Topper

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Synopsis

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Here is a meeting with George and Marion Kerby, a couple of free-wheeling ghosts, who meet up with respectable banker Cosmo Topper. This was noted by the New York Times, claiming: â€œThorne Smith created the modern American ghost story, ghosts with style and wit; ghosts that haunt us still.â€• Others pointed out, â€œSmith was a master of urbane wit and sophisticated repartee.â€• The overall mood has a touch of silliness, but it provides lighthearted reading and listening, a matter of nonsensical escapism. For Topper it meant relief from a nagging wife with ongoing indigestion. Smith himself was a heavy drinker and died of a heart attack at a youthful forty-two. Once, after an unexplained week-long disappearance, he was asked why he hadnâ€™t called in sick. He replied, â€œThe telephone was in the hall and there was a draft.â€• Shall we listen to the escapades? Well, why not?

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