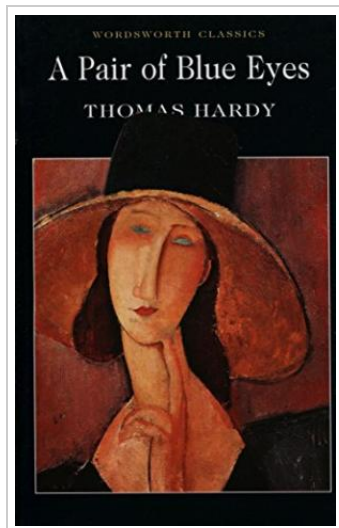




A Pair of Blue Eyes (New edition)

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