



WHAT MAISIE KNEW

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by **Henry James (1843-1916)**

When Beale and Ida Farange are divorced, the court decrees that their only child, the very young Maisie, will shuttle back and forth between them, spending six months of the year with each. The parents are immoral and frivolous, and they use Maisie to intensify their hatred of each other.

Published in 1897, *What Maisie Knew* is the story of the sensitive daughter of wildly dysfunctional family. The book is regarded as a masterly technical achievement by James, as it follows the title character from earliest childhood to precocious maturity. (*Wikipedia*)

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