

Joseph Andrews by Henry Fielding ~

Joseph Andrews is a novel written by Henry Fielding, published in 1742.

The story follows Joseph Andrews, a young, virtuous and handsome servant, who works for **Lady Booby**.

Joseph's journey begins when Lady Booby, after being attracted to him, attempts to seduce him. However, Joseph, being a man of strong morals and religious faith, resists her advances. After he refuses her, Lady Booby dismisses him from her service. Joseph sets off on a journey to visit his sister, **Fanny**

Goodwill, who lives in another town.

Along the way, he encounters several characters who challenge his beliefs and test his character. He is joined by **Parson Adams**, a kind-hearted but somewhat foolish country priest, who becomes his companion on the

journey. Parson Adams is portrayed as a figure of integrity but often gets into comical situations due to his naivety and lack of worldly wisdom.

Throughout their travels, Joseph and Parson Adams face various adventures and misadventures. They are robbed by highwaymen, and Joseph is mistaken for a nobleman due to his good looks and charm. They also meet several other colorful characters, including a young woman named Fanny, whom Joseph falls in love with. Fanny is revealed to be Joseph's sister and her relationship with Joseph becomes a key part of the plot. Despite the obstacles they face, including mistaken identities, financial struggles, and the manipulation of some of the more corrupt characters they

encounter, Joseph and Fanny's love story is central to the novel. Eventually, after many trials, Joseph and Fanny are reunited and are able to marry, with Parson Adams blessings their union.

Lady Booby who had previously tried to seduce Joseph, is also shown in a less flattering light, as her desires and actions are exposed as selfish and manipulative. In the end, the novel concludes with a message about the importance of virtue, integrity and true love, contrasting these qualities with a hypocrisy and selfishness of many other characters.

Joseph Andrews is both a satire and comedic tale, using humor to explore themes of social class, morality and the

importance of maintaining one's values in the face of temptation and adversity.

Characters of the novel:-

- 1 **Joseph Andrews**: The protagonist, a young and handsome footman.
- 2 **Pamela Andrews**: Joseph's sister, who protect her brother from Lady Booby, because she tries to seduce Joseph Andrews.
- 3 **Lady Booby**: A wealthy and aristocratic woman, who attempts to seduce Joseph for physical relation with her.
- 4 **Mr. Thomas Booby**: Husband of Lady Booby and died in Paris, because he feels that his wife deceived him with footman.

- 5 **Parson Adams**: A wise and virtuous clergyman who becomes Joseph's mentor and friend.
 - 6 **Fanny Goodwill**: a beautiful young woman, beloved of Joseph.
 - 7 **Slipslop**: Lady Booby's ugly and immoral housekeeper who help Lady Booby to seduce Joseph.
 - 8 **Betty**: A beautiful and flirtatious young woman who works at the inn and tries to seduce Joseph.
 - 9 **Parents of Joseph Andrews**: As the novel progresses, we come to know that Andrews (Mr. and Mrs. Andrews) are parents of Joseph then reveals the real parents of Joseph, then Fanny and Joseph happily get married.
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