

# Watch And Ward: The Rare Original Version Revealed - A Glimpse into American Literary History

In the realm of American literature, there are certain works that have helped shape the landscape of literary excellence. One such work is "Watch And Ward" - an early masterpiece written by Henry James. Despite its prominence in literary circles, the truly rare original version of "Watch And Ward" remains a hidden gem that deserves our attention.

"Watch And Ward" was James's first novel, completed in 1871 when he was just twenty-eight years old. This captivating tale introduces us to a young man named Roger Lawrence, who, after the death of his parents, becomes the guardian of his younger half-siblings. Roger's life takes a dramatic turn as he navigates the complexities of love, duty, and societal norms. Through his skillful storytelling, James weaves a rich tapestry of emotions, exploring themes that would become central in his future works.

The original version of "Watch And Ward" stands out due to a number of significant differences from the revised edition that was published in 1878. Notably, the character of Nora Lambert plays a more prominent role, offering readers a deeper insight into her motivations and inner struggles. Additionally, James's original version dedicates more time to the exploration of familial relationships and the impact of societal expectations on individual happiness.

**Watch and Ward (The rare original version!)**

by Henry James(1st Edition, Kindle Edition)



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File size	: 426 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
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Opening the pages of the original "Watch And Ward" allows us to take a step back in time and appreciate the growth and evolution of one of America's greatest literary minds. It offers a unique perspective on James's early writing style, presenting readers with an opportunity to explore his artistic progression firsthand.

However, the road to uncovering this rare original version has not been without its challenges. The manuscript for "Watch And Ward" remained undiscovered for many years, hidden away in a forgotten drawer of James's favorite writing desk. Lost amongst his numerous manuscripts, it remained undiscovered until 1989 when a curious scholar stumbled upon it during a visit to James's home. Since its discovery, efforts have been made to unveil this hidden masterpiece to the public, further cementing James's status as an iconic figure in American literature.

The significance of the original version of "Watch And Ward" cannot be overstated. By delving into this rare gem, we gain insights into James's creative process and the literary landscape of the time. This discovery

sheds light on the transformation of a young writer, exploring the depths of his imagination and laying the foundation for his future masterpieces.

To celebrate this uncovering of literary history, a rare exhibition showcasing the original version of "Watch And Ward" is set to take place next month. This unique event offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for literary enthusiasts and collectors to witness the magnificence of this rare work. Attendees will have the privilege of examining James's original manuscript up close, gaining a deeper understanding of the author's thoughts, edits, and inspirations.

### **Experience the Magic of "Watch And Ward" - Limited Time Offer!**

If you're an avid fan of American literature and appreciate the beauty of original manuscripts, don't miss this rare chance to witness the timeless brilliance of "Watch And Ward"! Join us at the exhibition on [insert date and location], where you'll be transported back in time to a world of literary wonder. Immerse yourself in the rich history of American literature and become a part of this extraordinary discovery!

Make sure to arrive early, as space for this exclusive event is extremely limited. Don't be left out of this amazing opportunity to witness a truly exceptional piece of literary history.

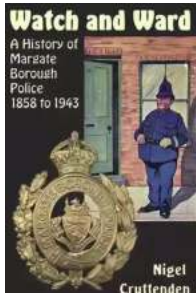
Mark your calendars and prepare to embark on a fascinating journey into the mind of a literary genius. See you at the "Watch And Ward" exhibition!

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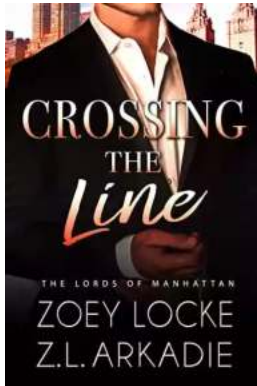
The rare original version of 'Watch and Ward' by acclaimed author, Henry James, as it appeared in The Atlantic Monthly from August to December of 1871. A book version was later published in 1878, in which James made hundreds of revisions. Henry James is regarded as one of the key figures of 19th-century literary realism.

Wealthy Roger Lawrence adopts twelve-year-old Nora Lambert after her father kills himself in the hotel room next to Lawrence's. Roger had refused financial assistance to the man, and he feels remorse. Nora is not a pretty child but she soon starts to develop, as does Roger's idea of eventually marrying her.

Unfortunately for Roger, once Nora matures into a beautiful young woman, she is attracted to two other men: worthless George Fenton and the somewhat hypocritical minister, Hubert Lawrence (Roger's cousin).

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