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With a decaying Venetian villa as a backdrop, an anonymous narrator relates his obsessive quest for the personal documents of a deceased Romantic poet, one Jeffrey Aspern. Led by his mission into increasingly unscrupulous behavior, he is ultimately faced with relinquishing his heart's desire or attaining it at an overwhelming price.

Based on a true incident involving the mistress of Lord Byron, James's 1888 novella portrays the narrator's obsession with acquiring the private papers of a dead poet from the man's lover. This latest addition to Dover's wonderful "Thrift" line is currently the most affordable edition available. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information.

Biography

Henry James was a master at tracing the social boundaries of the Gilded Age -- between Old and New World, Europe and America, desire and convention, men and women. He brought an invaluable clear-eyed, and critical, sensibility to America's evolving cultural mores.