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Description

Viennese author Schnitzler's brief 1901 novel depicts the Austrian crisis at the turn of the century and the impending collapse of the dream of the empire. Bored at the opera, egocentric young Lieutenant Gustl contemplates which women are flirting with him; the fact that there are too many Jews in the army, which is the reason for "all this anti-Semitism"; and an upcoming duel with a doctor who made an unflattering remark about the military. After the concert, impatient in the coat check queue, Gustl gets into a quarrel with a baker who threatens to break Gustl's sword in two if he doesn't calm down. Convinced he's been dishonored, Gustl decides he must commit suicide and spends the night walking the streets, weighing the repercussions of killing himself. When he arrives at his favorite cafe for a final breakfast, he becomes elated on learning that he can go on living because the baker died of a stroke just after their encounter. This novel is an early embodiment of modern skepticism and despair. And written in interior monologue, it demonstrates a Freudian influence. The historical and literary impact of this work remains its strong point, making it more interesting to think about than to read.

Insightful reviews

Franziska {Leben und Lesen}: Ach, der Gustl. Der war ne ganz angenehme Gesellschaft, obwohl er lange über eine Ungerechtigkeit und ihre vermeintlich unvermeidbare Konsequenz lamentierte. Doch die Wendung war überraschend.

Der Schreibstil und die Art des Inneren Monologs fand ich sehr interessant. Lesenswert.

Marta Pinto: Uma das melhores leituras do ano.

Guido: Korte novelle in het Duits op het internet -Gutenberg Project- gelezen. Eerste verhaal in het Duits in innerlijke monoloog geschreven. Satire op het eergevoel van de militair die uiteindelijk niet zo consequent is als de erecode het voorschrijft. Ook een vleugje jodenhaat tussendoor.

Patrik Kondáš: nemecký flow of cognizance (die Erzählform des inneren Monologs). Dôkaz, že povinné ?ítanie nemusí by? vždy hrozné. :)

Khinna: I learn this in my Emergence of Modernism class. the single learn on the time that I had an curiosity in. The flow of awareness that encouraged James Joyce's Ulysses (right)...

Joël: Ich weiß nicht, ob der Umfang des Buches gleich ist. Ich habe eine merkwürdige version ohne ISBN mit Leutnant Gustl, Fräulein Else und "Die Toten schweigen" Fräulein Else hab ich als 5-Minuten-Abschnitt in einem Podcast kennengelernt, das Ende aber nie gehört. additionally musste ich es mal lesen. Hat mir sehr intestine gefallen, auch den Leutnant fand ich ziemlich gut. Die Toten schweigen liest sich wie aus dem Deutschunterricht-Lesebuch. Gut, dass keine zähen Fragen am Ende des Textes standen.

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