

Download Anna Karenina Book Synopsis

A short summary of Leo Tolstoy's Anna Karenina. This free synopsis covers all the crucial plot points of Anna Karenina. Anna Karenina (Russian: «Анна Каренина», IPA: [ˈanːa kʲɪrʲɪnʲɪnə]) is a novel by the Russian author Leo Tolstoy, first published in book form in 1878. Anna Karenina, considered by many critics to be Tolstoy's finest achievement, is one of the most important novels of the nineteenth century. Tolstoy imbues the simple tale of a love affair with rich portraits of Russian high society, politics, and religion. As the book opens, Prince Stephen Oblonsky's sister, Anna Karenina, arrives to reconcile the couple and dissuades Dolly from getting a divorce. Konstantin Levin, Stiva's friend, arrives in Moscow to propose to the eighteen year old Kitty Shtcherbatsky. She refuses him, for she loves Count Vronsky, a dashing army officer who has no intentions of marrying.