



THE SCARLET LETTER

AND OTHER WRITINGS

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NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

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Resumo de The Scarlet Letter and Other Writings: Authoritative Texts, Contexts, Criticism

The text of *The Scarlet Letter* is based on the 1850 third edition, the first set in stereotype plates and the basis of subsequent printings in Hawthorne's lifetime. An invaluable selection of contextual material includes five Hawthorne stories that are closely related to *The Scarlet Letter*, along with relevant letters and notebook entries.

A substantial excerpt from Hawthorne's campaign biography of Franklin Pierce offers a revealing glimpse at Hawthorne's political thought, especially regarding slavery and abolition. "Criticism" provides a comprehensive overview of early and modern commentary on *The Scarlet Letter* and the stories in this edition, including nineteenth-century reviews of the novel and critical essays by Robert S.

Levine, Nina Baym, Larry J. Reynolds, and Jean Fagan Yellin. A Chronology and Selected Bibliography are also included."

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