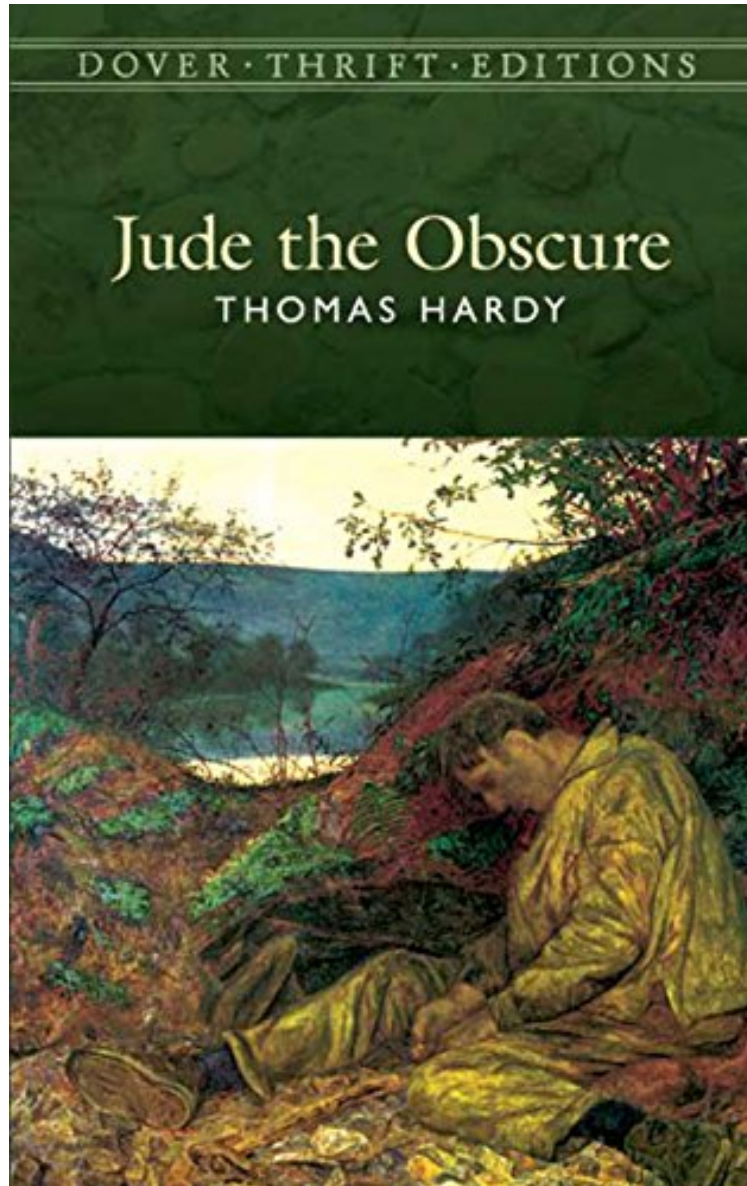


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Von Thomas Hardy : Jude the Obscure (Dover Thrift Editions) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jude the Obscure (Dover Thrift Editions):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen7 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A rainy story for pessimistsVon holly@witty.comPoor Jude, literally and figuratively. He is the ultimate trapped man waiting and hoping for redemption that never comes. He wants education, love, and a future for his children. These are all

thwarted by both society and individuals. His first wife abandons him within weeks of their marriage. He eventually finds his one true love only to have her abandon him and deny herself and her love for him. He gives up any hope of further education and burns and buries his books in his grief. His children are murdered and he is left alone to die. This book is wonderfully sad and depressing, perfect for a rainy weekend ALONE. This is not the book to read in the throes of love and optimism. Hardy's language draws you in and keeps you reading. I threw down the book five times in anger and frustration but HAD TO keep reading to find what happens next, I finished it within two days! The writing evokes the mood of the novel and the people involved so vividly that I could almost smell the pigs, hear the stonemason's tapping and feel the cold fog of Christminster. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Beautiful Reading by Jenny Sterlin Von Donald Mitchell "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish." -- Galatians 5:17 (NKJV) I always avoided Jude the Obscure, largely due to its title that just doesn't appeal to me (although I like it better now after understanding its references). But with several long driving trips planned, I thought it would be worth giving it a shot with the unabridged CDs narrated by Jenny Sterlin for Recorded Books. I am happy I made that choice. I'm not sure I would have been able to finish reading the book, with its painful portrayals of how Jude Fawley and his cousin, Sue, struggle with trying to overcome the flesh to live spiritual lives. The morality that Thomas Hardy portrays isn't quite that simple, suggesting that perhaps the road to happiness includes more fleshly satisfactions than those who are committed to living in the spirit might enjoy. Ms. Sterlin's reading kept those conflicts fresher and more interesting for me than the printed page would have done. I found the book much more appealing in the beginning as Jude explored his dream of becoming a learned man . . . up until the time he met the manipulative flirt, Arabella. From then on, I found myself instead admiring the astonishing plot design more than I was immersed in feeling as though I identified with the characters or was attracted by Thomas Hardy's philosophies. Should you decide that Jude the Obscure is a must for your reading list, do yourself a favor and enjoy this reading. 4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hardy needed help! Von muchadoaboutlisa@yahoo.com When I first read this book, all I could think was "Oh my God. Another tragedy!" I've come to the conclusion after reading this, 'The Mayor of Casterbridge' and 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles', that Hardy must have either hated life, hated women, or both. However, my appreciation of this book has risen slightly since I have had to study it within the context of the ideologies it represents. (I am currently doing a unit on Victorian Ideologies at the best uni in Western Australia.) This still doesn't make the tragic ending any less horrific and unsatisfying and frustrating and just plain awful!!! Thinking about it now makes me cry! I couldn't cry when I was reading it because I was so mad! But in retrospect, how sad. Please take my advice and DO NOT read this book if you're feeling depressed! But for an insight into the ideologies that trapped both men and women of the Victorian era, 'Jude The Obscure' is certainly well worth a read.

Kurzbeschreibung Powerful and controversial from its 1895 publication to the present, Jude the Obscure scandalized Victorian critics, who condemned it as decadent, indecent, and degenerate. Between its frank portrayals of sexuality and its indictments of marriage, religion, and England's class system, the novel offended a broad swath of readers. Its heated reception led the embittered author to renounce fiction, turning his considerable talents ever afterward to writing poetry. Hardy's last novel depicts a changing world, where a poor stonemason can aspire to a university education and a higher place in society but where in reality such dreams remain unattainable. Thwarted at every turn, Jude Hawley abandons his hopes, is trapped into an unwise marriage, and pursues a doomed relationship with his free-spirited cousin, Sue Bridehead. The lovers find themselves equally incapable of living within the conventions of their era and of transcending its legal and moral strictures. Hailed by modern critics as a pioneering work of feminism and socialist thought, Hardy's tragic parable continues to resonate with readers.