

JOHN BEECROFT presents the September 1960 selection

Diana

by R. F. DELDERFIELD

This is a love story in the old-fashioned style. It is sentimental and it is simple — a poor boy meets a rich girl, they fall in love. Will they marry? Compared to all the sordid stories that have been published lately, *Diana* is refreshing and very touching.

John Leigh, after the death of his mother and father, was taken to live with his mother's family in a small English town. His Uncle Mark owned a stable, his Uncle Reuben was editor of a newspaper, and his Uncle Luke owned a secondhand furniture shop. John went to live with Uncle Luke and helped in the shop. Uncle Luke loved the country and urged John to explore the land nearby, where his family for centuries had lived. John fell in love with the country and felt it was part of him. Actually, it now belonged to an estate owned by Gayelorde-Sutton, a newly rich stockbroker who was trying to be a country squire.

During his exploration of this fascinating and beautiful country John met Diana, the daughter of the rich Gayelorde-Suttons. Diana and John felt an immediate attraction. But it would be a hopeless love, for in the society of rural England they were far apart. Diana was destined for a grand marriage—to a title, if her mother could manage that. John most probably would re-

