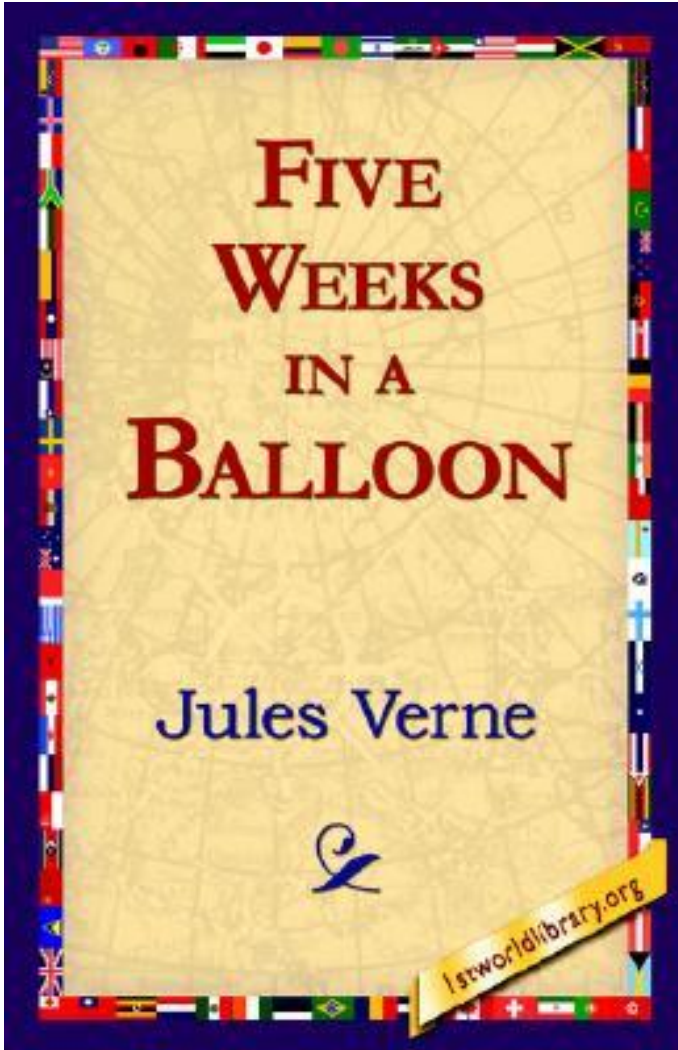


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## Jules Verne

### Five Weeks in a Balloon (Extraordinary Voyages #1)



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## Description

There was a large audience assembled on the 14th of January, 1862, at the session of the Royal Geographical Society, No. 3 Waterloo Place, London. The president, Sir Francis M -, made an important communication to his colleagues, in an address that was frequently interrupted by applause. This rare specimen of eloquence terminated with the following sonorous phrases bubbling over with patriotism: "England has always marched at the head of nations" (for, the reader will observe, the nations always march at the head of each other), "by the intrepidity of her explorers in the line of geographical discovery." (General assent). "Dr. Samuel Ferguson, one of her most glorious sons, will not reflect discredit on his origin." ("No, indeed!" from all parts of the hall.)

## Insightful reviews

Graziano: Ferguson, pero', si teneva sempre lontano da quelle dotte assemblee, poiche' apparteneva alla categoria dei militanti e non di chi teorizza, e pensava che il tempo fosse meglio speso nel cercare che non nel discutere, nello scoprire che non nel discorrere. (14)

Altro che ferrovie, con le quali i Paesi si attraversano senza vederli! - ribatteva Kennedy. Ah, se mi parlate di un pallone, si', - riprendeva Joe. - Non sembra neanche di camminare, e la natura si prende da se' il disturbo di passarvi dinanzi agli occhi. (52)

E chissa', - ribatte' il dottore - se un giorno o l'altro questa regione non diventera' il centro della civilta'? Forse, quando le regioni d'Europa non potranno piu' nutrire i loro abitanti, i popoli del futuro vi emigreranno, Lo credi? - disse Kennedy. (72)  
(Previsione errata...)

Io ho sempre immaginato che l'ultimo giorno del mondo sara' quello in cui qualche immensa caldaia, scaldata a tre miliardi di atmosfere, fara' saltare in aria il nostro globo! (73)  
(Previsione... )

Siamo ancora lontani dalla costa? - domando' Joe.  
Quale costa, figliolo? Sappiamo forse dove ci condurra' il caso? (168)

Verso le otto di sera, il Vittoria aveva percorso piu' di duecento miglia a ovest, e i viaggiatori furono allora testimoni di un magnifico spettacolo. Un fascio di raggi lunari, insinuandosi fra alcuni intestizi delle nuvole, e scivolando fra i rivoli d'acqua, cadde sulla catena dei monti Hombori. Nulla di piu' bizzarro di quelle creste d'apparenza basaltica: si profilavano in forme fantastiche sul cielo cupo; si sarebbero dette leggendarie rovine di un'immensa citta' del Medioevo, tali come appaiono, nelle notti buie, le banchise dei mari glaciali agli occhi stupiti di chi li guarda. Ecco una localita' dei Misteri di Udolfo, - disse il dottore; - Ann Radcliffe non avrebbe potuto descrivere queste montagne sotto piu' terribile aspetto. (172-3)

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Miro: Pametni Englez, njegov odani sluga i snažni Škot u avanturi života. Zanimljiva je ovo knjiga sa sredine 19. stoljeća koja svjedoči na (upitno) relativno benigni način u odnosu Europe prema Africi dok je još bila srce tame. Na tom istraživačkom pohodu kroz mnoge afričke predjele, dok se ne bavi objašnjavanjem funkcioniranja i manevriranja balona, narator daje (navodno)(tada znane) iscrpne podatke glede geografije, ekosustava i društva. Nema pretjeranih iznenađenja kod samog tijeka radnje; radi se o vrlo jednostavnoj dramskoj strukturi: uvod, zaplet, kraj, uz mnoge nedaće nad kojima narator uvijek ima kontrolu. Rasizam je u *Balonu* očekivano prisutan (mada bih se usudio reći ne u mjeri u kojoj bi mogao biti), kao i idealiziranje imperijalističke i kolonijalne britanske velesile, a zbog toga bi roman možda bio korisniji teoretičarima nego uživateljima književnosti. Za potonju bi skupinu, pak, možda bila prigodnija djela poput *20.000 milja pod morem*, *Tajanstveni otok* ili *Put oko svijeta za 80 dana*.

Alexis Webb: I really enjoyed this book.

Sure, it had its problems. The plot was a bit formulaic, and the characters weren't all that deep and fleshed out.

But it was fun, and entertaining.

Don't be put off by comments of racist language, although that is certainly scattered throughout the book. But this book was also published in 1862, and so is a product of its times, and you have to take that into account when reading it.

Mel: Soy FAN de Jules Verne. Este libro me gusto más que el primero que leí, tiene muchísimo más aventuras que contar y los personajes me gustaron. Las aventuras que pasan son increíbles. Es aun más rápido de leer y te dejan con las ganas de tomar el siguiente libro. que por cierto ya estoy en eso.

Cherryonion: this can be the 1st Jules Verne novel in my "Seven Novels" assortment and the 1st of his novels i have ever read. It took me a bit time to get into it at first, most likely as the font in my version is sort of small (I stored wasting my place) and it took a while to get used to the fashion of writing, yet i used to be additionally a bit bored whilst he began doing the calculations for the balloon. However, I quickly began to get into it and by the point they have been within the balloon and flying throughout Africa, i used to be hooked. The characters are a laugh and excessively jovial approximately everything, which provides a definite appeal to the story, and the fascinating predicaments they locate themselves in, and the artistic recommendations to them, are enjoyable. i assume it isn't surprising, contemplating the period during which it was once written, that there are a variety of racial slurs after they come across a number of the "savage" African tribes. The African and Arab tribes are portrayed as simple, savage individuals with little intelligence or wit, whereas the white heroes again and again outsmart them and virtually gleefully mock them at times. The e-book additionally has the longest bankruptcy titles i have ever seen! they're extra like a precis of what is to come, which was once frequently a spoiler unfortunately. However, for those who glance prior those slights, you discover an enjoyable, enjoyable experience that is filled with danger, artistic problem-

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solving and candy companionship.

Realini: 5 Weeks in A Balloon by means of Jules Verne Awe, inspiration, joy, amusement, hope, interest, pride, gratitude, serenity and such a lot of all love... those are the elements, emotions or incentives to think those feelings that we should always search for within the tales we read, with a purpose to receive Positivity. For the 10 pointed out parts support one turn into positive. Jules Verne has imagined every kind of trips, machines and technology. From submarines, to machines that fly, float, and submerge do anything. we're taken to the heart of the Earth, round it in a unprecedented 80 days. We take years holidays, look for the youngsters of Captain Grant, and submerge for 20,000 leagues and more. He used to be absolutely the dreamer and is an notion to SF writers and readers. We are in awe once we imagine that his mind's eye used to be not just fabulous, yet accurate. a lot of Verne's predictions proved to be correct. There can also be pleasure and entertainment felt whilst one reads his novels, simply because typically they contain exploration of recent territory, discoveries of unknown facts. In 5 Weeks In A Balloon the members within the trip become aware of the springs of the Nile. the tale turns out quite foolish at times. i'm wondering why it needed to commence from Zanzibar, whether a proof in regards to the winds is given, it doesn't seem to carry water. True, in analyzing such stories, the teenager, for that's the age workforce which might be extra in Verne than in starvation video games or Divergent, should be thankful for the adventure, with no wondering rather a lot the technology, the true premises and the facility of the winds. The balloon remains to be an engaging technique of transportation, and several other humans have seemed and are nonetheless taking a look into making the balloon a extra beautiful strategy to fly. In an age once we placed rather a lot carbon, sulphur and different poisonous fuel within the atmosphere, utilizing winds to maneuver round might make sense. There are hazards, simple sufficient in 5 Weeks In a Balloon, the place the natives shoot down with arrows the expedition. there's a slim escape, that can be puzzled by way of a fault discovering mind, simply because upon getting holes within the balloon, it sort of feels very unlikely to boost it up again. yet let's be benefit finders and never simply fault finders. At one other point, the balloon is attacked by...vultures and it really is speedily falling to the ground. to be able to retailer the samples, one of many staff jumps all the way down to sacrifice for the nice of technology and humanity. There can also be a parrot, named Ramses and as an proprietor of 2 macaws I fell for the bird, even though I can't support yet frown at the proven fact that it was once stored (how?) in a pocket at a definite degree within the tale. All is easily if it ends well, yet i'm really not going to bare the top of a narrative which contains flying over the lake Victoria with a purpose to Senegal. The individuals of the excursion are meant to arrive in 5 weeks at the Pacific Coast. Like in different Verne stories- all over the world in 80 days – there's a guess which revolves round the distinct time of arrival. for those who learn it, you will discover who won. yet i like to recommend it when you are a teenager, for adults I wouldn't say this is often so exciting. yet i'll be flawed

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