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Seventeen: A Tale of Youth and Summer Time and the Baxter Family Especially William

by Booth Tarkington (1869-1946)

Published in 1916, *Seventeen* is a humorous novel that gently satirizes first love, in the person of a callow 17-year-old, William Sylvanus Baxter. The story takes place in a small city in the midwestern United States shortly before World War I. William meets aspiring actress Lola, a “howling belle of eighteen” who talks baby-talk “even at breakfast” and holds the center of attention wherever she goes. She instantly captivates William with her beauty, her flirtatious manner, and her ever-present prop, a tiny white lap dog, Flopit. (Wikipedia)



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