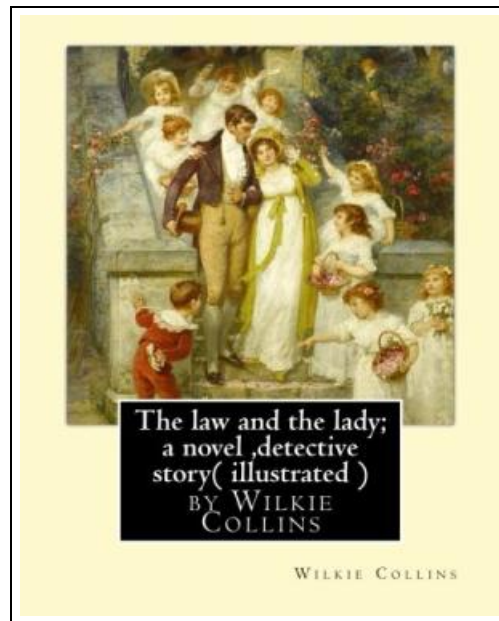# The law and the lady a novel , By Wilkie Collins, (illustrated) detective story

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