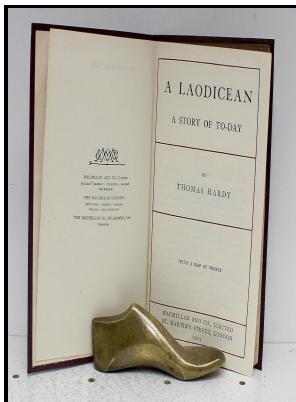


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Illegitimacy, blackmail, personation, theft, revealing tattoos, etc, abound. He will basically stop at nothing; Hardy makes him out to be a despicable wretch of a man who puts so much effort into obtaining money dishonestly instead of getting an honest job. Departing from pre-industrial Wessex, Hardy brings his themes of social constraint, fate, chance and miscommunication to the very modern world of the 1880s — complete with falsified telegraphs, fake photographs, and perilous train tracks.

A Laodicean: A Story of Today by Thomas Hardy

However, there's lots of interesting plots and details in this book and I found I raced through the last 100 pages as I had to know how it turned out. By the way, I am not a feminist.

A Laodicean (1882 edition)

A beautiful book, not for the faint of heart. Indeed, each of the three successive generations of the De Stancy line present in the novel — each generation represented by a male bearing the name of William — demonstrates a weakening of the old aristocratic, and chivalric, ideal, as Sir William gives way to the weak and easily-led Captain De Stancy who in turn gives way to Will Dare whose surname, and general unchivalric activities, point up his status as a bastard in both senses of the word. Hardy can be a mad genius when it comes to painting the other sex.

An Interesting Summary of Thomas Hardy's A Laodicean

There follows various architectural shenanigans, several perambulations around Europe, engagements made and broken, deception, treachery and most of all Paula Power's complete inability to fix on one course of action or one suitor. Not only does Mr Hardy's scientific profession speak through the mouths of his characters, but old and beautiful buildings adorn his pages as they do the landscape he loves.

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