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Wide Sargasso Sea

By Jean Rhys

Penguin Books Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Wide Sargasso Sea, Jean Rhys, Jean Rhys' spell-binding novel "Wide Sargasso Sea", inspired by Jane Eyre and winner the Royal Society of Literature Award is beautifully repackaged as part of the Penguin Essentials range. 'There is no looking glass here and I don't know what I am like now. Now they have taken everything away. What am I doing in this place and who am I?' If Antoinette Cosway, a spirited Creole heiress, could have foreseen the terrible future that awaited her, she would not have married the young Englishman. Initially drawn to her beauty and sensuality, he becomes increasingly frustrated by his inability to reach into her soul. He forces Antoinette to conform to his rigid Victorian ideals, unaware that in taking away her identity he is destroying a part of himself as well as pushing her towards madness. Set against the lush backdrop of 1830s Jamaica, Jean Rhys' powerful, haunting masterpiece was inspired by her fascination with the first Mrs Rochester, the mad wife in Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. "Compelling, painful and exquisite". ("Guardian"). "Brilliant. A tale of dislocation and dispossession, which Rhys writes with a kind of romantic cynicism,...



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