

The Fortune of the Rougons: A Tapestry of Family, History, and Social Commentary

In the heart of 19th-century France, a turbulent and transformative era, Emile Zola crafted a literary masterpiece that continues to captivate and provoke readers to this day. "The Fortune of the Rougons" stands as the cornerstone of Zola's renowned "Rougon-Macquart" series, a sprawling saga that chronicles the lives of a working-class family amidst the social and political upheavals of the time.

A Window into a Forgotten World

Zola's novel immerses us in the gritty reality of Plassans, a provincial town on the brink of industrialization. We follow the intertwined destinies of the Rougons, a family whose fortunes rise and fall with the changing tides of history. From the ambitious Pierre, who dreams of political power, to the troubled Silvère, consumed by jealousy and violence, each character embodies a facet of the human experience.



The Fortune of the Rougons (Oxford World's Classics)

by Brian Nelson

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 1895 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 336 pages

Lending : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported



Through vivid descriptions and incisive prose, Zola exposes the harsh realities of poverty, prostitution, and political corruption that plagued 19th-century France. His characters grapple with the consequences of their actions, both personal and social, highlighting the interconnectedness of human lives and the profound impact of social forces.

A Master of Literary Naturalism

"The Fortune of the Rougons" is a seminal work of literary naturalism, a movement that sought to depict life with unflinching realism and scientific objectivity. Zola meticulously researched the historical and social context of his story, incorporating real-life events, such as the Franco-Prussian War, into his narrative.

Zola's characters are not mere literary devices; they are complex individuals driven by heredity, environment, and the inexorable forces of nature. Through their experiences, Zola explores the themes of determinism, inheritance, and the struggle for social justice.

The Oxford World Classics Edition

This Oxford World Classics edition of "The Fortune of the Rougons" provides readers with an unparalleled reading experience. The meticulous translation by Brian Nelson captures the nuances and power of Zola's original text, while extensive s, notes, and appendices offer invaluable historical and literary insights.

The comprehensive editorial apparatus enhances the reader's understanding of the novel's historical context, its literary significance, and its enduring relevance to contemporary issues. The Oxford World Classics edition is an essential companion for students, scholars, and anyone who appreciates the power of great literature.

A Timeless Classic

Over a century after its initial publication, "The Fortune of the Rougons" remains a towering achievement in world literature. Its timeless themes and vivid portrayal of human nature continue to resonate with readers, making it a must-read for anyone interested in history, society, and the human condition.

Delve into the pages of "The Fortune of the Rougons" and discover a captivating story that will stay with you long after you finish the final chapter. This Oxford World Classics edition offers an unparalleled reading experience, making it the perfect to the brilliance of Emile Zola and the enduring power of great literature.



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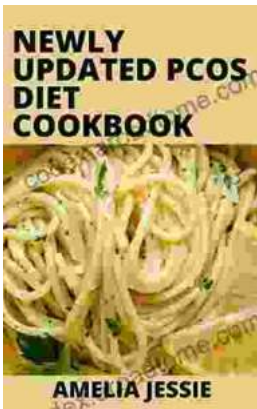
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