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-- Tess of the d'Urbervilles, by Thomas Hardy



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Standing before this abraded pile, the eye regarded its present usage, the mind dwelt upon its past history, with a satisfied sense of functional continuity throughout -- a feeling almost of gratitude, and quite of pride, at the permanence of the idea which had heaped it up. After their marriage, he ignores her and devotes his time to his studies, which, perhaps, helps to bring about the physical blindness that becomes symbolic of his blindness to reality.

## Analysis

Gabriel took it in his hand and returned to his hut. Full of this dim and temperate bliss, he went on to fling the ewe over upon her other side, covering her head with his knee, gradually running the shears line after line round her dewlap; thence about her flank and back, and finishing over the tail. The tree takes on a symbolic aura as representative of the uncontrollable force of the natural world.

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Diggory Venn, the most puzzling figure in the novel, is an outcast. Does it not appear on every compulsory reading list in high school? First she seeks an opportunity to do so by marrying Clym. At this point, confused and in anguish about what possibility there is left for her, uncertain of the value of any action, Grace confronts the true nature of the world and the absurdity of her past hopes for value in it.

## Analysis of Henry Fielding's Novels

Southern Review, 7 1 , 38-50. Angel only teased her about wanting to confess, thinking that such a pure girl could have no black sins in her history.

## Hardy's Sexual Evasions: The Evidence of the Specimens Notebook on JSTOR

Yeobright had good cause to worry, for Wildeve's intentions were not wholly honorable. He rejects human relationships and violates human

interdependence and solidarity. Seeing his advance take the form of an attitude threatening a possible enclosure, if not compression, of her person, she edged off round the bush.

### **Introduction to Thomas Hardy**

They were as sublime as the moon and stars above them, and the moon and stars were as ardent as they. Contents Explanatory Note to the First Edition The main portion of the following story appeared—with slight modifications—in the Graphic newspaper; other chapters, more especially addressed to adult readers, in the Fortnightly Review and the National Observer, as episodic sketches.

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