THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

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The very frank story of a very young man. A novel, it is perfectly safe to say, quite unlike any other. The story of Philip, his idyllic birth in California, the humorous surroundings of his rearing, the vitality of his years at Yale, his picturesque adventures in Arizona, his days in the army, and above all, the tender scenes of his young love, are the quintessence of poetry presented in the form of penetrating realism.

This first novel by one of the most distinguished of our younger poets has had the odd good fortune of being much discussed in New York literary circles before it appeared anywhere in print. It had also the further distinction of appearing serially in part in *The Bookman*. Only in book publication, however, is the full story given.

There is every reason to believe that this will be one of the most widely discussed novels of the year.

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