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Sara says

It took me two weeks to read this delightful collection of post-Civil War stories by Kate Chopin because the language was dense with frequent turns of phrase, dialect, and colloquialisms common to the era and region (Louisiana) that are quite unfamiliar to this reader.

Chopin was a scandalous feminist, a "nasty woman" well before her time. This collected volume shows the breadth of her wit, and it provides an excellent portrait of a more complex, multi-dimensional feminine reality than was popularly portrayed at the time.

I recommend reading the introduction to this volume because it provides both an introduction (or a refresher) to the reader of Chopin's place in the literary canon but also gives background information that helps you better understand the Louisiana of Chopin's vivid world.
