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CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE WORKS OF W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM



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## ABSTRACT

W. Somerset Maugham's works are widely read in Europe, America and Asia. Part of his fame may be attributed to that portion of his works which deals with the Westerners in the East and the South Sea Islands.

In this thesis an attempt is made to determine, by a close study of Maugham's writings with an Eastern or South Sea Islands background, the characteristics and attitudes of Maugham's Westerners and to determine the effects which the tropical climate and the new and unusual environment had on them.




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