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The first feminist edition of these two tales. Wynne-Davies addresses the social and cultural context of the poems' production in a critical commentary to the texts. Also includes a line by line gloss and a historical introduction. Unlock the more straightforward side of The Wife of Bath's Tale with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of The Wife of Bath's Tale by Geoffrey Chaucer, one of the most popular and enduring of the Canterbury Tales. It is narrated by the eponymous Wife of Bath, a serial widow who frankly

discusses her enjoyment of sex and the control she exerted over her husbands, which would have been seen as scandalous at the time. In the story she tells, a knight who has raped a young maiden is sentenced to death, but granted a last-minute reprieve: if he is able to discover what women want most within a year, his life will be spared. In the end, the knight does indeed find the answer: women most desire to be in control of their relationship with their husband or lover. Geoffrey Chaucer was the author of *The Canterbury Tales*, a collection of stories which is one of the earliest known examples of English-language literature and has been a key influence on subsequent generations of writers. Find out everything you need to know about *The Wife of Bath's Tale* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

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- Character studies
- Key themes and symbols
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When an eclectic group of pilgrims take turns telling tales while on the road to Canterbury Cathedral, the Wife of Bath, an older woman who has been married and widowed five times, tells her tale . . . eventually. But first she shares her opinions on marriage and the role of women with her fellow pilgrims. One of the strongest and most memorable voices in *The Canterbury Tales*, the Wife of Bath is as amusing as she is enlightening. This special edition of “The Wife of Bath’s Tale,” includes the “The General Prologue,” “The Wife of Bath’s Prologue,” and “The Wife of Bath’s Tale,” in original Middle English and modern translated versions. HarperCollins brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating

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