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THOUGH IT NOW BOGGLES THE MIND, when Edna Ferber's classic potboiler *Giant* was first published in 1952, it scandalized Texans from the Pecos to the Sabine. Critics ripped the novel, a hard-nosed satire of Lone Star mores, and Ferber herself to shreds in papers across the state. The *Houston Press* suggested she be lynched. And The *Dallas Morning News* headline on Lon Tinkle's review read "Ferber Goes Both Native and Berserk: Parody, Not Portrait, of Texas Life." Reviewers outside the state also thought she'd been a trifle tough on Texas. John Barkham, writing in *The New York Times*, described *Giant* as "the biggest witch's broth of a book to hit the great Commonwealth of Texas since the revered *Spindle* blew its top." No stranger to controversy (Ferber was the author of such nifty, "socially relevant" works as *Show Boat* and *So Big*, which was awarded the 1925 Pulitzer Prize), she seemed to revel in the stink she'd caused. Through the strength of its galloping sales, *Giant* became one of those rare novels that manage to provoke the public beyond the pages of book reviews. *Giant* is, in many ways, a powerful novel and a gripping read, and very much ahead of its time regarding South Texas race relations. It has charm and intelligence and swagger, and even some fairly profound sociological insight.

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