



The Watch Tower: Text Classics

Elizabeth Harrower

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

The Watch Tower: Text Classics

Elizabeth Harrower

The Watch Tower: Text Classics Elizabeth Harrower

After Laura and Clare are abandoned by their mother, Felix is there to help, even to marry Laura if she will have him. Little by little the two sisters grow complicit with his obsessions, his cruelty, his need to control.

Set in the leafy northern suburbs of Sydney during the 1940s, *The Watch Tower* is a novel of relentless and acute psychological power.

Elizabeth Harrower was born in Sydney in 1928. Her first novel *Down in the City* was published in 1957, and was followed by *The Long Prospect* a year later. In 1959 she began working for the ABC and as a book reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*. In 1960 she published *The Catherine Wheel*, the story of an Australian law student in London, her only novel not set in Sydney. *The Watch Tower* appeared in 1966. She was admired by many of her contemporaries, including Patrick White and Christina Stead, and is without doubt among the most important writers of the postwar period in Australia. Elizabeth Harrower lives in Sydney.

'Harrower's greatest novel [is] *The Watch Tower* (1966), the bitter story of two sisters, Laura and Clare, who lose their parents and fall under the sway of Felix Shaw, an abusive and controlling drunk...[It is] her masterpiece.' James Wood, *New Yorker*

'Haunting and delicate.' *Kirkus Reviews*

'This is a harrowing novel, relentless in its depiction of marital enslavement, spiritual self-destruction and the exploited condition of women in a masculinist society...It is a brilliant achievement.' *Washington Post*

'Haunting...Harrower captures brilliantly the struggle to retain a self.' *Guardian*

'Elizabeth Harrower's thrilling 1966 novel *The Watch Tower* comes rampaging back from decades of disgraceful neglect: a wartime Sydney story of two abandoned sisters and the arrival in their lives of Felix, one of literature's most ferociously realised nasty pieces of work.' Helen Garner, *Australian*

'I read this book twice. Once for sheer pleasure - if pleasure can be the correct term for an experience that is so distressing - and once for the purposes of this review...It left me with the strongest sense I have had for a very long time of the infinite preciousness of consciousness, at whatever cost, and of our terrifying human vulnerability.' Salley Vickers, *Sydney Morning Herald*

'A superb psychological novel that will creep into your bones.' Michelle de Kretser, *The Monthly*

'I read *The Watch Tower* with a mixture of fascination and horror. It was impossible to put down. I then read all Harrower's novels: *The Long Prospect* (a prescient study of a relationship between a man and a clever but unrecognised young girl), *Down in the City* and *The Catherine Wheel*. Her acute psychological assessments are made from gestures, language and glances and she is brilliant on power, isolation and class.' Ramona Koval, *Australian*

'To create a monster as continually credible, comic and nauseating as Felix is a feat of a very high order. But to control that creation, as Miss Harrower does, so that Clare remains the centre of interest is an achievement

even more rare. *The Watch Tower* is a triumph of art over virtuosity...a dense, profoundly moral novel of our time.' H.G. Kippax, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 19 November 1966

'Beautifully written and a powerful commentary on the subjugation of women in the 1940's both in the work place and in the home, Harrower has created a complex array of characters. The psychological tight rope that Laura and Clare must walk on a daily basis is deeply felt by the reader. The book is surely a mini-masterpiece.' Salty Popcorn

 [Download The Watch Tower: Text Classics ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Watch Tower: Text Classics ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Watch Tower: Text Classics Elizabeth Harrower

From reader reviews:

Lorraine Brown:

Do you have favorite book? When you have, what is your favorite's book? Publication is very important thing for us to find out everything in the world. Each publication has different aim or maybe goal; it means that guide has different type. Some people feel enjoy to spend their time and energy to read a book. These are reading whatever they take because their hobby will be reading a book. Why not the person who don't like examining a book? Sometime, person feel need book if they found difficult problem as well as exercise. Well, probably you'll have this The Watch Tower: Text Classics.

Gregory Jones:

Hey guys, do you desires to finds a new book to study? May be the book with the headline The Watch Tower: Text Classics suitable to you? Typically the book was written by renowned writer in this era. Often the book untitled The Watch Tower: Text Classics is one of several books which everyone read now. This kind of book was inspired a lot of people in the world. When you read this book you will enter the new age that you ever know previous to. The author explained their idea in the simple way, so all of people can easily to recognise the core of this reserve. This book will give you a large amount of information about this world now. So you can see the represented of the world with this book.

Jennifer Lorenzo:

Reading a publication can be one of a lot of activity that everyone in the world really likes. Do you like reading book consequently. There are a lot of reasons why people like it. First reading a book will give you a lot of new data. When you read a reserve you will get new information mainly because book is one of numerous ways to share the information as well as their idea. Second, studying a book will make a person more imaginative. When you reading through a book especially tale fantasy book the author will bring someone to imagine the story how the figures do it anything. Third, you may share your knowledge to other folks. When you read this The Watch Tower: Text Classics, you are able to tells your family, friends as well as soon about yours e-book. Your knowledge can inspire the mediocre, make them reading a e-book.

Phillip Hicks:

Reading can called head hangout, why? Because if you are reading a book specifically book entitled The Watch Tower: Text Classics your mind will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in each and every aspect that maybe mysterious for but surely will become your mind friends. Imaging each word written in a e-book then become one form conclusion and explanation this maybe you never get before. The The Watch Tower: Text Classics giving you a different experience more than blown away your brain but also giving you useful facts for your better life on this era. So now let us present to you the relaxing pattern is your body and mind will likely be pleased when you are finished reading through it, like winning a. Do you want to try this extraordinary shelling out spare time activity?

**Download and Read Online The Watch Tower: Text Classics
Elizabeth Harrower #NYH1ELW7ISF**

Read The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower for online ebook

The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower books to read online.

Online The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower ebook PDF download

The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower Doc

The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower Mobipocket

The Watch Tower: Text Classics by Elizabeth Harrower EPub