



## Nineteenth-Century Morality and "The Decline in the Sentiment of Sex". Henry James's "The Bostonians" and Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre"

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