

The Devil - Leo Tolstoy

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"I am acting badly," thought Yevgeny, "But what's one to do? Anyhow it is not for long." Leo Tolstoy is known for epic novels that brilliantly dissect society, but the novella *The Devil* may be the most personally revealing and startling fiction he ever wrote. He thought it so scandalous, in fact, that he hid the manuscript in the upholstery of a chair in his office so his wife wouldn't find it, and he would never allow it to be published in his lifetime. Perhaps that's because the gripping tale of an aristocratic landowner slowly overcome with unrelenting sexual desire for one of the peasants on his estate was strikingly similar to an affair Tolstoy himself had. Regardless, the tale presented here with the two separate endings Tolstoy couldn't decide between is a scintillating study of sexual attraction and human obsession. The Art of The Novella Series Too short to be a novel, too long to be a short story, the novella is generally unrecognized by academics and publishers. Nonetheless, it is a form beloved and practiced by literature's greatest writers. In the Art Of The Novella series, Melville House celebrates this renegade art form and its practitioners with titles that are, in many instances, presented in book form for the first time. Author: Tolstoy, Leo Publisher: Melville House Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Devil Pages: 00000 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-11-06 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780974607832 Category: Fiction : Psychological Category: Fiction : Literary

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