



## The Magnificent Ambersons Dover Value Editions

By Booth Tarkington

Dover Publications. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 240 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.2in. x 0.6in.The Magnificent Ambersons is perhaps Tarkingtons best novel, wrote critic Van Wyck Brooks. It is a typical story of an American family and town the great family that locally ruled the roost and vanished virtually in a day as the town spread and darkened into a city. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize after it was first published in 1918, Tarkingtons powerful social commentary traces Americas economic growth through the declining fortunes of three generations of the successful and socially prominent Amberson family. Set in a fictional Midwestern town during the latter half of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the epic story follows the Ambersons downward spiraling fortunes during a period of rapid industrialization and socio-economic change in America. George Amberson Minafer, the arrogant heir to the familys wealth, illustrates the corrupting influence of greed and materialism at a time when the swiftly turning wheels of industry and commerce are overtaking old ways. Definitions of ambition, success, and loyalty are also changing. Almost overnight the prestige of the Ambersons irreversibly changes as well. An exciting chronicle of one familys accumulation of wealth and subsequent downfall, the book...



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