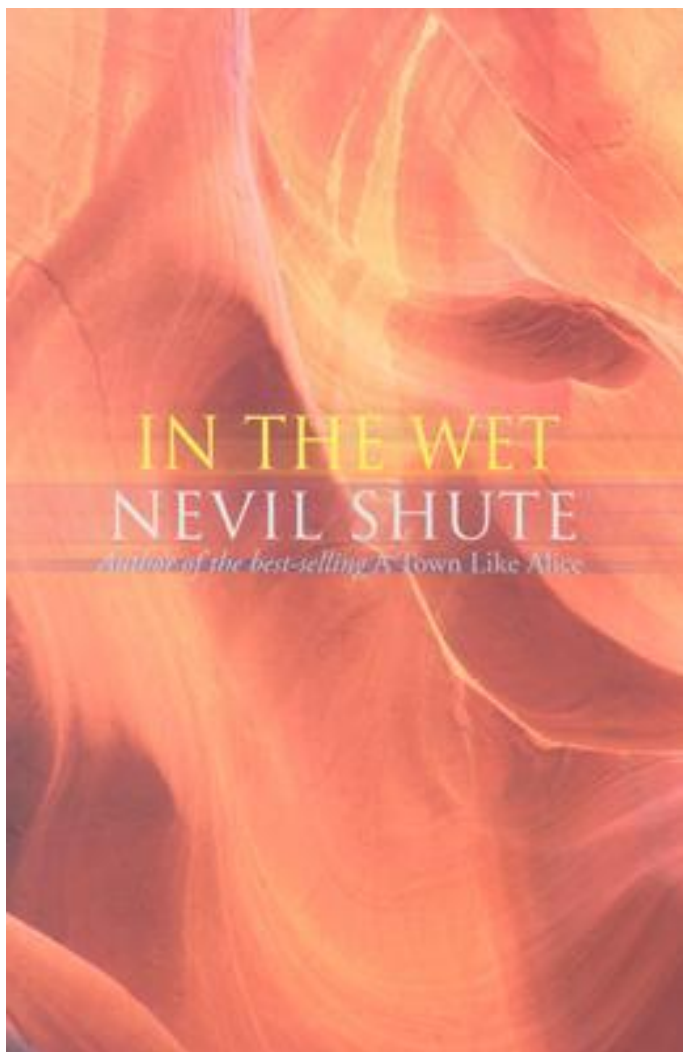

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In the Wet



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Description

Originally published in 1953, *IN THE WET* is Nevil Shute's speculative glance into the future of the British Empire. An elderly clergyman stationed in the Australian bush is called to the bedside of a dying derelict. In his delirium Stevie tells a story of England in 1983 through the medium of a squadron air pilot in the service of Queen Elizabeth II.

Insightful reviews

Scilla: This book is narrated by an old parish priest in outback Australia. He meets Stevie, who usually gets very drunk when he comes to town. They sort of become friends as the priest helps to take care of Stevie. The priest goes out through swollen rivers during the wet to the home where Stevie is living with a Chinese gardener when he hears Stevie is dying. The priest is suffering a relapse of his malaria while Stevie relates a tale of his life some 30 years in the future. It involves the British monarchy. The story is fascinating, and later the priest gains some information which makes him believe there might be some truth in the story he has just related.

Al: Taking off from a contemporary (1953) setting in the Australian outback, ITW's main plot line is a look 30 years into the future through the fevered dreams of a dying sheepherder and a pastor who is attending him. This future contains a British Commonwealth with a depopulated and impoverished Great Britain, and flourishing states of Australia and Canada. An exhausted Queen Elizabeth struggles to keep the Commonwealth together, trying to reconcile the envious British with the vigorous "colonial" states. How has it all come to this pass? Voting laws in Australia and Canada were amended to give multiple votes to individuals based on their satisfaction of certain criteria (while Great Britain refuses to do so) and the influence of the enlightened and empowered voters triggered an economic boom. In the words of one (British) character,

"One man, one vote, has never really worked....The common man has held the voting power, and the common man has voted consistently to increase his own standard of living, regardless of the long term interests of his children, regardless of the wider interests of his country...Every penny that could be wrung out of the nation has been devoted to raising the standard of living of the least competent elements in the country, who have held the voting power..."

How prophetic of our current trend, if not in the Commonwealth, at least in the United States. That's the setting; the story itself contains some of the usual Shute plot elements: a self-sufficient young protagonist (who is a pilot by vocation and a sailor by avocation) and an admirable, industrious young woman who is attracted to him. Both are serving the royal family in its time of stress. It all adds up to another great Shute tale, spiced up by his foray into broader issues.

Krista: I'm really disappointed by this one. I'm a huge Shute fan, but this book was awkward and not set-up well (I didn't realize that I was in the future until 1/2 way through the book, which probably was obvious to anyone who knows both Australian and English government, but I clearly do not). The beginning and the end were the most interesting parts. Characters (which

he usually excels at) suck (with the exception of the "present day" characters). A big ol' disappointment.

Stuart Taylor: I used to be comfortable to complete this e-book and that claims all of it really. First released in 1953 (I believe), this ebook is meticulously researched yet very leisurely paced with lots of repetitive padding. Written within the language of the time, its references to half-castes and boongs and abos are thought of racially unacceptable at the present time and the vital character's nickname: "Nigger", underlines this. When you learn this ebook therefore, you have to achieve this within the spirit of its classic and never turn into angry at expressions that have been thought of OK on the time. The first individual rendition of the story within the voice of a bothered state priest within the Australian bush within the Thirties had me hooked from the start, and regardless of nearly quitting the lengthy winded tale in additional than one place, the good drawn characters, real surroundings and next 3rd individual storytelling effectively stored me persevering to the end. The plot revolves round the priest's come across with the neighborhood under the influence of alcohol and opium person within the personality of an impecunious outdated guy known as Stevie. Stevie lives out of city with an enigmatic Chinese language guy who at some point arrives without warning to get the priest (who is anguished a foul recurrence of Malaria himself), and town hospital's nursing sister to wait Stevie who's mortally ill. touring as most sensible they could in the course of the Australian wet season the place the tracks are flooded for months and infested with crocodiles, the nurse loses her scientific bag and so they locate Stevie within the Chinaman's shack, ached wracked and delirious with opium. with out medicine or kerosene to gentle the shack they spend the evening dosing Stevie with opium for discomfort aid and whilst the priest is by myself with him, the death guy finds a weird and wonderful tale set within the ghostly voices of individuals from a destiny world.

Graceann: I did whatever with this novel that I have never performed due to the fact that I used to be in highschool - I went to trade resources for rationalization of what I used to be analyzing simply because I bought lost. I used to be analyzing one story, then without warning I used to be studying another, and it took me really it slow to determine how I would be transitioned. This is often one of the issues that Nevil Shute does for me; he retains me on my feet and pushes me out of my convenience zone. The unconventional starts off with the quite easy (and, on the outset, relatively dull) tale of a clergyman operating in Australia, and attempting to get to those that desire him through the rainy season. throughout the lengthy evening of a person's dying, whatever else begins. He's not ready for this, and neither was I. I virtually gave up at the tale whilst it used to be on the subject of the priest and his lonely little experiences, and I am so joyful that I did not provide in to the temptation. I stored announcing to myself "this is Shute; there is acquired to be extra to the story." I used to be correct to stay with it. There is a good deal of Shute's personal political outlook here, and one of many characters nicknames himself with the N-word with a view to beat the racists to it. The unconventional as a complete makes for interesting, thought-provoking reading.

Tobinsfavorite: I'm an important fan of Nevil Shute. In a used e-book store, I regularly visit the S's to determine in the event that they have any novels I haven't got yet. (As a result, I've got a small stack of his works I have not but read.) It truly is challenging to assert "This is one among my favorites" simply because there aren't relatively any I do not like, yet this is often an entertaining, gratifying learn with a bit adventure, a bit politics (albeit strange, un-American

politics), a bit race commentary, and somewhat romance. I learn this a long time in the past and so won't take into account it all accurately, yet I definitely keep in mind having fun with it and recommending it to others, which I nonetheless do, with one caveat. Mr. Shute makes use of The N-Word usually during this book. It truly is by no means utilized in an insulting or derogatory way; in fact, it really is followed as a reputation through the most character, who's biracial and claims the insult sooner than it may be used opposed to him. However, it's unsettling adequate that I have to point out it, particularly as my response hinders me from accurately discussing the book.

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