

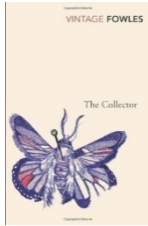
# The Collector by John Fowles

## About the book

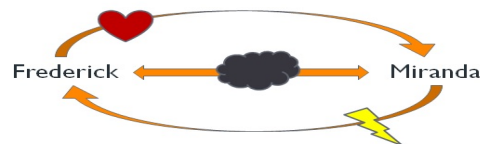
- first published in 1963
- 12,30 €
- 283 pages

## About the author

- March 31, 1926 – Nov 5, 2005
- had a conservative childhood
- wrote for more than 20 years



## Characters' relations



## Action

- Frederick makes Miranda be his guest after he wins in the pools.
- After her first try to escape, they make a deal about how long she has to stay.
- Routine arises concerning their daily life.
- Before she may leave, they make a little celebration.
- Frederick wants Miranda to marry him → she says no → has to stay longer
- After a failed attack on him, Miranda tries to get in physical contact with Frederick (to help him and especially for escaping) → he loses all respect towards her
- Miranda arranges to live upstairs what Frederick prepares carefully.
- Before she can 'move' out of the cellar Miranda gets ill and finally dies.
- Frederick buries her; he already found a new potential victim

## Characterization

### Frederick Clegg

- young, not good looking
- butterfly collector
- not very emotional

### Miranda Grey

- 20 years old, pretty
- art student, intellectual
- quite moody

## Collecting - main topic and interpretation

- Miranda feels collected by Frederick who is entomologist (= sb who collects insects)
- 'I'm thinking of all the living beauty you've ended' → hint on end of the story
- Frederick is caught in his lonely, dying world

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