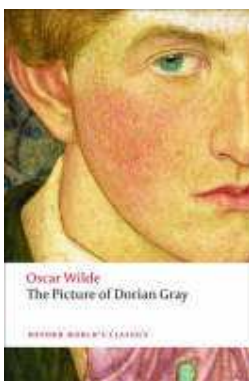


The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde



At the age of eighteen Dorian Gray is possessed with the gifts of wealth and beauty. While having his portrait painted by the artist Basil Hallward, Dorian meets Lord Henry Wotton, a cynic and thinker who convinces Dorian that his youth and beauty are his most important possessions. Falling under Lord Henry's spell, Dorian wishes a fateful wish that he would hold onto his youth and beauty, while his portrait would feel the effects of time and life.