

# Katherine Mansfield

## Bliss and Other Stories



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Katherine Mansfield was born in Wellington, New Zealand, in 1888, and died in Fontainebleau in 1923. She came to England for the latter part of her education. Her first writing (apart from some early sketches) was published in *The New Age*, to which she became a regular contributor. Her first book, *In a German Pension*, was published in 1911. In 1912 she began to write for *Rhythm*, edited by John Middleton Murry, whom she married. For the next few years her writing was mainly experimental. In 1916 she wrote *Prelude*, and from that time onward she was master of her own style. She contracted tuberculosis in 1917, and thenceforward led a wandering life in search of health, and wrote under difficulties. Her second book of collected stories, *Bliss*, was not published until 1920. Her third collection, *The Garden Party*, appeared in 1922. It was her last book to be published in her life-time. After her death two more collections of her stories were published; also her *Letters* and her *Journal*.

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