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As if Henry James himself were guiding us, we visit old Calvinist New York in the mid-nineteenth century, and share the coming-of-age of a young man whose boldness of spirit and profound capacity for affection attract both men and women to him. We journey with James through Italy and France, witness his first love affair in Paris, and settle with him in London at the height of Empire in the Victorian Age. We scale the heights of London society with him, and as the world opens to James we share with him the experience of writing a series of celebrated and successful novels, culminating with Washington Square (on which the play *The Heiress is* based) and his masterpiece *The Portrait of a Lady. The Washington Post Book World* notes: "It is no small ambition to write a biography of James that is commensurate with that master, and Sheldon Novick has done it."

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