

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier**Introduction**

1 Again. 2 That Manderley was an empty shell. Only the grey stone walls remained standing. 3 Rebecca. 4 On a little Mediterranean island. 5 Maxim. 6 It has been destroyed.

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1 She was paid to be Mrs Van Hopper's companion. 2 (a) Max de Winter. (b) Manderley. (c) Because his wife had died suddenly. 3 (a) De Winter. (b) 'Forgive me. I was very rude after lunch.'

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1 Because Mrs Van Hopper had flu. 2 Because of his house, Manderley. 3 'An empty house, even a very beautiful one, can be lonely.' 4 'I have been here before, many years ago.' 5 At Manderley. 6 On the front page of the book of poems de Winter had lent her. 7 She had drowned.

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1 Every morning she drove with de Winter in his car. 2 (a) A woman with a lot of make-up and expensive clothes. (b) That she had simple, inexpensive clothes. 3 That he lived at Manderley and that his wife was dead. 4 (a) Maxim. (b) Max. (c) Maxim.

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1 Mrs Van Hopper. The narrator was unhappy about it. 2 (a) To ask about catching a train. (b) She wanted to see Maxim before she left. 3 Because Maxim had asked her to go back to Manderley with him. His reply was, 'No, I'm asking you to marry me, you little fool.' 4 She felt that she did not belong to his kind of world. 5 She cut out the page with Rebecca's writing on it.

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1 (a) The housekeeper at Manderley. (b) That everyone at Manderley should be in the hall when Maxim arrived home. (c) No. 2 In the east wing. 3 The sea. 4 When Maxim had married his first wife, Rebecca. 5 Rebecca. 6 Mrs Danvers. 7 To have their rooms in the east wing, not the west wing which looked down to the sea. 8 She knew that Mrs Danvers still thought about Rebecca and might not like a new Mrs de Winter. 9 The past. Maxim was doing what he always did. But now she was in Rebecca's place.

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1 He got up early, worked hard and looked after Manderley. 2 Maxim's sister Beatrice. 3 She and Maxim would spend the morning together. 4 Because Rebecca always used the morning-room before lunch. 5 Because Maxim had not shown it to her. 6 Rebecca's. 7 (a) Mrs Danvers. (b) Because she was now Mrs de Winter. 8 Rebecca. 9 Her own.

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1 Because Maxim has not come back and Beatrice and her husband had arrived. The narrator was frightened to meet them without Maxim. 2 The corridor of the west wing. 3 To show the narrator the rooms in the west wing. 4 Beatrice was Maxim's sister. Major Giles Lacy was her

husband. Frank Crawley was the Manderley agent. 5 Because Rebecca had drowned in the bay. 6 The death of Rebecca. 7 Mrs Danvers had adored Rebecca and still does. 8 She expected someone more like Rebecca.

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1 Because Maxim was waiting impatiently to go out. 2 Perhaps a person with smart clothes and make-up. 3 The right hand path from the clearing in the woods. 4 A strong, sweet scent.

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1 She wanted to find Jasper. 2 A green and white buoy. 3 He had small, stupid-looking eyes. His face was fat and round and he had thick red lips. 4 She was looking for some string to tie Jasper. 5 Rebecca and the cottage. Rebecca and her death. 6 He was angry and unhappy. 7 (a) It had fallen out of the pocket of the raincoat. (b) Rebecca's. (c) Scent of the flowers in the Happy Valley.

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1 The terrace and the lawns. 2 When they had returned from the beach. 3 She thought she had reminded him of the past. 4 That she was dull and stupid. Rebecca had been charming and interested in everyone. 5 (a) There had been a Fancy Dress Ball at Manderley every year. (b) Rebecca. (c) She had a cloud of dark hair, her skin was very white and she had a lovely dress. 6 Frank Crawley. No. 7 Rebecca. She had had moonlight picnics there. 8 To lead them away from the past. 9 'Yes, I suppose she was the most beautiful woman I ever saw in my life.'

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1 She was the narrator's maid. 2 She thought it hurt Mrs Danvers to call her Mrs de Winter when she was thinking about Rebecca. 3 Because Rebecca's things were all around her and Rebecca was always in her thoughts and dreams. 4 She had her books on art on the desk in the morning-room. They fell over and the cupid was knocked to the floor. She hid the pieces in an envelope in the desk. 5 Mrs Danvers accused Robert of taking or breaking it. 6 He thought she acted more like a servant than the mistress of Manderley. 7 'I suppose that's why you married me. You knew I was dull and quiet. No one would ever gossip about me.' 8 Rebecca.

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1 The name – *Je Reviens* – meant 'I'll come back'. She thought that the boat would never come back. 2 (a) Rebecca. (b) He thought she had eyes like a snake. (c) At night. (d) To have him locked up. 3 Mr Favell. He had come to see Mrs Danvers. 4 He said that Maxim didn't like him very much. 5 (a) Rebecca's. (b) Because Rebecca had been dead for over a year. (c) The sea. (d) The smell of the flowers in the Happy Valley. 6 The accident in which Rebecca was drowned. 7 'Sometimes I feel she watches you and Mr de Winter together.'

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1 He was Rebecca's cousin. 2 He knew that Favell had been at Manderley. He did not want him to come there. 3 It was turning her into a woman.

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1 He said that he never wore fancy dress. He said that he was the host so he could do as he liked. 2 (a) Nothing. He wanted it to be a surprise. (b) That everyone would think of her as the real Mrs de Winter. 3 'I wanted to surprise him. I was going to keep my costume a secret.' 4 She was a girl in a picture that was about two hundred years old. Mrs Danvers. 5 Because her own hair was straight. She wanted to look like the girl in the picture who had curly hair.

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1 (a) Maxim and Frank. (b) Her costume for the Ball. 2 Because the Ball was for her and Manderley had been made into a place of light and beauty. 3 (a) Nobody laughed or clapped. They all stared at her without moving. (b) He was very angry. 4 That her costume was exactly what Rebecca had worn at the last Fancy Dress ball. 5 Because she was so unhappy. Maxim was angry and he never once looked at her.

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1 She thought that she was too young for Maxim, knew too little about the world, that Maxim had never loved her and that he still belonged to Rebecca. 2 Mrs Danvers and Rebecca had triumphed. Maxim did not seem to want her any more. 3 She could not speak to Rebecca, so had to speak to Mrs Danvers. 4 She hated her for trying to take Rebecca's place. 5 It was the sea that was too strong for her in the end. 6 That all men fell in love with Rebecca but she did not care. It was like a game to her. 7 To jump from the window. 8 A rocket. There was a ship in trouble in the bay.

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1 They were going to try to get the ship off the rocks. 2 That the diver had found a body in Rebecca's boat. 3 Rebecca's. 4 Maxim had killed her.

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1 That it was too late to tell the narrator he loved her, because she did not love him any more. She replied, 'I love you more than anything in the world.' 2 He hated her. 3 Because he could not tell other people the terrible things she had told him. 4 Because Rebecca would not leave Frank alone and she had turned her attention to Giles as well. 5 Jack Favell with Rebecca. To frighten Favell. 6 She had made him think she was going to have a child, and that he would never know who the father was. 7 He made some holes in the wooden planks. Then he opened the sea-cocks. 8 The other body was the one Maxim had said was Rebecca's. It was buried in the church.

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1 He was the local magistrate. He had phoned to ask if Maxim had made a mistake about the other body. 2 Maxim knew that reports would be in all the papers. Everyone would be saying Maxim had killed Rebecca.

3 If she learnt the truth about Rebecca's death she would become Maxim's enemy. 4 That she had to go down into the cabin and she got trapped there when the door shut. 5 She had grown much older. 6 Murder. 7 Frank Crawley.

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1 'Who made those holes in the planks?' 2 'Were you and the late Mrs de Winter happily married?' 3 (a) Jack Favell and Mrs Danvers. (b) At the inquest. (c) They might have suggested that Maxim had hated Rebecca and that he could have killed her. 4 That he had been arrested for murder.

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1 Suicide. 2 (a) Rebecca. (b) In his London flat. (c) She had something to tell him. (d) Too late when he found the note. 3 Two or three thousand pounds. 4 He told him to leave the house. 5 That he thought Maxim had murdered her.

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1 Ben. 2 'Crawley knows the truth, I'm sure. He'll be there to hold the young bride's arm when Max is sentenced to death.' 3 Probably because Favell was with Rebecca when she said she would have Ben locked up. 4 He said that he didn't know Favell or see anything. It was probably not true. 5 'No, it is not.' 6 Illness. She was afraid of dying slowly in her bed. 7 A doctor called Baker. 8 (a) Baker's. (b) She thought that the doctor would say that Rebecca was pregnant when she died. Then no one would believe she had killed herself.

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1 Mrs Danvers. 2 That she was very ill and would be dead in six months.

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1 (a) She had made him think that she was pregnant. (b) To make him kill her, so she would not die slowly. 2 Mrs Danvers had had a long-distance call and left Manderley. 3 The dream at the beginning of the story. 4 It was on fire.