

BRUGES-LA-MORTE

Hugues Viane is a widower who has turned to the melancholy, decaying city of Bruges as the ideal location in which to mourn his wife and as a backdrop for the narcissistic wanderings of his disturbed spirit. He becomes obsessed with a young dancer whom he believes is the double of his beloved wife, leading him to psychological torment and humiliation, culminating in a deranged murder. This 1892 work is a poet's novel, dense,...



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On dirait que les projets de joie sont un dfi.Trop longuement prpars,ils laissent le temps la detine de changer les oeufs dans le nid,et ce sont les chagrins qui nous faudra couvrir. Georges Rodenbach, Bruges-La-Morte //

Reader's Opinions

Rodenbachs little known symbolist masterpiece is herewith curiously translated and published in English by the exceedingly obscure University of Scranton Press. Scranton, lets not forget, is the setting for the US version of televisions "The Office", but there the comparisons end. This classic of Belgian literature...

Lu Bruges en septembre. Ce livre distille un charme certain avec peu de choses. Le jeu de miroirs par lequel les deux ternels fminins (la vierge et la putain) jouent un vilain tour au personnage masculin est bien orchestr quoiqu'un peu convenu. La charge rotique porte par la chevelure conserve sous cloche et qui dclenche la catastrophe,...