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Review

"[A] characteristically chilling work by the master of Victorian suspense." From the Back Cover In BASIL'S secret and unconsummated marriage to Margaret Sherwin, the linen-draper's sexually precocious daughter, and the consequent shocks and horrors of betrayal, insanity, and death, Collins reveals the bustling, commercial London of the first half of the nineteenth century wreaking its vengeance on a still powerful aristocratic world. But although BASIL himself does not recognize them, the story forces other conflicts on the reader's attention-between man's sexual and romantic needs and between men's and women's sexuality. About the Author

Wilkie Collins was born in 1824. A close friend and contemporary of Charles Dickens, Collins became one of the best known of Victorian fiction writers. He wrote 25 novels, 50 short stories, 15 plays, and over 100 non-fiction pieces. His work showed the beginnings of detective fiction and horror writing. He died on September 23, 1889.

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