

Effi Briest



THEODOR FONTANE

LibriVox

Effi Briest

Theodor Fontane

Effi Briest is a classic of Prussian Realism, relatively unknown in the English speaking world, but widely taught in German schools. This tragic tale tells the story of Effi, a young woman from an old and respectable family who, due to a sense of duty, marries Geert von Instetten, a much older Prussian official. The tragedy unfolds as a consequence of Instetten's strict following of his duties in society in response to his wife's indiscretions. Thomas Mann once wrote that if one's library had to be reduced to six books, Effi Briest should be one of them. This is an abridged translation by William A. Cooper.

Read for LibriVox.org by Margaret Espaillat
Total running time 08:51:07

This LibriVox recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed or modified without permission. The LibriVox objective is to make all books in the public domain available, for free, in audioformat on the Internet. For more information, or to volunteer, please visit librivox.org

Cover image: Undergrowth with Two Figures by Vincent van Gogh (1853 – 1890).
Cover designed by Availle. This design is in the public domain.

Theodor Fontane

Effi Briest

Effi Briest

Theodor Fontane