishful thinking. With Babbitt evident all around us, the novel is more relevant than ever. Kenneth Krauss teaches drama at the College of Saint Rose, in Albany, New York. His books include Maxwell Anderson and the New York Stage , Private Readings/Public Texts , and The Drama of Fallen France .

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