The Turn of the Screw

by Henry James (1843–1916)

Published in 1898, James’ novella The Turn of the Screw is a tale of the supernatural narrated by a young governess hired to care for two children in an old country home in England. Blessed with preternatural grace and beauty, young Miles and Flora seem to be stalked by the spirits of two former servants. As the governess gradually becomes convinced of her charges’ sinister collusion in the mystery, the reader is left wondering: is she shrewdly perceptive -- or an imaginative neurotic?

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