

The Vanity of Human Wishes

First Edition

“The Vanity of Human Wishes” was first published by the London bookseller Robert Dodsley in 1749. Unlike “London,” Johnson’s name appears on the title page of this work, a sign that he was literally beginning to make a name for himself among readers of serious literature in Britain.

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