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by *W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)*

Of Human Bondage, published in 1915, is considered W. Somerset Maugham's best work. The story follows Phillip Carey from early childhood through his 30's. Orphaned at 9, Phillip spends his early years raised by his childless aunt and uncle. Philip is sent to a boarding school but his shyness and club foot make it difficult for him to fit in. The novel follows this theme throughout as Phillip travels to Germany, France, and England, makes new acquaintances, searches for his life's calling, and experiences romantic episodes. Mildred in particular will leave you wondering about Phillip's obsession and passion for such a woman. The characters in *Of Human Bondage* are real-life with faults, qualities, and feelings that Maugham describes so vividly. At times the emotions in this novel, so simply but purely written, will leave you either sad or happy and even perhaps, teary-eyed as the enthusiasm of youth is met with reality as Phillip tries to discover the meaning of HIS life through the dreams of others.

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