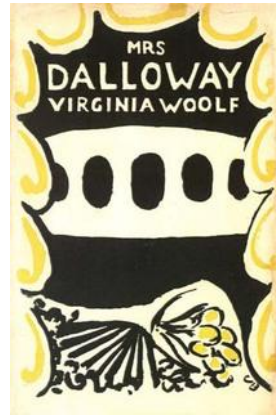


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This low-resolution image—click on it for a clearer view—depicts the cover of Virginia Woolf’s novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. Published in 1925, by Virginia and Leonard’s publishing company, the work is famous for (among other things) its stream-of-consciousness storytelling. Readers are transported into the minds of the novel’s characters as they think about life and ponder the day (in “the middle of June,” 1923) and its events. Virginia’s sister, Vanessa Bell, designed the book’s cover. Image provided here as fair use for educational purposes.

Laura Brown, fictional California wife and mother in Michael Cunningham's novel *The Hours*, is obsessed with *Mrs. Dalloway*. Distracted from her daily chores in 1951's Los Angeles, she finds it hard to stop reading the famous, ground-breaking novel.

Mrs. Dalloway was published in 1925. By that time, Virginia Woolf was already showing the effects of her bouts with mental illness even as her country was feeling the effects of World War I.

Laura Brown, living her life in Los Angeles, could relate to Clarissa Dalloway. Her country was also recovering from war. But Laura had a serious problem: She was beginning to blur the fictional world of *Mrs. Dalloway* with the reality of her own life.

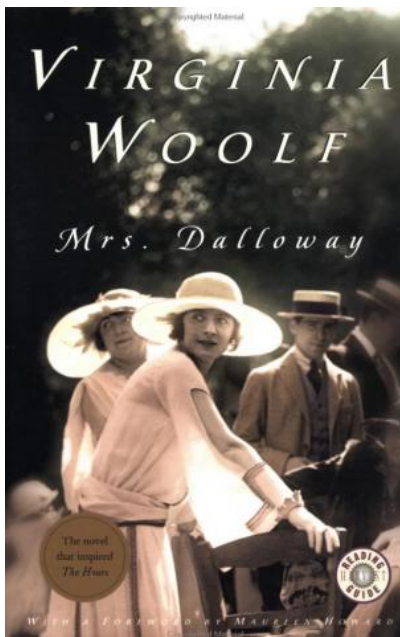
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