THE ENCHANTED APRIL

A notice in The Times addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wistaria and Sunshine' advertises a 'small mediaeval Italian Castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let furnished for the month of April'. Four very different women take up the offer, escaping dreary London for the sunshine of Italy. Among the party are Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Arthuthnot, both fleeing unappreciative husbands; beautiful Lady Caroline, sick of being 'grabbed' by lovestruck men; and the imperious Mrs Fisher, who spends her time remembering the bearded 'great...



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But there are no men here, said Mrs. Wilkins, so how can it be improper? Have you noticed, she inquired of Mrs. Fisher, who endeavoured to pretend she did not hear, How difficult it is to be improper without men? Elizabeth von Arnim, The Enchanted April //

She made him think of his mother, of his nurse, of all things kind and comforting, besides having the attraction of not being his mother or his nurse. Elizabeth von Arnim, The Enchanted April //

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