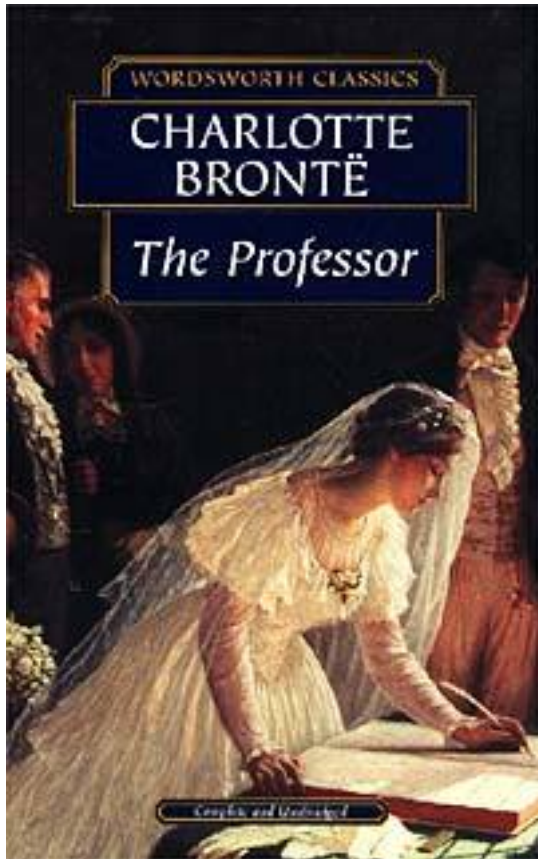

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The Professor



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Description

The Professor is Charlotte Brontë's first novel, in which she audaciously inhabits the voice and consciousness of a man, William Crimsworth. Like Jane Eyre he is parentless; like Lucy Snowe in *Villette* he leaves the certainties of England to forge a life in Brussels. But as a man, William has freedom of action, and as a writer Brontë is correspondingly liberated, exploring the relationship between power and sexual desire.

William's first person narration reveals his attraction to the dominating directress of the girls' school where he teaches, played out in the school's 'secret garden'. Balanced against this is his more temperate relationship with one of his pupils, Frances Henri, in which mastery and submission interplay. *The Professor* was published only after Charlotte Brontë's death; today it gives us a fascinating insight into the first stirrings of her supreme creative imagination.

Insightful reviews

Kristen: I decided to read *Wuthering Heights*, but it was not on the shelf, so I decided to take this one. It's a charming little book, if one overlooks the narrator's conviction that the shape of a person's head, face, and even body reveals their inner character; also his tendency to refer to different European nationalities as 'races' with easily identified (and always inferior to English) characteristics; and finally his seriously anti-Catholic attitude (and I'm not even Catholic!) - all of which in their own way are very revealing of the author's time period. The foreword also makes it clear that this is not a story of high drama and major Gothic plot twists. In fact, it is the story of a man with a few advantages who makes his own way through the world, more or less, finds love, and becomes happy. Toward the end I was afraid that his happiness would somehow be snatched away, but it was not. Full of fascinating characters as it is, it is not in any way a dull novel (at least to me).

Henry Avila: Mr. William Crimsworth, newly graduated from exclusive, Eton College, writes a letter to his one and only friend Charles, about his adventures since both left the school (Charles never receives it, having departed for parts unknown). William late mother was an aristocrat, but having married "beneath her," had been shunned by her family, something common in mid 19th century England. His father was a wealthy businessman, until going bankrupt, also deceased. What to do? William, has an older brother by ten years, Edward, a cold tyrant, but rich mill owner, he has little seen. Rejecting an offer from Lord Tynedale, and the Honorable John Seacombe, his maternal uncles, to become a man of the cloth, a rector in a church controlled by Seacombe, and even marry one of his six unappealing daughters, young Crimsworth, does not like his cousins, they in turn cut loose the ungrateful boy, no longer supporting him. So the reluctant, distant Edward, gives him a job as a low paying clerk, in a northern English, dirty, polluted, ugly town, when you can see it, through the thick, noxious fumes, translating foreign language, business letters, the jealous brother hates the better educated William, shows no love, the rich man, has little contact with the poor one, kept from Crimsworth Hall, proper etiquette, must be maintained, between the two ... The letter ends but life continues, disaster, William is dismissed by his enraged brother, when an acquaintance, Mr. Hunsden, gossips about the ill treatment receives by the younger Mr. Crimsworth. To make

amends Mr. Hunsden (his nefarious plan successful), tells William to travel to Brussels, Belgium, seek better employment, and gives him a letter of introduction. Since no other prospects are on the horizon, and always wanting to see the continent, he complies, receives an offer as an English teacher, from the seemingly affable, Monsieur Francois Pelet, a Frenchman who owns a boys school, in the Belgium capital, does well, and later teaches a class at the next door girls school of charming, older, Mademoiselle Zoraider Reuter, a native of the country. But conflict appears, a love triangle, William and M.Pelet, are enamored of the fetching Mademoiselle Reuter, though not beautiful, neither is the professor, she does sparkle, during their romantic walks, in her institutes gardens, and enjoys being wanted by the suitors, playing a fun game of causing the men, pain...still the emotions are complicated more, when another enters, Frances Henri, a Swiss seamstress, living with her old aunt, employed by Mademoiselle Reuter, becomes a pupil in William's English class, the not well educated girl, somehow is brilliant, the best of his students, impossible... the mystery is solved, she had a English mother. The professor, starts to like the young, shy lady, and Zoraider, doesn't like this, she is not happy at all. And the school mistress can do much harm... The perplexing Mr. Hunsden arrives in town, curious to discover what his protege, has been up to, and his stories, revealed...they have not been dull. The inexperienced in life, William, learns (even teachers must too), the mendacity of people ...

La Petite Américaine: Every time I finish a Charlotte Bronte novel, my heart pounds and my mind is disoriented. After reaching the end of her stories, closing her pages for the last time, and remembering the long passages written out in long-hand, it's all like slowly surfacing from the depths of another world, and you're back home in reality, not quite sure you want to be there.

Although it doesn't have the exquisite tragedy of *Villette* or the kick-ass karate-chop combos of romance, ghosts, crazy ladies in the attic, religious nut-jobs, and true love found in *Jane Eyre*, *The Professor* is still one hell of a novel.

Its themes are common to Bronte's novels: Catholic wickedness (aka, "Romish wizardcraft" in this book -- HAHHAHA!), relationships among the different social classes, social-restraint, and independence. Illustrating these themes are our upright, plain, poor, and virtuous narrator and his love interest, who are contrasted by the so-goddamn-evil-i-love-her Zoraide Reuter and her equally two-faced and back stabbing boyfriend, M. Pelet.

In many ways inferior to *Jane Eyre*, and in many other ways a "rough draft" of *Villette*, this novel is probably not the author's best. But I loved it. Why? Because Charlotte Brtone wrote it.

Bronte famously wrote that Jane Austen's writing was like "a carefully fenced, highly cultivated garden, with neat borders and delicate flowers: but no glance of a bright, vivid physiognomy, no open country, no fresh air, no blue hill, no bonny beck ... rather, comprehensive, measured, balanced, certainly "highly cultivated.""

What is Bronte then? Her writing is wild, like weeds, growing out of control and wrapping around you eyes, heart, and mind, but she planted those weeds and cultivated them just as carefully as Austen cultivated her garden -- but with more skill. Bronte gets you in a snare from which you

cannot break free. Her words, her writing, her storytelling are all overpowering in their savageness. When you try to release yourself (it's called putting the book down) you'll find your heart beating from the rapid ride that she has taken you on ... and you want to jump right back in.

Seriously, I love this woman. Favorite writer EVER!!

Sparrow: Charlotte Bronte is any such self-righteous biotch.

Anne Hawn Smith: i've got combined emotions approximately this book. It wasn't nearly as good as Jane Eyre . The characters weren't built as well. I additionally had an issue with the varied lengthy passages in French which i do not speak, and which, have been made even tougher whilst listened to on an audiobook. The publication starts off out good as we see William Crimsworth, the Professor, lengthy prior to he's a professor. He is going to paintings for his a lot older, industrialist brother who turns out to despise him. He leaves and makes his solution to Brussels the place finally turns into a instructor (which the Flemish name "Professor.) He begins out relatively well, yet then there's intrigue among William, the top of a women school, and the pinnacle of the lads university William works for. That half appeared very vulnerable to me because the characters of the 2 girls concerned appear to switch their natures noticeably with no a lot precipitating reason. I additionally felt just like the finish of the ebook used to be problematic. there has been an evidence of what occurred to the most character's industrialist brother, yet no longer a resolution. The ebook has a secondary subject of commercial reform, as in Dickens, however it isn't developed. there's a "they lived fortunately ever after" feeling in regards to the book, however it falls flat.

Eline: As a "Flamande" (to use the observe Brontë appeared to like a lot) it used to be fairly unusual to learn a e-book written via Charlotte Brontë a few professor, named William Crimsworth, who got here to BELGIUM to educate English. there has been decades i did not even recognize this e-book existed. till someday i found there is a Brontë-tour in Brussels (<http://www.thebrusselsbrontegroup.org/>) simply because Charlotte and her sister Emily visited our attractive kingdom with their father in 1842. They stayed in a Pensionnat for your time and that is the position the place Charlotte fell in love with a Belgian professor, monsieur Heger. With this guy in her mind, she wrote her first novel "The professor" (only released after her demise in 1855). The precise factor approximately this novel was once that Charlotte inhabited the voice and attention of a man. In all of her later novels she writes a couple of woman major character. a few critics think her male viewpoint during this booklet was once flawed... i would not recognize when you consider that i am not a man, yet for me she did a high-quality activity in bringing William Crimsworth to life. She offers us a picture of a guy with a truly particular character. He is familiar with this too and does not deny it. On our approach during the tale we discover a good guy who turns out to put in writing his diary. He shall we us be aware of every little thing he does, what he thinks, what the folk round him say and/or do. this can sound boring, yet I promise you: this publication is not uninteresting AT ALL! Charlotte is familiar with how one can retain her readers and we will see that she has practiced writing sooner than she all started her first novel. Untill the very finish of the tale you do not precisely understand what to anticipate and that is one of many issues a really enjoyed approximately this book. Now... anything at the story. William Crimsworth hasn't precisely identified in his existence what it

sounds like to have a loving family, not to mention one individual on your existence who loves you and helps you. His mom and dad died while he was once very younger and his older brother, even though very wealthy and successful, isn't really particularly loving or supporting either. After a failed try and paintings for his tyrinnical brother, William makes a decision to go away for Belgium. With a few support he quickly reveals a task as English professor in a boarding university for boys. After it slow he additionally begins to coach English in a college for girls. it truly is during this final institution he meets the directress, leave out Zoraïde Reuter, and falls in love with her. She turns out to respond to his love, yet quickly he unearths out that issues aren't continually what they appear to be. pass over Zoraïde in simple terms observed him as a distraction and is secretly engaged to the director of the lads tuition the place Crimsworth additionally works. it is a second within the ebook the place Charlotte fairly captures the sentiments and techniques of our major character. we will be able to see him enhance from a nation of unhappiness to a country of anger and at last to a brand new nation of being in love. certainly William falls for one in all his students. fortunately this pupil is not just one of many minor women he attempts to educate English, yet a colleague who desired to increase her English, Frances Henri. i am not going to problematic approximately this pretty second in Crimsworths live. you simply have to learn for your self how William and his liked scholar are being torn appart yet ultimately locate one another back.If i need to locate something i did not like approximately this book, it is the truth Charlotte turns out to discover Belgians grotesque and stupid. She grabs each chance to claim anything undesirable in regards to the Flemish girls and boys in Crimsworths classes... Meuh! ;)A factor a beloved used to be that Charlotte Brontë used loads of French during this novel. It simply makes it a bit of extra "real".

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