Illustrated by the famous artist, the book was published in 1898. It was the story of a young woman, Sue Trask, who was the daughter of a wealthy financier. Sue was clever, resourceful, and ambitious, and she dreamed of a life of adventure and excitement. When she met the mysterious Hugh Saville, a man who claimed to be a scion of an ancient family, Sue was drawn into a world of danger and intrigue. As she followed Hugh through a series of thrilling adventures, Sue discovered that he was a master of disguise and had a secret identity of his own. The novel was a huge success, and it became a sensation in its own right. It was later adapted into a popular stage play and a silent movie. The novel and its adaptations have remained popular to this day, and it is still enjoyed by readers of all ages.