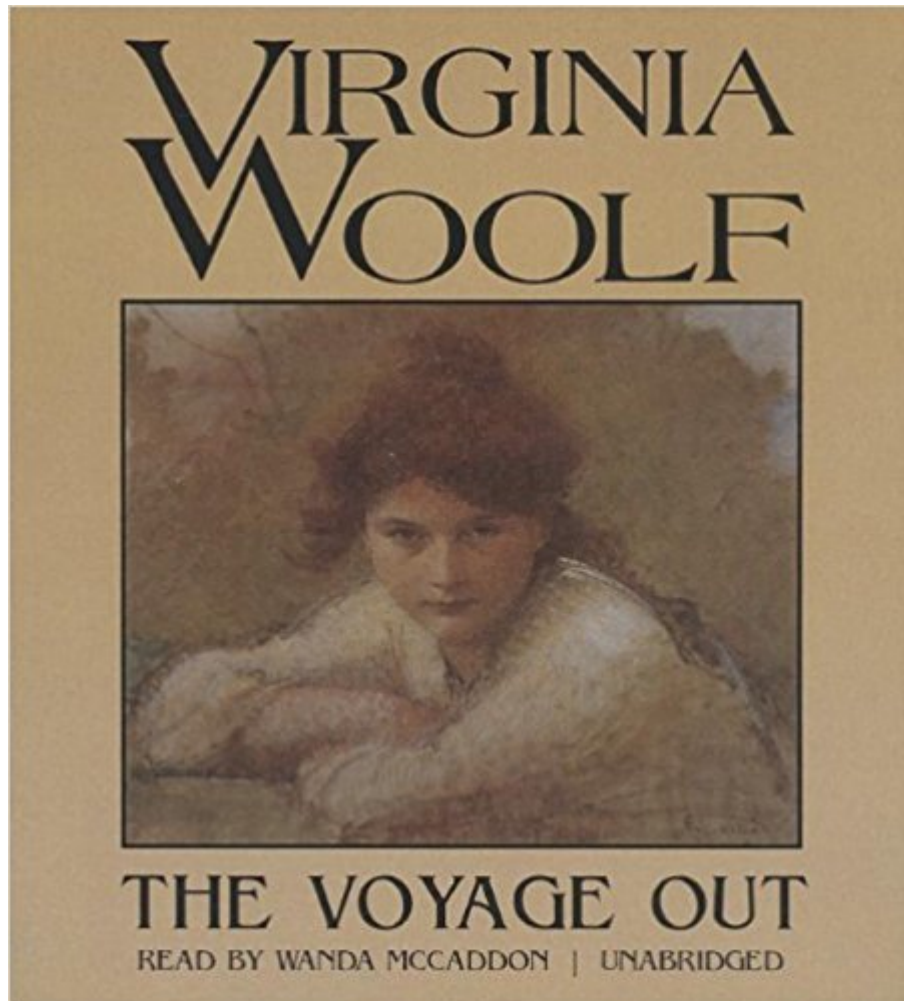




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Synopsis

First published in 1915, *The Voyage Out* marked the literary debut of one of the great pioneers of the modern novel, Virginia Woolf. Woolf's witty and lyrical debut follows a group of lively, eccentric British tourists embarking on a sea voyage from London to South America. For Rachel Vinrace, a shy, motherless young lady traveling under the wing of her aunt Helen, this first voyage out into the world becomes a mythic rite of passage into emotional and intellectual maturity. As the narrative shifts point of view among the mismatched jumble of passengers, Woolf takes the opportunity to satirize Edwardian life while sketching the evolution of her heroine's understanding. When the ship finally arrives at the village Santa Marina on the South American coast, Rachel is introduced to a group of English expatriates. Among them is the sensitive young Terence Hewet, an aspiring writer with whom she falls into a doomed romance.

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Customer Reviews

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) was born in London, the daughter of Sir Leslie Stephen, first editor of the *Dictionary of National Biography*. From 1915 when she published her first novel, *The Voyage Out*, Woolf maintained an astonishing output of fiction, literary criticism, essays, and biography. In 1912 she married Leonard Woolf, and in 1917 they founded the Hogarth Press. Woolf suffered a series of mental breakdowns throughout her life, and on March 28, 1941, she committed suicide.

This woman, Virginia Woolf, has to the worst writer in history at bringing in a character by their first name and then a few pages later referring to them by the last. Many more characters are introduced

but never take part in the major action. This book, about a voyage to the , shows that Virginia never actually took a ocean voyage, and nor does she know anything about Brazil. I am told that I am missing the real message and that Virginia was trying to speak to women who were reduced to submissive domestic roles. At that she apparently does OK as most the women who read the book seem to have found it interesting

This first novel i probably Woolf' finest, and is less conventional and certainly less boring than "Night and Day". The fact that is is early Woolf does not mean that is immature. Purchase it without hesitation, even if you do not own the text.

Do not buy this particular version. It is formatted incorrectly and the text columns only fill about half the screen. The other free version of this book is also seriously flawed. The only one I've found to be correct is the ~\$6 version.

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