Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

Charles Ryder, a middle-aged captain in the British Army during the Second World War, is moving his troops to a new location via train overnight. When the sun comes up, he realizes that the new encampment is in England near a mansion whose owners he once knew. Brideshead Revisited looks back to the golden age between the World Wars. It tells the story of Charles' infatuation with the Marchmains and the rapidly-disappearing world of privilege they inhabit. Enchanted first by Sebastian at Oxford, then by his doomed Catholic family, particularly his remote sister, Julia, Charles comes finally to recognize only his spiritual and social distance from them.