

**TITLE:** Rebecca

**AUTHOR:** Daphne Du Maurier

**CATEGORY/GENRE:** Classics, Fiction, Mystery, Gothic Romance

**SERIES:** No

**AWARDS:** National Book Award for Fiction (1938), Anthony Award for Best Novel of the Century (2000)

**SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS:** *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

**AVAILABLE:** STC Library: book; SEO Libraries Interlibrary Loan: book and book on CD; Libby: eBook and audiobook

**ABOUT THIS BOOK:** This is a story of a nameless, shy young woman's quest to overcome the ghost of her husband's dead wife and achieve happiness. Following a whirlwind romance in Monte Carlo, a dashing widower, Maximilian de Winter, marries the young woman and takes his new bride to Manderley, his grand English estate. Once there, the new Mrs. de Winter finds her husband to be distant, moody, and yet still charming, but a dark cloud hangs over their marriage. Maxim's first wife, Rebecca, drowned in a cove near Manderley the previous year, and her ghost haunts the newlyweds' home. Rebecca's devoted housekeeper, the sinister Mrs. Danvers, is still in charge of Manderley, and she frightens and intimidates her new mistress. After daily encounters with Mrs. Danvers and one particularly harrowing event, Mrs. De Winter gets the feeling that Maxim is still in love with his dead wife. Just when she feels all is lost, another event occurs that forces Maxim to reveal past secrets. Will the woman finally find happiness in her marriage or will the ghost of Rebecca forever haunt her? The novel is suspenseful with many twists and surprises as the heroine tries to find happiness at Manderley while living in the shadow of the past.

**YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...** You like stories with unforgettable characters, gorgeous writing with vivid descriptions, great plot twists and suspense—all mixed with a feeling that disaster is just waiting for the right moment to strike.