

# The Mill on the Floss.

By  
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**Type of work :**

Novel

**Author :**

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**Type of plot :**

Domestic realism.

**Time of plot :**

Nineteenth Century

**First publication :**

1860





# Principal Characters:

- ▶ Mr. Tulliver, owner of the mill on the floss.
- ▶ Mrs . Tulliver, his wife
- ▶ Tom Tulliver, their son
- ▶ Maggie Tulliver, their daughter
- ▶ Aunt Glegg and Aunt Deane
- ▶ Aunt Pullet sisters of Mrs. Tulliver
- ▶ Philip Wakem, Maggie's suitor
- ▶ Lucy Deane , cousin of Tom and Maggie
- ▶ Stephen Guest, Lucy's fiance




## Plot:-

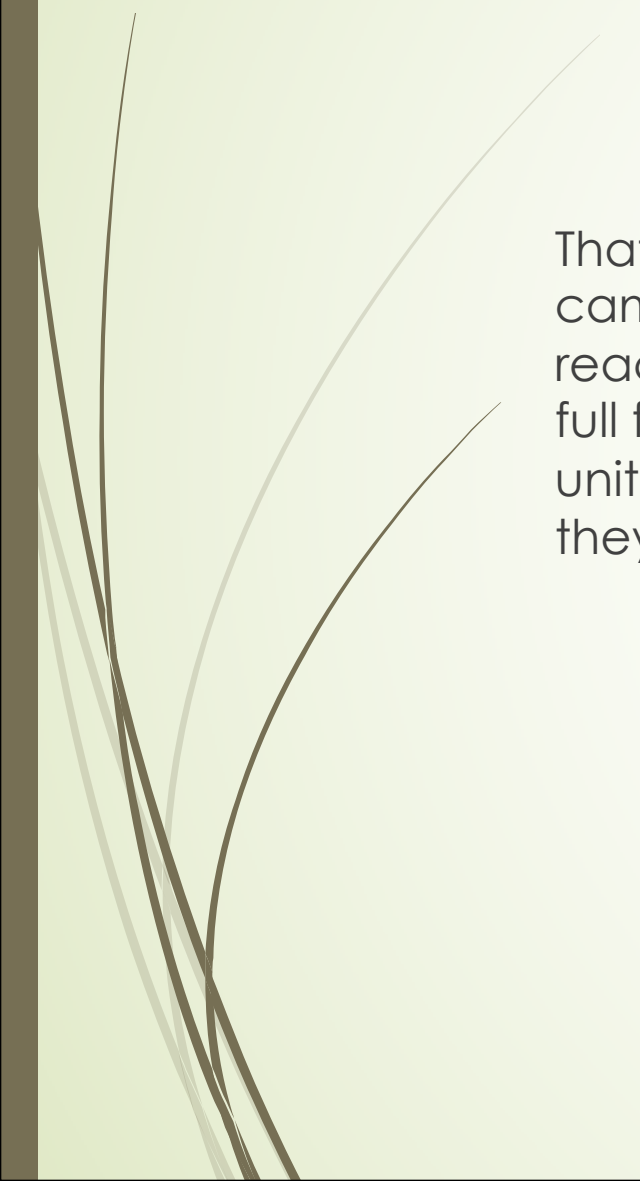

Dorlcote Mill stood on the bank of the River Floss near the village St. Ogg's. Owned by Mr. Tulliver by which he earned his living. Tom and Maggie were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tulliver. Maggie Tulliver is the protagonist of this novel. Maggie is mostly attached to her father while Mrs. Tulliver and her sisters prefer Tom. Tom was sent to Stelling's for education where he met Phillip Wakem, the son of a lawyer who took Dorlcote Mill from Mr. Tulliver and offered him a job of manager in his own mill. Tom avoided making relationship to Phillip but Maggie and Phillip started liking each other.



When Mr. Tulliver left with nothing he has become bankrupt. Tom tried to work and earn money to pay for his father and ultimately he gathered enough money to pay his father debts. Meanwhile, Phillip and Maggie met each other in secrecy. Tom stopped Maggie from meeting Phillip anymore. Now when Mr. Tulliver wanted to take revenge from Wakem. Ultimately, after the payment of debts Mr. Tulliver thrashed Mr. Wakem and then suffered stroke. From which he never recovered. After two years, Maggie now a teacher, went to visit her cousin, Lucy Deane. There Maggie met Stephen who was Lucy's fiance. At the first sight Stephen and Maggie were attracted to each other. Phillip who was the friend of Stephen also noticed this attraction but did not say anything.



A moment when Stephen and Maggie were alone in the boat he wanted Maggie to elope with him. Maggie rejected his offer . Then tide carried them beyond the reach of the shore and they were forced to spend the night in the boat. When they returned back and attempted to explain every one what had happened. Nobody listened them. Tom refused to see Maggie again in the same roof. Mrs. Tulliver resolved to go with Maggie and Bob Jakin took them in . Maggie gradually began to realize the meaning of ostracism. Every one was against her except aunt Glegg and Lucy. Stephen and Phillip offered Maggie individually to come up with them but Maggie wanted to be with herself.



That autumn, a terrible flood ravaged St. Ogg's . Maggie came to know that Tom was at the mill . She attempted to reach him in a boat . Both brother and sister reunited but the full force of flood overwhelmed them and they drowned united . Tom and Maggie were together at their last time as they had been when they were children.



# Theme:-

- Love
- Sympathy
- Effects of society on individuals
- Double Standards of society
- Child psychology
- Morality
- Industrialisation
- Renunciation and sacrifice