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Roxana: The Fortunate Mistress

by Daniel Defoe (1659/61-1731)

The full title is *Roxana: The Fortunate Mistress Or, a History of the Life and Vast Variety of Fortunes of Mademoiselle de Beleau, Afterwards Called the Countess de Wintelsheim.*

The novel concerns the story of an unnamed "fallen woman," the second time Defoe created such a character (the

first was a similar female character in *Moll Flanders*). In *Roxana*, a woman who takes on various pseudonyms, including "Roxana," describes her fall from wealth thanks to abandonment by a "fool" of a husband and movement into prostitution upon his abandonment. Roxana moves up and down through the social spectrum several times. (*Wikipedia*)

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18th century steel engraving of a young woman



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