

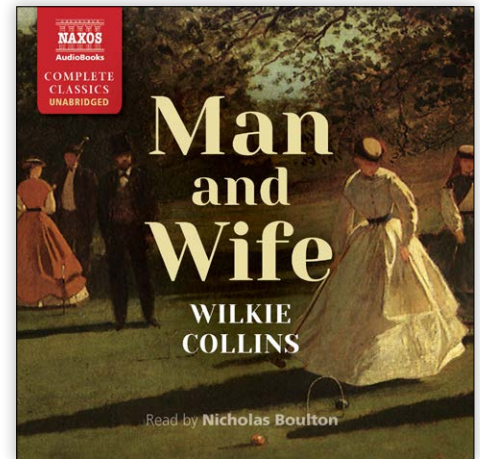
Man and Wife

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Published 10 years after Collins's most popular novel *The Woman in White*, *Man and Wife* centres on the confused and inequitable marriage laws of 19th-century Britain, reflecting the author's own antipathy towards the institution. The plot follows the fortunes of a woman who, committed to marriage with one man, comes to believe that she may have inadvertently married his friend, according to the archaic laws of Scotland and Ireland. Collins shows himself to be a masterly storyteller, seamlessly moving the action from a country house to a suburb of London, and into a world of deceit and murder.



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1	Man and Wife		
2	II		
3	Mr Vanborough opened the conversation.		
4	III		
5	Thus far not a word had escaped the master of the...		
6	IV		
7	Lady Jane began to perceive, what the lawyer...		
8	Part the Second. The March of Time. V		
9	VI		
10	VII		
11	VIII		
12	IX		
13	The Story. First Scene – The Summer-House		
14	Chapter the Second		
15	The eyes of the lady of the house and the eyes of...		
16	Chapter the Third		
17	Blanche looked back over her shoulder.		
18	Chapter the Fourth		
19	She suddenly changed her tone. The savage element...		
20	Chapter the Fifth		
21	Chapter the Sixth		
3:39	22	With that he uncrossed his legs again, and looked...	10:13
8:58	23	Chapter the Seventh	8:36
7:53	24	Arnold hesitated. Absolutely ignorant of that low...	7:23
7:54	25	Chapter the Eighth	11:00
5:32	26	A very remarkable-looking person entered the room.	11:33
8:52	27	Second Scene – The Inn	12:03
11:02	28	The door from the passage opened...	7:29
7:42	29	The situation was too painful to be endured.	13:07
4:29	30	Chapter the Tenth	8:27
6:53	31	The door opened suddenly; and Mr Bishopriggs...	11:12
3:53	32	Chapter the Eleventh	10:14
1:27	33	Chapter the Twelfth	14:07
6:19	34	The dresser-drawer in the pantry contained a choice...	10:11
10:13	35	Chapter the Thirteenth	7:57
12:02	36	Without allowing herself to hesitate for an instant...	8:00
14:25	37	The rain still fell, but the storm was dying away.	10:09
7:51	38	Third Scene – London	12:09
10:16	39	Chapter the Fifteenth	10:11
9:14	40	Chapter the Sixteenth	11:40
9:45	41	Julius recovered his breath, and arranged his coat.	7:09
14:56	42	Fourth Scene – Windygates	11:24

43	Chapter the Eighteenth	14:35	94	Tenth Scene – The Bedroom	13:58
44	In the meantime Blanche had not done yet.	9:06	95	The silence in the room was unbroken until...	10:33
45	Chapter the Nineteenth	9:56	96	Mrs Inchbare made her appearance...	13:58
46	‘Hear my defence, gentlemen,’ continued Sir Patrick...	14:44	97	Eleventh Scene – Sir Patrick’s House	9:05
47	Chapter the Twentieth	8:27	98	Chapter the Forty-Eighth	10:47
48	As soon as the general stupefaction was allayed...	12:42	99	The next course came in – and there was an end of...	8:51
49	Chapter the Twenty-First	6:18	100	Twelfth Scene – Drury Lane	10:42
50	Having made this concession to circumstances...	12:17	101	‘I begin to understand her,’ said Sir Patrick.	11:24
51	Chapter the Twenty-Second	9:40	102	Sir Patrick’s face became thoughtful. He waited a little...	9:53
52	Leaving his thoughts free to wander where they liked...	12:20	103	Thirteenth Scene – Fulham	8:54
53	Chapter the Twenty-Third	9:06	104	In the meantime the two gentlemen...	13:09
54	Anne roused herself at those words.	9:03	105	At the twelfth round, Fleetwood was leading...	12:56
55	Chapter the Twenty-Fourth	14:00	106	Fourteenth Scene – Portland Place	11:06
56	Chapter the Twenty-Fifth	4:49	107	Sir Patrick broke the silence. He addressed himself to...	10:09
57	He paused, considering with himself whether he...	12:19	108	Sir Patrick went on unblushingly from one irregularity...	13:02
58	Chapter the Twenty-Sixth	10:55	109	Sir Patrick waited patiently for Mr Moy’s reply.	12:03
59	He slackened the reins, and away he went to Craig...	8:31	110	Anne’s sweet voice broke the dreary silence.	13:33
60	Chapter the Twenty-Seventh	13:09	111	Fifteenth Scene – Holchester House	13:15
61	Chapter the Twenty-Eighth	10:02	112	Sixteenth Scene – Salt Patch	7:45
62	Having justified himself in those terms...	6:23	113	Chapter the Fifty-Fourth	14:05
63	Chapter the Twenty-Ninth	7:30	114	Left alone, Anne secured the door, and threw herself...	12:36
64	The next morning came; and Blanche marked it as...	8:15	115	Chapter the Fifty-Fifth	12:00
65	Chapter the Thirtieth	13:01	116	An appeal to the proprieties of life, in the mouth of...	6:50
66	Chapter the Thirty-First	10:13	117	Chapter the Fifty-Sixth	9:17
67	Her ladyship put her handkerchief to her eyes.	12:40	118	Their eyes met as he said it to her. Julius felt Anne’s hand...	6:17
68	Chapter the Thirty-Second	12:07	119	Chapter the Fifty-Seventh	9:25
69	Fifth Scene – Glasgow	6:25	120	Another and a longer interval passed before the door...	10:25
70	Mr Camp sat in his private room, absorbed over his ...	7:47	121	Chapter the Fifty-Eighth	14:02
71	Chapter the Thirty-Fourth	9:37	122	‘Dead tired!’ – the servant said to herself...	6:19
72	Sixth Scene – Swanhaven Lodge	11:26	123	Chapter the Fifty-Ninth	0:43
73	Reduced to the plain expression of what it is really...	11:53	124	2	2:20
74	Geoffrey took a turn on the terrace...	12:56	125	3	2:40
75	Chapter the Thirty-Sixth	13:45	126	4	3:44
76	It was still early in the afternoon when the gaiety at...	14:14	127	5	2:52
77	Chapter the Thirty-Seventh	9:26	128	6	10:20
78	With all his enormous assurance Bishopriggs was...	6:51	129	7	2:58
79	Seventh Scene – Ham Farm	6:37	130	8	3:36
80	Arnold started. Sir Patrick looked at him...	9:42	131	9	10:40
81	Chapter the Thirty-Ninth	6:07	132	10	8:34
82	Chapter the Fortieth	14:08	133	11	3:51
83	Chapter the Forty-First	11:19	134	12	3:44
84	Sir Patrick put the letter down with unfeigned...	7:18	135	Arrived at that point in the narrative...	2:27
85	Chapter the Forty-Second	11:38	136	Chapter the Sixtieth	9:38
86	Blanche’s name had barely passed her husband’s lips...	11:22	137	The surgeon took his leave. Anne hurried back...	11:42
87	Chapter the Forty-Third	11:05	138	As he turned to bid Anne farewell, the uneasiness...	14:25
88	He mechanically took up the Glasgow journal...	13:39	139	Chapter the Sixty-First	6:07
89	Eighth Scene – The Pantry	10:18	140	Chapter the Sixty-Second	7:58
90	Bishopriggs hesitated again. His first suspicion that...	9:43	141	She was standing motionless in the middle...	9:42
91	Ninth Scene – The Music-Room	13:43	142	The church clock struck the quarter to eleven.	9:15
92	A sudden reluctance to go on and enter the room...	10:01	143	Epilogue	3:34
93	Anne rose on her side, still in firm possession of her...	14:57	144	II	7:18

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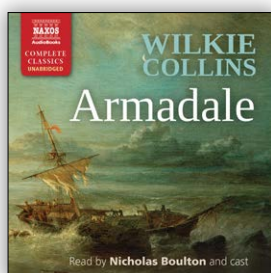
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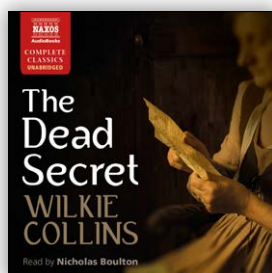
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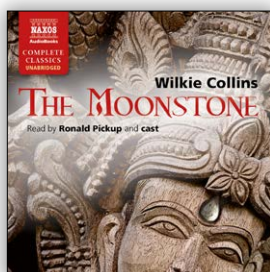
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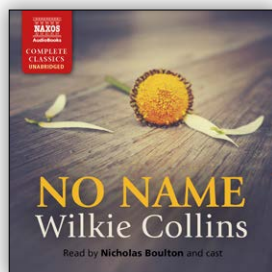
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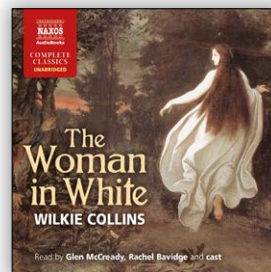
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