



## Name Symbolism and Multilayer Ambiguity in Henry James' "Daisy Miller"

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GRIN Publishing Aug 2016, 2016. sonst. Bücher. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Passau, language: English, abstract: Beginning with a summary of Henry James's novella 'Daisy Miller: A Study', written in 1887 when the movement of literary Realism was just about to emerge as a counterforce to the exuberance of Romanticism, I will continue to explain the several layers of ambiguity that can be found in this text. After briefly outlining what are the different layers of ambiguity that can be found here, I will connect his extensive use of polarities to the name symbolism, which not only includes hints as to what will be the characters' fate or, in the case of Mrs. Costello or Eugenio, might even include an ironic component. I will then pose the question that 'torments Winterbourne' (Lode, 19) all throughout the story: Is Daisy's behavior particularly American, or is it caused by her personal inability to adapt to European standards or simply by her unwillingness. Thus asking if her death was pre-determined because of her typical behavior, of if she died as a martyr of her own belief in...



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