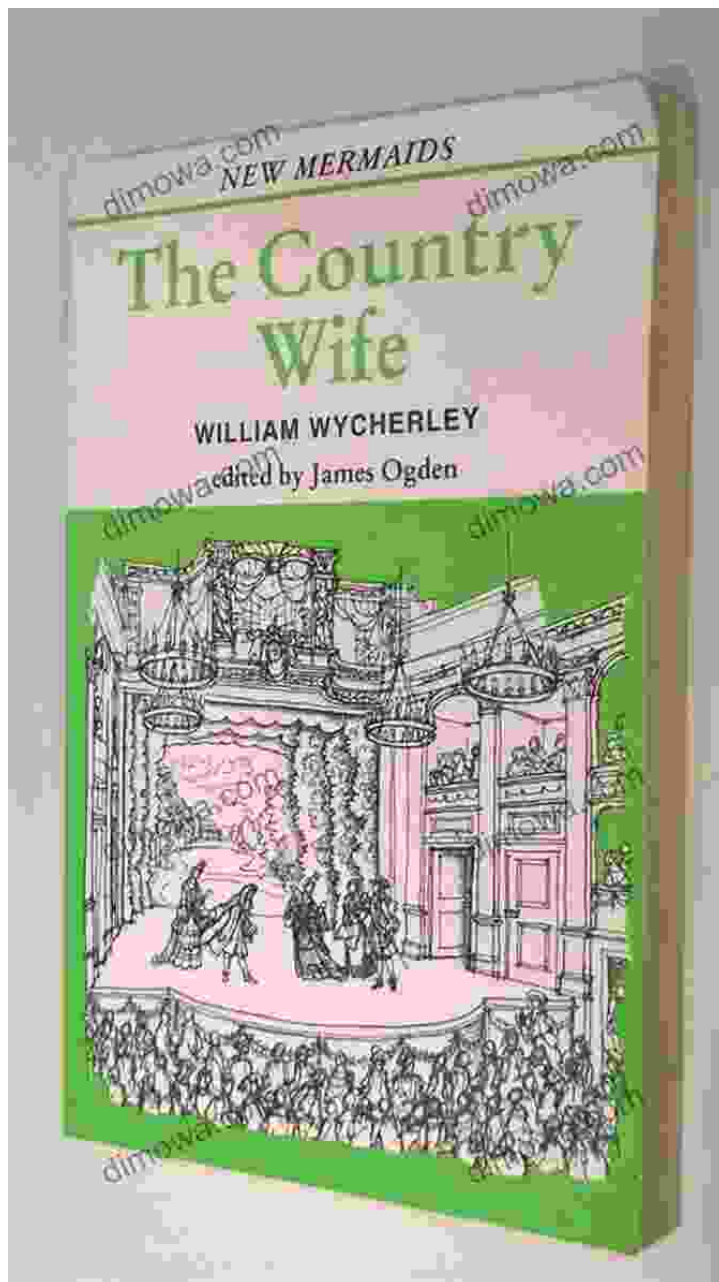


Uncover the Wit and Intrigue of "The Country Wife New Mermaids"



The Country Wife (New Mermaids) by Plato

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Synopsis

Prepare to be enthralled by *The Country Wife* New Mermaids, a captivating edition of William Wycherley's iconic Restoration comedy. This celebrated play, set in the vibrant and scandalous world of 17th-century London, unfolds a tale of mistaken identities, cunning schemes, and biting social satire. At the heart of the story lies the irresistible Horner, a notorious libertine known for his "country wife," a disguise that allows him to pursue amorous adventures.

As the plot thickens, a series of hilarious entanglements ensues, testing the boundaries of marriage, fidelity, and reputation. The characters, each richly drawn and embodying the social mores of the time, navigate a labyrinth of deception and wit, leading to unexpected and often outrageous outcomes. With its razor-sharp dialogue and timeless themes, *The Country Wife* remains a captivating comedy that continues to resonate with audiences today.

About the Author

William Wycherley (1640-1716) was a prominent figure in the Restoration theatre scene, known for his witty and provocative comedies. He

established his reputation with his debut play, *Love in a Wood* (1671), and further cemented his legacy with *The Country Wife* (1675). Wycherley's plays satirize the social conventions and moral hypocrisies of his time, offering a scathing critique of the aristocratic society.

His works are characterized by their clever dialogue, sophisticated plots, and unyielding wit. Wycherley's plays have been widely performed and adapted throughout history and continue to be studied and enjoyed by readers and theatre-goers alike.

The Mermaids Series

The Country Wife New Mermaids is part of the renowned Mermaids series, a collection of classic English plays published by Bloomsbury Publishing. Each edition in the series features a meticulously edited text based on the latest scholarship, as well as insightful s, comprehensive notes, and a glossary for easy comprehension. The Mermaids series is an invaluable resource for students, academics, and theatre practitioners.

Critical Acclaim

"*The Country Wife New Mermaids*' is an indispensable edition for anyone interested in Restoration comedy. The erudite , meticulous notes, and accessible performance text make this book a joy to read and study." - Professor Annabel Patterson, Yale University

"Wycherley's witty masterpiece is brought to life in this superb edition. '*The Country Wife New Mermaids*' offers a fresh perspective on a classic play, making it accessible and enjoyable for a new generation of readers." - Dr. David Roberts, University of Cambridge

Features

- A modern performance text based on the latest scholarship
- A comprehensive providing historical context and critical analysis
- Extensive notes explaining cultural references and complex language
- A glossary of unfamiliar terms and expressions
- A bibliography for further research

Target Audience

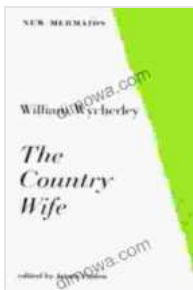
The Country Wife New Mermaids is an ideal resource for:

- Students studying Restoration drama and English literature
- Scholars and researchers in the field of theatre history
- Theatre practitioners and directors looking for performance inspiration
- Anyone interested in exploring the wit and satire of one of the most celebrated comedies in the English language

Embark on an unforgettable literary journey with *The Country Wife New Mermaids*. This meticulously crafted edition seamlessly blends entertainment and scholarship, providing an immersive experience into the vibrant world of Restoration comedy. Discover the brilliance of Wycherley's wit and the scandalous intrigues that unfold in this timeless masterpiece. Whether you're a student, a theatre enthusiast, or simply a lover of great literature, *The Country Wife New Mermaids* is an indispensable addition to your bookshelf.

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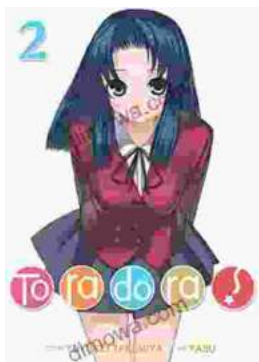
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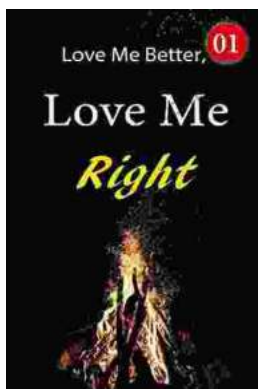
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