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household who became Oscar's lovers, and dying in exile at the age of thirty-nine . . . Wilde's development as a playwright. . . becoming the high priest of the aesthetic movement; his successes . . . his celebrity. . . and in later years, his irresistible pull toward another—double—life, in flagrant defiance and disregard of England's strict sodomy laws (the blackmailer's charter); the tragic story of his fall that sent him to prison for two years at hard labor, destroying his life and shattering his soul.

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*The Plays of Oscar Wilde* Oscar Wilde, 2000 Oscar Wilde took London by storm with his first comedy, *Lady Windermere's Fan*. His other plays include: *A Woman of No Importance* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This work features Wilde's plays ranging from his early tragedy era to the controversial *Salome* and little known fragments, *La Sainte Courtisane* and *A Florentine Tragedy*.

**The Importance of Being Earnest** Oscar Wilde, 1994 Theatre program.

**Gone-Away Lake** Elizabeth Enright,2000 Portia and her cousin Julian discover adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake.

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**The Importance Of Being Earnest** Oscar Wilde, 2020-05-20 *The Importance of Being Earnest* is a comedy of manners

set in Victorian England. Algernon lives in London and says he has a sick friend in the country. He uses visits to his imaginary friend to get out of things. His best friend, Ernest, is also Jack and is doing the exact same thing. Misunderstandings abound in this comedy. 'The truth is rarely pure, and never simple.', '...in married life three is company and two is none.' Is this play a 'unique work of art' as Oscar Wilde believed? Or, as a first-night reviewer claimed in 1895, it 'represents nothing, means nothing, is nothing'? This is for you to decide.

Morning-room in Algernon's flat in Half-Moon Street. The room is luxuriously and artistically furnished. The sound of a piano is heard in the adjoining room. [Lane is arranging afternoon tea on the table, and after the music has ceased, Algernon enters.] Algernon. Did you hear what I was playing, Lane? Lane. I didn't think it polite to listen, sir. Algernon. I'm sorry for that, for your sake. I don't play accurately-any one can play accurately-but I play with wonderful expression. As far as the piano is concerned, sentiment is my forte. I keep science for Life. Lane. Yes, sir. Algernon. And, speaking of the science of Life, have you got the cucumber sandwiches cut for Lady Bracknell? Lane. Yes, sir. [Hands them on a salver.] Algernon. [Inspects them, takes two, and sits down on the sofa.] Oh! ... by the way, Lane, I see from your book that on Thursday night, when Lord Shoreman and Mr. Worthing were dining with me, eight bottles of champagne are entered as having been consumed.

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#### **The Writings of Oscar Wilde** Oscar Wilde, 1907

The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde, 2014-08-01 Jack Worthing gets antsy living at his country estate. As an excuse, he spins tales of his rowdy brother Earnest living in London. When Jack rushes to the city to confront his brother, he's free to become Earnest and live a different lifestyle. In London, his best friend, Algernon, begins to suspect Earnest is leading a double life. Earnest confesses that his real name is Jack and admits the ruse has become tricky as two women have become enchanted with the idea of marrying Earnest. On a whim, Algernon also pretends to be Earnest and encounters the two women as they meet at the estate. With two Earnests who aren't really earnest and two women in love with little more than a name, this play is a classic comedy of errors. This is an unabridged version of Oscar Wilde's English play, first published in 1899.

The Importance of Being Earnest - Oscar Wilde Harold Bloom, 2013 Provides a collection of critical essays on Wilde's comedic play The Importance of Being Earnest arranged in chronological order of publication.

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