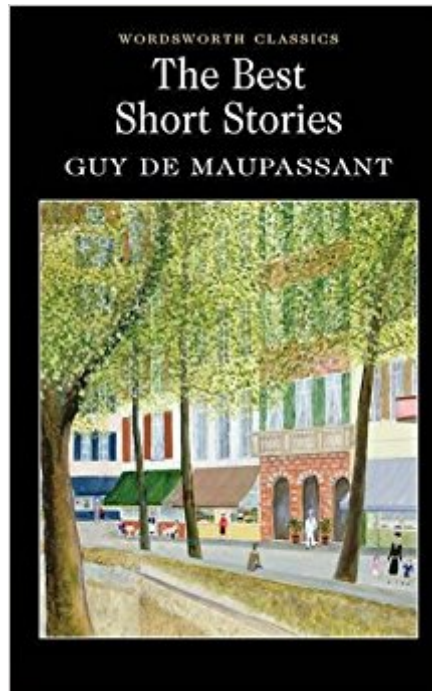




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The Best Short Stories (Classics Library)



Synopsis

With a new Introduction by Cedric Watts, Research Professor of English, University of Sussex. Guy de Maupassant was a master of the short story. This collection displays his lively diversity, with tales that vary in theme and tone, ranging from tragedy and satire to comedy and farce. In a lucidly direct style, he provides unflinching realism and sceptical irony. He depicts the deceptions, hypocrisies and vanities at different levels of society. Prostitution is frankly described, while the harshness of war is deftly exposed. His tales have been televised and have influenced films, operas and rock music. Unillusioned but humane, Maupassant remains our contemporary.

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Customer Reviews

I should have spent a little more and got his complete writings.

Maupassant is by far the master of the short story. I've read many classics and his stories are, in my opinion, the best. They will sweep you away to another world.

excellent book

Why on earth did I not read b Maupassant earlier in my life?

The book is good. But it is in English not french!

This page has information about both an English-only version of the book and a French version with English translations. I ordered the English-only after reading the reviews that were about the French/English version! What a waste. The French/English version is here: [Best Short Stories / Les Meilleurs Contes \(A Dual-Language Book\) \(English and French Edition\)](#). I'm not certain the purpose of putting these two different versions together, but obviously I should have been paying more attention.

The book cover is pixel crap!!! The book on the inside is fine but the ugliness of the book cover and back cover is inexcusable!

There are some excellent stories in this collection. Maupassant creates some of the most memorable moments you will encounter in literature. I don't know of any better writer of short stories.

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