



**Chesil Beach
by Ian McEwan**

Title?

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Themes

Characters

Narration

Class

nature

humour

Florence

Edward

Marjorie

Violet

Geoffrey

narrator

genre?

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