



The Enchanted April

by Elizabeth Von Arnim · Best for B1–B2 (Intermediate–Upper intermediate)

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Four very different English women rent an Italian castle for a month in April, each hoping to escape something at home. Von Arnim writes with gentle irony and a light touch, letting the warmth of the Mediterranean gradually soften every character. The vocabulary is Edwardian and precise but never heavy, and the leisurely pace gives you time to absorb each sentence before the next observation arrives.

What you'll practise

- Polite Edwardian register and the language of formal social interaction
- Descriptive passages for weather, gardens, and the Italian landscape
- Character contrast through speech: reserved versus outspoken, anxious versus content
- Tap any formal or old-fashioned expression to see a plain-English explanation

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