

The Throop Club meets every Thursday from 4 to 6 PM at 171 Melrose Avenue, Monrovia, CA. For more information or directions contact Jim Bys jimbys@charter.net or 626-574-5667

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In July we will be reading...

The Age of Innocence asks if we are a product of our upbringing. Can we change how we have been raised and all we thought we believed? The detailed picture of the staid, regal New York society of the 1870's is amazing to us now. Everything these characters do are overlaid with tradition of what is and isn't done in public or in private. The same is true today although we would hate to admit it. Our society has changed, so our beliefs are different. But are they any less rigid? We know what we will or won't accept or allow. Much of that acceptance was taught through our family. We still tend to stay within our own class with the same type of values. Wharton gives us a poignant picture of how a person adapts to his or her society. This novel endures as a classic. Once you read it, you understand why.

This novel won the 1921 Pulitzer prize.

