

A HANDFUL OF DUST

"All over England people were waking up, queasy and despondent." Few writers have walked the line between farce and tragedy as nimbly as Evelyn Waugh, who employed the conventions of the comic novel to chip away at the already crumbling English class system. His 1934 novel, *A Handful of Dust*, is a sublime example of his bleak satirical style: a mordantly funny exposé of aristocratic decadence and ennui in...



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You can't ever tell what's going to hurt people. Evelyn Waugh, *A Handful of Dust* //

Brenda descended the great staircase step by step through alternations of dusk and rainbow. Evelyn Waugh, *A Handful of Dust* //

Reader's Opinions

"I never thought it would last but she seems really keen on it . . . I suppose it's a good plan . . . there wasn't much for her to do at Hetton. Of course she would rather die than admit it, but...

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