



## The Sorrows of Young Werther

By Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 1989. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reissue. 194 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A key work in the German Sturm und Drang movement, Johann Goethe's autobiographical epistolary novel *The Sorrows of Young Werther* is a defining moment in early Romanticism, which has influenced writers from Mary Shelley to Thomas Mann. This Penguin Classics edition is translated from with an introduction by Michael Hulse. Visiting an idyllic German village, Werther, a sensitive young man, meets and falls in love with sweet-natured Charlotte. Although he realises that she is to marry Albert, he is unable to subdue his passion and his infatuation torments him to the point of despair. The first great confessional novel, *The Sorrows of Young Werther* draws both on Goethe's own unrequited love for Charlotte Buff and on the death of his friend Karl Wilhelm Jerusalem. The book was an immediate success, and a cult rapidly grew up around it, resulting in numerous imitations as well as violent criticism and suppression on the grounds of its apparent support of suicide. Goethe's sensitive exploration of the mind of an artist at odds with society and ill-equipped to cope with...

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