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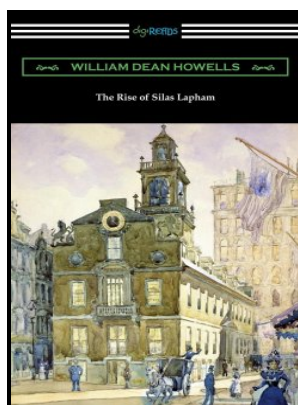
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But as I had nothing to suggest in place of it, I thought it best not to interfere. If money is fairly and honestly earned, why should we pretend to care what it comes out of, when we don't really care? The Back Bay spread its glassy sheet before them, empty but for a few small boats and a large schooner, with her sails close-furled and dripping like snow from her spars, which a tug was rapidly towing toward Cambridge.

### 7, The Rise of Silas Lapham, by W. D. Howells, 1885

But there may be some hopes of Lapham. Walker, the bookkeeper, confirms to Tom that Silas has always been protective over her and is very secretive.

### William Dean Howells

It has nice qualities, but it's amateurish.

### Romanticism and Realism in The Rise of Silas Lapham

But I thought I wouldn't trouble anybody for certificates till I found whether there was a chance, or the ghost of one, of your wanting me. Howells is concerned about the true nature of the chimera of success and whether an investment in the dogged pursuit of it for financial gain is worth all the time and effort spent to gain it.

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