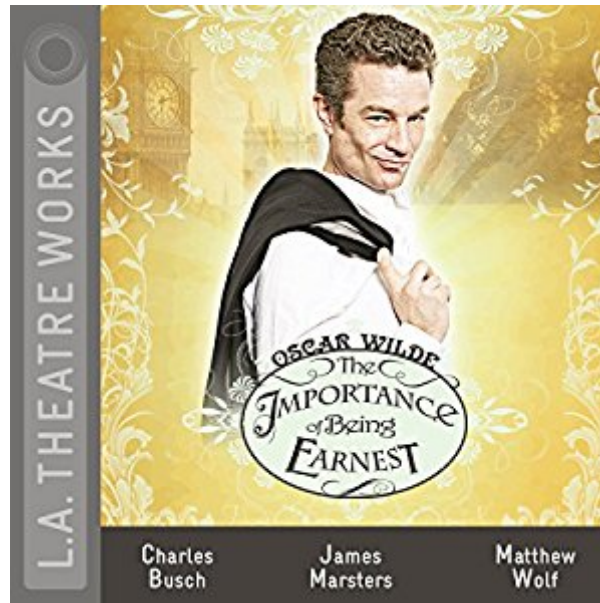


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# The Importance Of Being Earnest (Dramatized)



## Synopsis

The Importance of Being Earnest is an important play by Oscar Wilde, and is a comedy of manners that discusses the serious of society. Set in late Victorian England, the story is about the main character, John Worthing's, fictitious brother Ernest, which is the main source of the comedy in this work. This is an important play for those are fans of comedy plays and of course the works of Oscar Wilde. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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town to propose to Gwendolen Fairfax, the daughter of the imposing Lady Bracknell and Algernon's first cousin. Jack has a ward named Cecily who lives in the country while Algernon has an imaginary friend named "Bunbury" whom he uses as an excuse to get out of social engagements. Jack proposes to Gwendolen but has two problems.

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