Ethan Frome
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“Ethan Frome” notes

• White/black
• Colours
• light/dark
• Strong/weak
• Victim of nature/power of nature
• Summer/winter
• Heat and fire
• Hopes/dreams vs reality
• Love vs life
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• Ethan Frome is inert, inactive, sterile, infertile
• He is frozen into inertia
• Constant moments of silence as a reaction.
• Images of entrapment
• Loneliness/isolation
• Morality, conscience, guilt
• Imagination of the narrator creates the imagination of Frome
• Plight of women in particular??