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# THE LITTLE HOTEL

Christina Stead

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## author

Christina Stead was born in New South Wales in 1902 and attended Sydney High School and Sydney University's Teachers' Training College. She went to London in 1928, married the economist William Blake, and moved to the USA with him. Much of her life is recounted in her novels, including *Seven Poor Men of Sydney*, *The Man Who Loved Children* and *For Love Alone*. *The Little Hotel* was first published in 1947. Christina Stead died in Sydney in 1983.



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# the book

The Hotel Swiss-Touring is the refuge for a group of cosmopolitan characters who come together in Switzerland after the Second World War. Their object is to conceal themselves from money-hungry governments and hostile master races. But their common purpose doesn't prevent a microcosm of jealousies, spitefulness, vindictiveness and mistrust from developing among the small group, all under the relentless eye of Madame Bonnard.

The introduction by Margaret Harris, Stead's Literary Executor, puts *The Little Hotel* into the perspective of all her work, and discusses the themes of the book and how they relate to Stead's life and times.

## unique selling points

- Published by arrangement with Imprint ETT
- Australian classic repackaged in a new attractive format with a new introduction
- The first of a series of Australian classics published by Richmond using the "Imprint" logo
- 'Christina Stead has assembled a crew as sad, funny and perverse as any ever gathered together.' *Time Magazine*
- 'Stead is above all else an enthusiast for living, monstrous and ridiculous as human vanity can make it, and she refuses to let her characters admit defeat.' *Times Literary Supplement*
- First edition since 1991

## the market

- General
- Educational
- Australian Cultural Interest

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