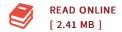




A Love Story (Paperback)

By Emile Zola

Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Everything revolved around their love. They were constantly bathed in a passion that they carried with them, around them, as though it were the only air they could breathe. Helene Grandjean, an attractive young widow, lives a secluded life in Paris with her only child, Jeanne. Jeanne is a delicate and nervous girl who jealously guards her mother s affections. When Jeanne falls ill, she is attended by Dr Deberle, whose growing admiration for Helene gradually turns into mutual passion. Deberle s wife Juliette, meanwhile, flirts with a shallow admirer, and Helene, intent on preventing her adultery, precipitates a crisis whose consequences are far-reaching. Jeanne realizes she has a rival for Helene s devotion in the doctor, and begins to exercise a tyrannous hold over her mother. The eighth novel in Zola s celebrated Rougon-Macquart series, A Love Story is an intense psychological and nuanced portrayal of love s different guises. Zola s study extends most notably to the city of Paris itself, whose shifting moods reflect Helene s emotional turmoil in passages of extraordinary lyrical description.



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