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Resumo de Masochism: Coldness and Cruelty & Venus in Furs

In his stunning essay, *Coldness and Cruelty*, Gilles Deleuze examines the work of the late-nineteenth-century German novelist Leopold von Sacher-Masoch. He shows that masochism is something far more subtle and complex than the enjoyment of pain, that masochism has nothing to do with sadism; their worlds do not communicate, just as the genius of those who created them - Masoch and Sade - lie stylistically, philosophically, and politically poles apart.

Venus in Furs, the most famous of all of Masoch's novels, belongs to an unfinished cycle of works that Masoch entitled *The Heritage of Cain*.

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