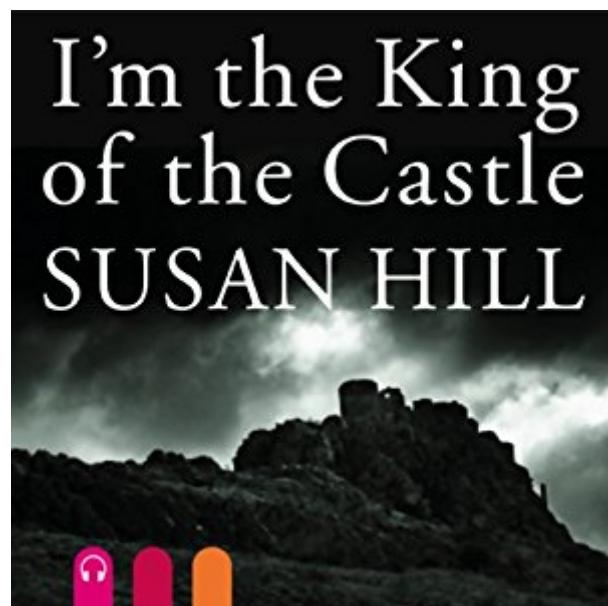


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# I'm The King Of The Castle



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a novel about irresponsible parenting, and as such should be read by adults as well as children. Susan Hill wants us to see the connection between the tragic events and the conduct of the two parents, Mrs Kingshaw and Mr Hooper. Either parent could have prevented the tragedy if they had been more sensitive to their children. More than anything, it is a novel about a lack of parental love, written by an adult who seems to take the problems children face very seriously indeed. In the character of Mr Hooper, we see how this lack of love is passed down from generation to generation, like a family legacy. As a child he was forced to see value in the collection of dead moths and butterflies belonging to his father, and prevented from exploring the fields around Warings, the family house. Mr Hooper's relationship with his father was distant, the latter instilling the value of material things, and of the Warings house as an inheritance. Apparently not knowing any better, Joseph Hooper instills the same values in his son, with disasterous consequences. He

thinks he can buy the child's affection with material goods, and expects Edmund to go out to play when he wants to be alone. By bringing the Kingshaws to Warings, he thinks that he can create a family, and end the loneliness that he and his son are suffering from. But people are more complex than property. In one scene, Charles Kingshaw tries to force a piece into a jigsaw he is making, but the piece won't fit. It is a metaphor for the way the adults have been trying to make a family. Mrs Kingshaw, complying with Mr Hooper's attempts to make a family, is equally insensitive to her son's feelings. Their life has involved moving from hotel to hotel, without a stable domestic or family background.

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