

A Simple Story

By Elizabeth Inchbald
Unabridged
Read by Juliet Stevenson

DESCRIPTION

Published in 1791, *A Simple Story* concerns Miss Milner, who announces her passion for her guardian, a Catholic priest, thereby breaking through the barriers of his religious vocation and society's standards for proper female behavior.

Central themes of the novel include the importance of proper education for women. Elizabeth Inchbald was a dramatist and actress, and this can be detected in her narrative, particularly her lively dialogue. The novel was well received on its publication, with one reviewer writing that 'Mrs. Inchbald has discovered the true path which she ought to pursue'.

In several respects *A Simple Story* anticipates the writing of Jane Austen, especially in Inchbald's concise and ironic style. Here it is given a delightful reading by the acclaimed actress Juliet Stevenson.

SALES AND MARKETING POINTS

- The only recording of an important late 18th-century novel that foreshadows Jane Austen.
- A superb performance by Juliet Stevenson.



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