

Escape the Ordinary with *Babbitt*: The Oxford World Classics Edition of Sinclair Lewis's Masterpiece

In the heart of bustling Zenith, a small-town America frozen in time, Sinclair Lewis's immortal novel, *Babbitt*, unfolds as a satirical masterpiece. Meet George F. Babbitt, a seemingly ordinary real estate broker, trapped in a world of conformity and materialism. This Oxford World Classics edition of *Babbitt* offers a fresh perspective on the iconic tale, inviting you to explore the timeless themes of conformity, materialism, and the pursuit of the American Dream.



Babbitt (Oxford World's Classics) by Sinclair Lewis

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 3668 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 372 pages
Lending	: Enabled



A Snapshot of Zenith: A Town of Babbitts



Zenith, the setting of *Babbitt*, is a microcosm of small-town America, where conformity reigns supreme. Its inhabitants, the "Babbitts," are defined by their unwavering adherence to societal norms and their relentless pursuit of material wealth. Sinclair Lewis paints a vivid portrait of Zenith, capturing its stifling atmosphere and the suffocating pressure it exerts on its citizens.

George F. Babbitt: The Embodiment of Conformity



At the center of Lewis's satire is George F. Babbitt, a middle-aged real estate broker who epitomizes the conformist mentality of Zenith. Babbitt is a devoted member of the Rotary Club, a pillar of the community, and a staunch supporter of the status quo. Yet, beneath his polished exterior, a flicker of discontent begins to emerge, as he grapples with the emptiness of his life.

The Pursuit of the American Dream: A Hollow Promise



Lewis's novel exposes the hollowness of the American Dream, as Babbitt and his fellow Zenithians become entangled in a relentless pursuit of material wealth and social status. The accumulation of possessions, from automobiles to lavish homes, becomes a measure of self-worth, overshadowing true fulfillment and happiness.

The Oxford World Classics Edition: A Treasure for Literary Enthusiasts



The Oxford World Classics edition of *Babbitt* is a literary treasure that enriches the reading experience with insightful introductory essays and detailed annotations. These scholarly contributions provide a deeper

understanding of the novel's historical and social context, enhancing your appreciation of Lewis's satirical genius.

A Timeless Classic for the Modern Age

Babbitt remains a timeless classic, resonating with readers today as it did when it was first published in 1922. Lewis's incisive satire of conformity and materialism continues to challenge our own societal values, inviting us to question the choices we make and the authenticity of our lives.

Immerse yourself in the world of Zenith and its unforgettable characters. Discover the timeless lessons of *Babbitt*, a masterpiece of American literature that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. Free Download your copy of the Oxford World Classics edition of *Babbitt* today and embark on a literary journey that will leave an enduring mark on your mind.

Key Features of the Oxford World Classics Edition:

- Authoritative text based on the first edition
- s, notes, and a chronology by renowned Lewis scholar James Lundquist
- A contextualizing essay on the rise of Babbitry in American culture
- An exploration of the novel's enduring relevance and legacy

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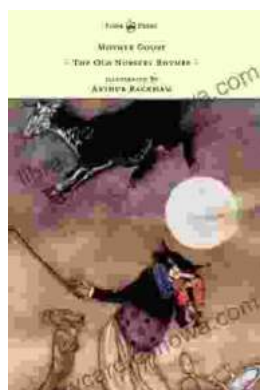
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