



# Guide to the Edith Wharton "La Duchessa in Preghiera" Corrected Manuscript, after 1900

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Edith Wharton "La Duchessa in Preghiera" corrected manuscript, after 1900

**Creator:**

Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937

**Source:**

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

**Abstract:**

Collection comprises Edith Wharton's corrected Italian manuscript (34 typed pages) for her short story, "La Duchessa in Preghiera" (The Duchess at Prayer), originally published in English in Scribner's Magazine, August 1900, then by Scribner's in the collection of her stories, "Crucial Instances," 1901. The corrections are in Italian and are in Wharton's own hand.

**Extent:**

0.1 Linear Feet

**Language:**

Materials in Italian

**Collection ID:**

RL.11054

**Permalink:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

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## **Biographical/Historical**

Edith Wharton was an American novelist, short story writer, and designer. She was born Edith Newbold Jones on 24 Jan. 1862 in New York City; she died 11 Aug. 1937 in Val d'Oise, France.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## Processing Information

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## Names and Subjects

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- American fiction
- American fiction -- Translations into Italian
- American fiction -- Women authors
- American literature
- Authors, American
- Short stories, American -- Women authors
- Women and literature -- United States
- Wharton, Edith, 1862-1937
- Lisa Unger Baskin Collection (David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library)
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

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## Collection Inventory

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"La Duchessa in Preghiera" corrected manuscript

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