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## Summary Information

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## Biographical sketch

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American novelist William Dean Howells was a leader of the school of realism, an important editor, and a critic. His magazine essays in "Atlantic" and "Harper's" recorded and questioned contemporary American life.

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## Summary

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Letters of a personal nature, manuscripts including a short story "The Critical Book Store" seven numbers from the "Editor's Easy Chair" a series written by Howells for "Harper's Monthly" from 1900 to 1920 which included book reviews and essays on poetry, capital punishment, Mark

Twain, and the political campaign of 1912. Also included is a biographical sketch of George William Curtis from "Roundabout to Boston" in the form in which it was printed in "Literary Friends and Acquaintances" in 1900.

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## Arrangement

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