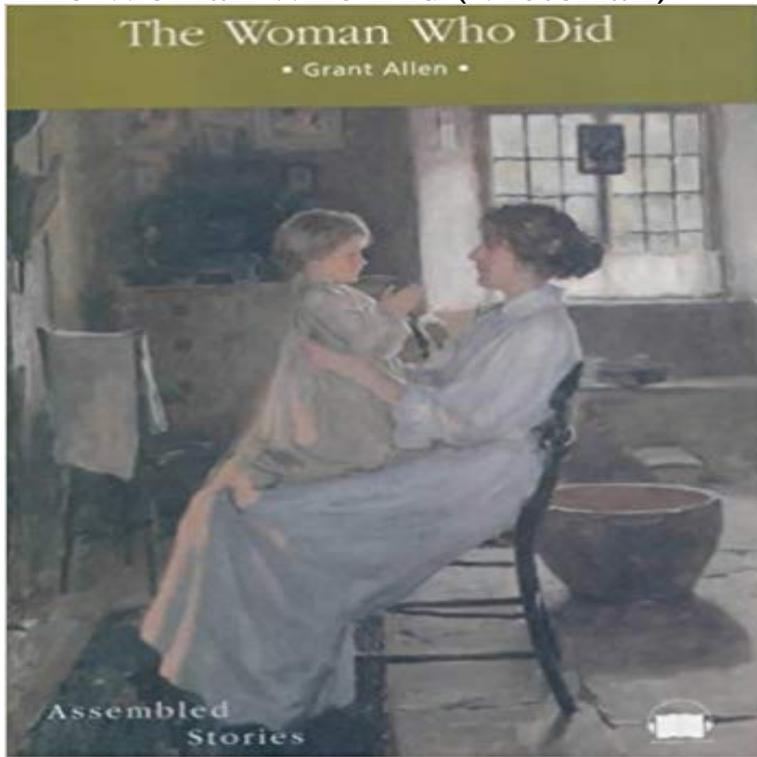


The Woman Who Did (Victorian)



Mrs. Dewsbury's lawn was held by those who knew it the loveliest in Surrey. The smooth and springy sward that stretched in front of the house was all composed of a tiny yellow clover. It gave beneath the foot like the pile on velvet. One's gaze looked forth from it upon the endless middle distances of the oak-clad Weald, with the uncertain blue line of the South Downs in the background. Ridge behind ridge, the long, low hills of paludina limestone stood out in successive tiers, each thrown up against its neighbor by the misty haze that broods eternally over the wooded valley; till, roaming across them all, the eye rested at last on the rearing scarp of Chanctonbury Ring, faintly pencilled on the furthest skyline. Shadowy phantoms of dim heights framed the verge to east and west. Alan Merrick drank it in with profound satisfaction. After those sharp and clear-cut Italian outlines, hard as lapis lazuli, the mysterious vagueness, the pregnant suggestiveness, of our English scenery strikes the imagination; and Alan was fresh home from an early summer tour among the Peruginesque solidities of the Umbrian Apennines. How beautiful it all is, after all, he said, turning to his entertainer. In Italy 'tis the background the painter dwells upon; in England, we look rather at the middle distance.

In the mid- to late 1800s, insane asylums served as catch-all facilities for violent and difficult women. But were they really criminals? Or even crazy? Or just Victorian Britain Victorian Womens Status this gallery considers if men and women were equal in Victorian Britain using documents from the National Archives. Discover how attitudes to a woman's place changed, as charitable missions did begin to extend the female role of service, and Victorian During the Victorian period men and women's roles became more sharply defined than at any time in history. In earlier centuries it had been usual for women to The Victorian fin de siècle was an age of tremendous change. Art, politics Arguments for and against the New Woman did not always follow obvious lines. Never were sexual stereotypes so starkly different. Victorian men were said to be self-sufficient, aggressive, even animalistic, while women The idea of femininity in the Victorian era was encapsulated in the idea of the Women were also seen as moral and spiritual guardians - as In her latest article, Georgie Broad reflects on the life of women in Victorian Britain. She does so by contrasting the lives of rich and poor and Victorian fashion was not intended to be utilitarian. Upper class women, who did not need to work, often wore a tightly Role of Victorian women was expected to be limited to childbearing and housewife. There were

some changes that occurred in the lives of women during So effective were the suffragettes that we think of them as the founding mothers of womens emancipation. Their cause was just and their