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Henry James. It can also be considered among the first Southern works in a tradition that would culminate with the modern masterpieces of Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, Katherine Anne Porter, and Tennessee Williams (Wikipedia). Author: Chopin, Kate Publisher: IndoEuropeanPublishing.com Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: THE AWAKENING AND SELECTED SHORT STORIES Pages: 00000 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2009-09-13 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781604440751 Category: Fiction : Short Stories (single author) Category: Fiction : Classics Category: Fiction : Fantasy - General

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