

For June the Ascension Book Group will read *Brideshead Revisited* (1945) by Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966). The wellsprings of desire and the impediments to love come brilliantly into focus in this tale which immerses us in the glittering and seductive world of English aristocracy in the waning days of the empire. Through the story of Charles Ryder's entanglement with the Flytes, a great Catholic family, Evelyn Waugh charts the passing of the privileged world he knew in his own youth and vividly recalls the sensuous pleasures denied him by wartime austerities. Waugh intended his novel to be a grand expression of his new Roman Catholicism which he had taken on in the recent past. He wanted to show how even God could intervene in the events at Brideshead to come out with an inspired consequence. The Ascension Book Group will meet to discuss *Brideshead Revisited* on **Sunday, June 23, 2019** in Wheeler Hall after the coffee hour. For any information contact Ken Kelling at kjjk07@gmail.com

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