## Contents

Acknowledgments	vi
Introduction: Character-Building: Narrative Theory, Narrative	
Jurisprudence, and the Idea of Character	1
1 Incriminating Character: Revisiting the Right to Silence in	
Adam Bede and The Scarlet Letter	31
2 Gossip, Hearsay, and the Character Exception: Reputation on	
Trial in The Tenant of Wildfell Hall and R v Rowton	83
3 Defamation of Character: Anthony Trollope and the Law of Libel	116
4 Dignity, Disclosure, and the Right to Privacy: The Strange	
Characters of Dr. Jekyll and Dorian Gray	165
5 The English Dreyfus Case: Status as Character in an Illiberal Age	207
Works Cited	225
Index	238