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by **Arnold Bennett (1867-1931)**

*The Old Wives' Tale*, published in 1908, is generally regarded as one of Bennett's finest works. The novel deals with the lives of two very different sisters, Constance and Sophia Baines, following their stories from their youth, working in their mother's draper's shop, into old age. It covers a period of about 70 years from roughly 1840 to 1905, and is set in Burslem and Paris.



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