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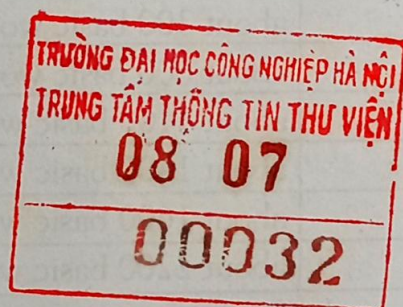
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|                  |                        |
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| Upper            | about 2200 basic words |

### **Vocabulary**

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...<sup>3</sup>. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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# A Note About the Author

William Somerset Maugham is one of the most famous British writers.

Maugham was born in Paris in 1874. He studied medicine to become a doctor. His first book, called *Lisa of Lambeth*, was published in 1896. It was successful and many copies were sold.

Maugham decided not to work as a doctor, but to be a writer instead. He wrote a great number of books and plays. And many of his stories were about the people he met on his travels all over the world.

Maugham became a rich man. 80 million copies of his books were sold while he was alive.

Somerset Maugham died in Cap Ferrat, France, on 16th December 1965. He was 91 years old.



**W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM**

*unsimplified*

**FICTION**

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Liza of Lambeth              | Ah King                   |
| Mrs Craddock                 | Don Fernando              |
| The Magician                 | Cosmopolitans             |
| Of Human Bondage             | Theatre                   |
| The Moon and Sixpence        | The Summing Up            |
| The Trembling of a Leaf      | Christmas Holiday         |
| On a Chinese Screen          | Books and You             |
| The Painted Veil             | The Mixture as Before     |
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