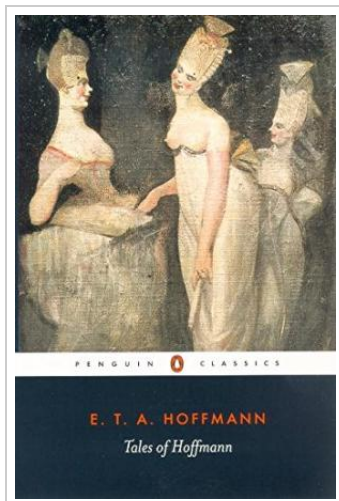




Tales of Hoffmann (Paperback)

By E. T. A. Hoffmann

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