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Insightful reviews

Aleksandra: The first from the trilogy and the first of Durrel's I've ever read. No words can express my love for this author and his immense sense of humor, pure and light, nothing topical or scathing beneath. I remember vividly laughing out loud on the streets and on buses while reading it, so wisely consider your reading spot! Howling with laughter in public places might cause you troubles, but the best part - you won't care a bit and will always consider it worthy!

Loederkoningin: So very amusing and heartwarming. I wish I'd come across *My Family and Other Animals* when I was little! I enjoyed Gerald's explorations and fascinating descriptions of nature and its creatures, combined with hilarious family dynamics. The asthmatic guest and his horse-blanket, Margo kissing a pair of mummified feet or the incident with mommy-the-scorpion..

I never particularly cared for Corfu before, but it seems like the most magical place on earth to me now.

Auntjenny: Although I really enjoyed the descriptions of many of the people and animals Gerry encountered during his time on the island of Corfu, I was not a fan of his eldest brother Larry. In fact, I wish I could go back in time and tell Larry: "Be nicer to your mother. Stop making fun of women. Oh, and P.S., it is your little brother Gerry's books about animals that will be remembered, not your books about sex." And I could be wrong about that-- maybe a lot of people DO know about Lawrence Durrel...? Regardless, he should have treated his mother better.

Apparently Larry Durrell was pals with Henry Miller, and they spent time together on Corfu. It is funny to think of young Gerry Durrell spending time at bohemian parties like the ones thrown by Larry. Overall, Gerry's childhood sounds utterly idyllic-- absolutely perfect. Of course, as a mother myself, I can't imagine allowing my kids that kind of freedom, to run around the island by himself, visiting other adults, taking boats out into the ocean to search for tide pools, sleeping underneath trees full of scorpions. Night swims with porpoises. Sounds wonderful doesn't it?

Recently I met a lady from Greece. She said in Greece they do not call this Island "Corfu"-- and then she called it some other name, which I cannot pronounce. Interesting...

Bart Thanhauser: This e-book is ready an higher crust, eccentric British kinfolk that someday makes a decision to select up and stream from wet gloomy England to the small Greek island of

Corfu. There's not anything deep here, yet at its top it's a funny, fascinating (I grimace to take advantage of this word, yet so be it) book. Written by means of the youngest son of the family, every one of his kinfolk sticks out sharply. each one is outlined through their very own comical eccentricities (Margo the acne-splotched primadona, Leslie the rotund Teddy-Roosevelt style hunter, and Larry—by a long way the funniest—the pretentious artist—my favourite quote of his: "I ask you! Isn't it laughable that destiny generations might be disadvantaged of my paintings just because a few horny-handed fool has tied that stinking beast of burden close to my window?" [32]). Like in any family, every body here's a bit loopy and because their little brother is the writer of this publication they turn into much more pleasing caricatures than they most likely are in genuine life. What I loved such a lot approximately this booklet used to be the discussion among the relations member—mostly a number of squabbling and insulting each one other, all of that's very funny. Gerry Durrell's asides to ordinary technology and his adventure transforming into up exploring Corfu's nation-state also are interesting, yet fairly appear to be usually a spark plug for the humorous tales greater than something else. nonetheless it's beautiful fantastic to examine his normal technological know-how explorations and picture an 11-year-old trooping round an island with 3 dogs, shooting snakes and great gulls and bringing them domestic to terrorize his family. When I took a extra critical examine this ebook notwithstanding (which I most likely shouldn't have) there's a few stuff that bugged me. rather a lot of the worries that Durrell discusses are useless, upper-crust British problems. that is a part of what makes the scenes during this ebook funny. yet at times, I couldn't aid considering who provides a shit approximately your high-class dinner events and your families' minute problems? now and then it felt like i used to be caught with an getting older British aristocrat memorializing his youth instead of a smart little child telling funny, animal-filled stories. Also, what's the take care of calling all your pals "peasants"? probably they have been peasants, yet a little bit stilted British, class-consciousness seeped into the story's surroundings each time little Gerry talks concerning the easy peasants he lives with and befriends. What hung me up the main notwithstanding used to be the best way Gerry anthropomorphizes animals. Why do humans do this? In citing this element i'd be aligning myself an excessive amount of with the pretentious Larry: "Its disgusting the way in which this kinfolk includes on over animals; all this anthropomorphic slush that's drooled out as an excuse" (242). Still, anthropomorphizing animals is usually simply too cutesy to me. i do know this booklet is ready a tender Gerry Durrell and is kind of informed from this 11-year outdated element of view, so I may still provide him a break. yet assigning feelings and human explanations to animals is unctuous and annoying. Your turtle doesn't examine you with a glance of happy bemusement simply because he stole a section of cheese from you when you left it carelessly unguarded on a table; it's simply ate a section of cheese simple and simple, that's it. Magenpies don't squak mocking jokes to one another approximately how they terrorized stuck-up relatives members. It's great to go into Gerry Durrell's animal global and his family members international and in addition to work out the place they comically intersect, yet occasionally this anthropomorphizing is taken too far. nonetheless while those worlds interest, this is often an enjoyable an humorous book. not anything deep here, yet a very good seashore read.

Carmo Santos: Se não fosse pelos rasgados elogios dos amigos do Goodreads nunca teria dado por esta preciosidade. E o que eu teria perdido...A Minha Família e Outros Animais foi dos livros mais divertidos que li, que me levou a ataques de riso incontroláveis e a a figurinhas de que é melhor nem falar. E nem foi preciso o autor puxar muito pela imaginação, só teve que

desfolhar as memórias da meninice passada na ilha de Corfu, na Grécia. Completamente à solta numa ilha cheia de bicharada, o miúdo deu rédeas à sua paixão pela zoologia e meteu-se em confusões hilariantes. Claro que a família não lhe ficava atrás e cada um à sua maneira contribuiu para que fossem confundidos com um circo itinerante. Gerald Durrel dedicou a sua vida aos animais e à sua proteção. Morreu em 1995 mas os seus esforços em defesa da natureza continuam vivos, e a continuidade do seu trabalho é assegurada através do Durrel natural world Conservation Trustes.

Carrie: it is a really good account of a 10-year outdated boy's adolescence years at the greek island of Corfu after his kinfolk strikes there from England within the 1930s. The boy is a rabid naturalist, and is usually accumulating poisonous, slithering, leggy, and/or adverse creatures domestic (much to his family's dismay) to check and continue as pets. elements of the e-book are laugh-out-loud funny, in particular descriptions of the antics of his weird and wonderful kin members. something did hold nagging me during the book- I stored thinking, who're those people? and who DOES this?...They has to be independently filthy rich b/c they maintain relocating from villa to villa, deciding to buy such things as mad and none of them have jobs of any style (with the prospective exception of the 23-yr outdated brother who might dubiously be defined as a suffering artist). the ten year outdated boy, Gerry, does not also have to visit school- he has occasional inept tutors yet in a different way runs wild. None of this can be ever defined within the book, so that you type of need to simply permit it go, simply because really, what could a 10-yr previous boy care approximately these information anyway.

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