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**The Ladies' Delight** Oxford University Press

The Ladies' Paradise (Au Bonheur des Dames) recounts the spectacular development of the modern department store in late nineteenth century Paris. The store is a symbol of capitalism, of the modern city, and of the bourgeois family; it is emblematic of consumer culture and the changes in sexual attitudes and class relations taking place at the end of the century. Octave Mouret, the store's owner-manager, masterfully exploits the desires of his female customers. In his private life as much as in business he is the great seducer. But when he falls in love with the innocent Denise Baudu, he discovers she is the only one of the salesgirls who refuses to be commodified. This new translation of the eleventh book in the Rougon-Macquart cycle captures the spirit of one of Zola's greatest novels of the modern city. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

La Bête humaine Graphic Arts Books

Das Paradies der Damen vom französischen Autor Émile Zola erschien 1884 als elfter Roman des zwanzigbändigen Romanzyklus 'Die Rougon-Macquart. Anhand der Geschichte der Protagonistin Denise, einer Verkäuferin, die aus der Provinz nach Paris kommt und im Paradies der Damen eine Anstellung findet, wird das Wachstum und die Struktur dieses Kaufhauses und gleichzeitig der Niedergang des kleingewerblichen Einzelhandels

eines kompletten Pariser Stadtviertels beschrieben. Die im Roman auftauchenden Figuren sind aktiv oder passiv mit dem expandierendem Kaufhaus verbunden. Als Mitarbeiter, Käufer oder anliegender Einzelhändler. Besonderes Augenmerk findet neben der Verkäuferin Denise der Inhaber des Kaufhauses, Octave Mouret, und dessen Leben in der feinen Pariser Gesellschaft sowie seine Geschäftspraktiken. Vorbild für diese Romanfigur waren der Unternehmer Auguste Hériot, der das Pariser Kaufhaus Grands Magasins du Louvre begründete sowie Aristide Boucicaut, der Gründer des Le Bon Marché. Um den Kampf des kleinen Einzelhändlers gegen das aufkommende Großwarenhaus darzustellen, betrieb Zola gewohntermaßen umfangreiche betriebswirtschaftliche und soziologische Studien, er interviewte Geschäftsführer, Abteilungsleiter und Verkäuferinnen der genannten Warenhäuser. Émile Édouard Charles Antoine Zola (1840-1902) war ein französischer Schriftsteller und Journalist. Zola gilt als einer der großen französischen Romanciers des 19. Jahrhunderts und als Leitfigur und Begründer der gesamteuropäischen literarischen Strömung des Naturalismus. Zugleich war er ein sehr aktiver Journalist, der sich auf einer gemäßigt linken Position am politischen Leben beteiligte.

**The Joy of Life** Musaicum Books

'in this life, even if you don't ask for much you still end up with bugger all!' In a run-down quarter of Paris, Gervaise Macquart struggles to earn a living and support her family. She earns a pittance washing other people's dirty clothes in the local washhouse, and dreams of having her own laundry. But in order to start her business she must incur debt, and her feckless husband cannot resist the lure of the Assommoir, the local bar that supplies all the working men with cheap spirits and absinthe. As her money troubles grow, so Gervaise's life begins to spiral out

of control, and she is trapped in a vicious web of want and neglect. The Assommoir is a pivotal novel in Zola's Rougon-Macquart series. In it he lays bare the terrible poverty of the Parisian underclass, living in overcrowded tenements, addicted to drink, a world of squalor, and casual violence. It contains some of Zola's most powerful and graphic writing, unforgettable portrayals of individuals and their environment, and the fine line between self-respect and ruin.

*The Ladies' Paradise* Royal Classics

Émile Zola was one of the most important, though controversial, French novelists of the late nineteenth century, and founder of the Realist movement. In 1871 Zola began to write his most notable series of novels, the "Rougon-Macquart Novels", that relate the history of a fictional family under the Second Empire. As a strict naturalist, Zola was greatly concerned with science, especially the problems of evolution and heredity vs. environment. However, unlike Honoré de Balzac, whose works examined a wider scope of French society, Zola focused on the evolution of one, single family. "The Ladies' Paradise" is the eleventh novel in this series, and begins exactly where "Pot-Bouille" left off. Octave Mouret has married and now owns a department store where twenty year old Denise Baudu, who has come to Paris with her brothers, takes a job as a saleswoman. The novel reflects symbolically on capitalism, the modern city, changes in consumer culture, the bourgeois family, and sexual attitudes at the end of the 19th century. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper.

**Au Bonheur Des Dames** Hachette Éducation

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[The Assommoir](#) Penguin

*The Ladies' Delight* (1883) is a novel by French author Émile Zola. The eleventh of twenty volumes of Zola's monumental *Les Rougon-Macquart* series is an epic story of family, politics, class, and history that traces the disparate paths of several French citizens raised by the same mother. Spanning the entirety of the French Second Empire, Zola provides a sweeping portrait of change that refuses to shy away from controversy and truth as it gets to the heart of heredity and human nature. At the age of twenty, Denise Baudu moves to Paris with her brothers and finds work at "Au Bonheur des Dames," a new department store owned by eccentric entrepreneur Octave Mouret. There, she grows accustomed to 13-hour days, inferior food and housing, and the constant grind of thankless labor. Despite her circumstances, she soon finds herself attracted to Mouret, a notorious womanizer whose exploitative business practices have alienated him from employees and local businesspeople. Mouret's ambition and

innovation have led him to corner the market on textiles, womenswear, furniture, and household goods, infuriating his competitors and driving smaller shops into bankruptcy. Until Denise, he has avoided tying himself down to another, intent on building a fortune for himself without the interference of family. Innocent at first, she soon learns how to manipulate Octave to do her bidding. *The Ladies' Delight* is a story of family and fate, a thrilling and detailed novel that continues a series rich enough for its author to explore in twenty total volumes. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Émile Zola's *The Ladies' Delight* is a classic work of French literature reimagined for modern readers.

**The Dram Shop** e-artnow

*The Ladies' Paradise*, originally *Au Bonheur des Dames*, is the eleventh novel of the famous *Rougon-Macquart* (1871-1893) series of twenty novels written by Émile Zola. It tells a rags-to-riches story about Denise Baudu, a poor young girl from the provinces, and Octave Mouret, the wealthy owner of the department store where Denise comes to work. The rise of the modern department store in late nineteenth-century Paris, the store as a symbol of capitalism of the modern city, and the bourgeois revolution tell us a fascinating story of love and ambition, while depicting a rich texture of Parisian society. Part of Adeptio's Unforgettable Classic Series, this is not a facsimile reprint. Obvious typographical errors have been carefully corrected and the entire text has been reset and redesigned by Adeptio Editions to enhance readability, while respecting the original edition. About the Author: Émile-Douard-Charles-Antoine Zola (1840-1902) was a journalist, a novelist, a playwright, and a political activist. He was one of the most influential French novelists of the 19th century and the founder of the literary and theatrical school of naturalism. Zola was a major figure in the political liberalization of France. During his youth in the south of France, Zola befriended Paul Cézanne, his schoolmate and future renowned Post-Impressionist painter—best known for his incredibly varied painting style that influenced 20th century abstract art. Zola's first book, *Contes de Ninon* (Stories for Ninon), was a collection of short stories dedicated to his imaginary childhood love, Ninon. He published his debut novel in 1865, *La Confession de Claude*, an autobiographical work that chronicled a man falling in love with a sex worker. The book drew

the attention of the public as well as of the police, and it was banned in the social circles, causing Zola to lose his job. Zola went on to write *Thérèse Raquin* (1867), his first major novel, which delves into intrigue, adultery, and murder; and the dark love story *Madeleine Férat* (1868), his last novel before he started his masterful *Rougon-Macquart* 20-novel series. Émile Zola's works include novels, dramas, poetry, and criticism, among which is his famous *Les Rougon-Macquart* (1871-1893), a cycle of twenty novels which depict various aspects of life and society, such as *The Fortune of the Rougons* (*La Fortune des Rougon*) originally published in 1871 and the first novel of the series; *The Rush For The Spoil* (*La Curée*), in 1872; *The Conquest of Plassans* (*La Conquête de Plassans*), in 1874; *The Assommoir - The Prelude to Nana* (*L'Assommoir*), in 1877, the seventh novel of the series, about the suffering of the Parisian working-class; *Nana* (1880), the ninth installment, which deals with prostitution; *Piping Hot!* (*Pot-Bouille*), in 1882, the tenth novel of the cycle and Zola's most sarcastic satire, which describes daily life in a newly constructed block of flats in late nineteenth-century Paris; *The Ladies Paradise* (1883), the eleventh novel (original title: *Au Bonheur des Dames*), which focuses on Octave Mouret, who, in *Piping Hot!*, meets Caroline Hédouin, the owner of a small silk shop; *Germinal* (1885), the thirteenth novel in the series, which depicts the mining industry and is considered by some as his masterpiece; and *The Soil* (*La Terre*), in 1887—all published by Adeptio Editions. Zola's open letter to French president Félix Faure, under the headline "J'accuse...!", published on the front page of the newspaper *L'Aurore* on January 13, 1898, charging various French officials with a "terrible miscarriage of justice," reopened the case of the Jewish army officer, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, who had been sentenced to Devil's Island. For that, Zola was himself sentenced to a year in prison but fled to England, returning one year later after Dreyfus' name had been cleared. Dreyfus was eventually reinstated as an officer and publicly decorated with the Legion of Honor.

*The Bonheur Des Dames, Or, The Shop Girls of Paris* Franklin Classics

Did possessing and killing amount to the same thing deep within the dark recesses of the human beast? *La Bête humaine* (1890), is one of Zola's most violent and explicit works. On one level a tale of murder, passion and possession, it is also a compassionate

study of individuals derailed by atavistic forces beyond their control. Zola considered this his 'most finely worked' novel, and in it he powerfully evokes life at the end of the Second Empire in France, where society seemed to be hurtling into the future like the new locomotives and railways it was building. While expressing the hope that human nature evolves through education and gradually frees itself of the burden of inherited evil, he is constantly reminding us that under the veneer of technological progress there remains, always, the beast within. This new translation captures Zola's fast-paced yet deliberately dispassionate style, while the introduction and detailed notes place the novel in its social, historical, and literary context.

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*Das Paradies Der Damen (Au Bonheur Des Dames* OUP Oxford Denise, une jeune Normande, orpheline et chargée de ses deux frères, vient chercher du travail à Paris dans la boutique de son oncle, un marchand de tissus. Mais, rue de la Michodière, les petits commerçants sont tous exsangues, comme dévorés par le Bonheur des Dames, le grand "magasin de nouveautés" d'Octave Mouret et c'est là, dans cet univers sans pitié, que Denise trouve du travail. Cependant, dès le premier jour, son regard raisonnable et sage croise les yeux "couleur de vieil or" du grand patron ambitieux... Dans ce roman naturaliste, l'intrigue amoureuse séduisante habille une intrigue économique tout aussi palpitante où l'on voit s'affronter ancien et nouveau commerce, dans le cadre fascinant d'un Paris en pleine transformation. Le texte intégral annoté Une présentation d'Emile Zola et de son époque Un aperçu du genre du roman naturaliste Des questionnaires de lecture et d'analyse de l'oeuvre Des documents iconographiques exploités Un groupement de textes : "Zola et la représentation des milieux sociaux"

[A Dead Woman's Wish](#) Legare Street Press

French realism's immortal siren crawled from the gutter to the heights of society, devouring men and squandering fortunes along the way. Zola's 1880s classic is among the first modern

novels.

[Nana](#) Mondial

Now the basis for the major BBC tv adaptation *The Paradise*, this is a lavish drama and a timeless commentary on consumerism. The Penguin Classics edition of Émile Zola's *The Ladies' Delight* is based on an acclaimed, vivid and modern translation by Robin Buss, who has also introduced the novel. *The Ladies' Delight* is the glittering Paris department store run by Octave Mouret. He has used charm and drive to become director of this mighty emporium, unscrupulously exploiting his young female staff and seducing his lady customers with luxurious displays of shimmering silks, satins, velvets and lace. Then Denise Baudu, a naïve provincial girl, becomes an assistant at the store - and Mouret discovers that he in turn can also be enchanted. With its greedy customers, gossiping staff and vibrant sense of theatre, *The Ladies' Delight* (*Au Bonheur des Dames* in the original French) is one of the most richly exciting novels in Zola's *Les Rougon-Macquart* cycle. This edition also contains a bibliography, introduction, chronology and explanatory notes. Emile Zola (1840-1902) was the leading figure in the French school of naturalistic fiction. His principal work, *Les Rougon-Macquart*, is a panorama of mid-19th century French life, in a cycle of 20 novels which Zola wrote over a period of 22 years, including *Au Bonheur des Dames* (1883), *The Beast Within* (1890), *Nana* (1880), and *The Drinking Den* (1877). 'A complete page-turner about the consumer society, greed, fashion and instant gratification' India Knight 'A fine translation' *The Times Literary Supplement*

**The Ladies Paradise** Library of Alexandria

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**The Ladies' Paradise, Or, The Bonheur Des Dames** Editions Gallimard

The events of *Au Bonheur des Dames* cover approximately 1864-1869. The novel tells the story of Denise Baudu, a 20-year-old woman from Valognes who comes to Paris with her younger brothers and begins working as a saleswoman at the department store "Au Bonheur des Dames". Zola describes the inner workings of the store from the employees' perspective, including the 13-hour workdays, the substandard food and the bare lodgings for the female staff. Many of the conflicts in the novel spring from each employee's struggle for advancement and the malicious infighting and gossip among the staff. Denise's story is played against the career of Octave Mouret, the owner of *Au Bonheur des Dames*, whose retail innovations and store expansions threaten the existence of all the neighborhood shops. Under one roof, Octave has gathered textiles (silks, woolens) as well as all manner of ready-made garments (dresses, coats, lingerie, gloves), accessories necessary for making clothes, and ancillary items like carpeting and furniture. His aim is to overwhelm the senses of his female customers, forcing them to spend by bombarding them with an array of buying choices and by juxtaposing goods in enticing and intoxicating ways. Massive advertising, huge sales, home delivery, and a system of refunds and novelties such as a reading room and a snack bar further induce his female clientele to patronize his store in growing numbers. In the process, he drives the traditional retailers who operate smaller speciality



shops out of business.

**The Archeologist and Selected Sea Stories** Courier Corporation

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*Au Bonheur des Dames (The Ladies' Delight)* OUP Oxford Paris, 1864. Au Bonheur des Dames, les femmes se bousculent pour la vente des nouveautés d'hiver. Étalages de tissus féériques, prix imbattables et personnel irréprochable. Octave Mouret, patron audacieux du grand magasin, ne recule devant rien pour séduire la clientèle. Pourquoi, alors, accepte-t-il une jeune provinciale timide au rayon des confections ? Denise n'a pas le profil d'une vendeuse et sa présence n'est pas sans attiser une certaine hostilité.

[Au bonheur des dames](#) Litres

DENISE had walked from the Saint-Lazare railway station, where a Cherbourg train had landed her and her two brothers, after a night passed on the hard seat of a third-class carriage. She was leading Pépé by the hand, and Jean was following her, all three fatigued after the journey, frightened and lost in this vast Paris, their eyes on every street name, asking at every corner the way to the Rue de la Michodière, where their uncle Baudu lived. But on arriving in the Place Gaillon, the young girl stopped short, astonished. "Oh! look there, Jean," said she; and they stood still, nestling close to one another, all dressed in black, wearing the old mourning bought at their father's death. She, rather puny for her twenty years, was carrying a small parcel; on the other side, her little brother, five years old, was clinging to her arm; while behind her, the big brother, a strapping youth of sixteen, was standing

empty-handed. "Well," said she, after a pause, "that is a shop!" They were at the corner of the Rue de la Michodière and the Rue Neuve-Saint-Augustin, in front of a draper's shop, which displayed a wealth of colour in the soft October light. Eight o'clock was striking at the church of Saint-Roch; not many people were about, only a few clerks on their way to business, and housewives doing their morning shopping. Before the door, two shopmen, mounted on a step-ladder, were hanging up some woollen goods, whilst in a window in the Rue Neuve-Saint-Augustin another young man, kneeling with his back to the pavement, was delicately plaiting a piece of blue silk. In the shop, where there were as yet no customers, there was a buzz as of a swarm of bees at work.

[Au Bonheur Des Dames \(The Ladies' Delight\): Translated and Edited by Robin Buss \(Penguin Classics\)](#). E-Artnow

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*The Paradise (TV tie-in)* Livre de Poche Jeunesse

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**The Ladies' Paradise** DigiCat

Pauline Quenu, the daughter of shopkeepers in the Parisian business district Les Halles, is taken in by relatives on the coast of Normandy following the death of her parents. There, she is confronted with a gout-plagued host, his avaricious wife, and their lazy son, a morbid hypochondriac, whom she is expected to marry.

[La femme dans "Au Bonheur des Dames" d'Emile Zola. Une cible du commerce moderne?](#) Penguin

A companion edition to the TV series from Masterpiece on PBS Through charm, drive, and diligent effort Octave Mouret has become the director of one of the finest new department stores in Paris, Au Bonheur des Dames. Supremely aware of the power of his position, Mouret seeks to exploit the desire that his luxuriantly displayed merchandise arouses in the ladies who shop, and the aspirations of the young female assistants he employs. Charting the beginnings of the capitalist economy and bourgeois society, Zola captures in lavish detail the greedy customers and gossiping staff, and the obsession with image, fashion, and gratification that was a phenomenon of nineteenth-century French consumer society. Of all Zola's novels, this may be the one with the most

relevance for our own time.