

# The Importance of Being Earnest: And Other Plays, Volume 4; Volume 95, / 200 pages / Oscar Wilde / 9780451525055 / 1985 / Penguin Books USA, 1985

Other readers will always be interested in your opinion of the books you've read. Whether you've loved the book or not, if you give your honest and detailed thoughts then people will find new books that are right for them. 1. The Water Dancer. IF OSCAR WILDE, whose best dramatic works are contained in this volume, had never existed, we would not have been able to invent him. The world-famous, and infamous, Wilde, the witty social commentator and outcast, the fabulous fop and invert, as well as the poet, novelist, and (certainly not least) playwright—the immortal Oscar Wilde whom we may come to know through his writings and reputation is, in fact, himself the invention of the very mortal Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, who came into this. This book is the 812th greatest Fiction book of all time as determined by thegreatestbooks.org. This page also displays the various versions (paperback, hardcover, audio) and prices for the book on Amazon.com. Its high farce and witty dialogue have helped make The Importance of Being Earnest Wilde's most enduringly popular play. An ideal husband. The importance of being earnest. Notes. Introduction. Terrence McNally. You are holding in your hand a volume of plays by Oscar Wilde, including the funniest, most subversive play in the English language, The Importance of Being Earnest. The other plays in this volume are less interesting. They are chock-full of Wilde's delicious, immortal epigrams (and that is imperative enough to read and enjoy them, and sufficient reason for their continuing revivals and occasional filmings), but they rarely transcend the characters' conventionality or the now-tedious melodramatic situations in which they find themselves. Having read all the plays in this volume, Earnest is my favorite. Three of the other plays are also comedies. Lady Windermere's Fan and A Woman of No Importance both have a fallen woman theme and are a bit melodramatic, particularly the latter. There is a lesson here, as certain other characters, who start out a bit Reading The Importance of Being Earnest for the Victorians! group. They all follow roughly the same beats and have roughly the same The five plays are: \* The Importance of Being Earnest \* Lady Windermere's Fan \* An Ideal Husband \* A Woman of No Importance \* Salome. The stories are fine; you read or watch Wilde's plays not for the plot, but for the wit.