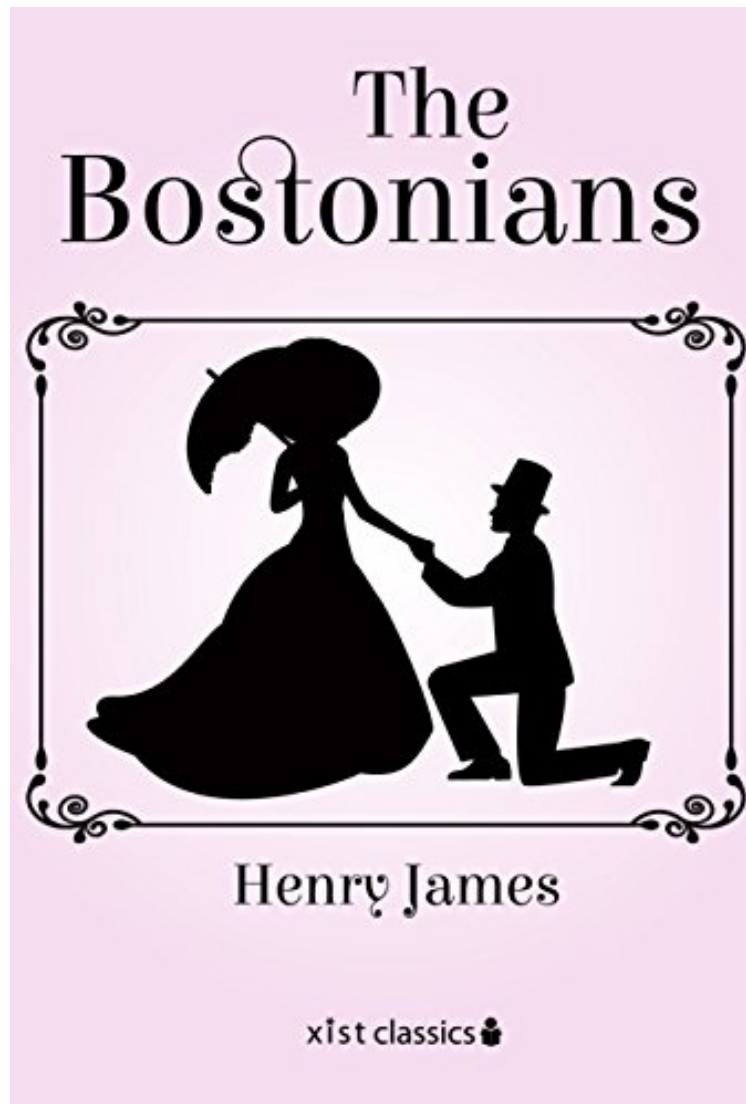


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The most unsettling and uncharacteristic James novel.Von Ein KundeThe Bostonians is a flawed novel that is better for its faults. James clearly couldn't work out exactly what he was doing with the book, but this uncertainty is its greatest strength. The story is simple: a Boston feminist and a Southern chauvinist fight over the devotion of a pretty but not-quite-formed young woman. Reading the novel, it is impossible to tell the degrees to which the views of the characters

are meant to be ironic or appreciative, satirical or sympathetic. James apparently writes out of divided feelings, and he fills the book with so many of these divisions that the novel irritates readers who prefer authors to make their judgments clear and unambiguous. James, for instance, is dubious toward the Boston feminism of his time, but he is equally dubious toward the reactionary conservatism of the Southerner, and the novel's tension depends largely upon this split in the author's perspective. Verena, as the character who lives within this split, is placed in the same position as the reader: she must choose between two viewpoints that she partially accepts and partially rejects. As the famous last line indicates, James has more than slight reservations about the decision that Verena ultimately makes, and he means for the reader to take away a similar sense of dissatisfaction--an intense awareness of just how large and complex the war is between men and women.

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0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Subtle, intricate, study of hidden passions Von bonewriter@compuserve.com The Bostonians, like James' other novels, deals with the subtleties of human interactions. Olive, who is plainly in love with Verena, may or may not be aware of her own feelings. Watching James tease the reader with this is a masterful study in subtext. Not recommended for those raised on lots and lots of television. They won't get it.

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