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Insightful reviews

Grace Harwood: "Why should I not publish my diary? I have often seen reminiscences of people I have never even heard of, and I fail to see - because I do not happen to be a 'Somebody' - why my diary should not be interesting."

And thank goodness that Charles Pooter, ordinary clerk and Victorian family man decided to follow this course. The humour is gentle but had me in stitches at times and is still as funny today as it must have been for its contemporary audience of Punch readers in the 1890s. One is torn between feeling desperately sorry for Mr Pooter (and recognising that we can all be impossibly pompous and self-important at times) and laughing out loud at the many slights and injuries he receives at the hands of tradesmen and his fellow clerks. When William (now self-styling himself by his middle name "Lupin") arrives on the scene, the action picks up and the scene is set for much more hilarity as Lupin disregards his father and his old-fashioned ways and sets off on a new-fangled modern course which Pooter can only believe will lead to disgrace.

In some ways this is a comedy, but it is also a window into Victorian society from the point of view of the middle-class working man and his family. We have all the fads of the Victorian age (spiritualism makes an interesting appearance with even the sceptical Pooter getting caught up in the seances his wife and her friend start hosting) and a representation of the conflict between the thirst for progress and the concern inherent within this about "dangerous" ideas which epitomises this age. Pooter is half-pleased, half-concerned when he notes that his son Lupin has some of the same traits as the progressive Huttle: "I feel proud to think Lupin does resemble Mr. Huttle in some ways. Lupin, like Mr Huttle, has original and sometimes wonderful ideas; but it is those ideas that are so dangerous. They make men extremely rich or extremely poor. They make or break men. I always feel people are happier who live a simple unsophisticated life. I believe I am happy because I am not ambitious."

This is a lovely book - the office scenes read a bit like "The Victorian Office" with Pitt the waggish junior clerk playing the part of Tim Canterbury to Pooter's David Brent. I so enjoyed reading it and it was much, much too short for me.

Jonathan Goddard: I loved this book right from the opening lines:

'Why should I not publish my diary? I have often seen reminiscences of people I have never even heard of, and I fail to see - because I do not happen to be a 'Somebody' - why my diary should not be interesting.'

Charles Pooter's narrative remains extremely witty throughout, and provided me with many very good laughs. I liked all the main family: our narrator Charlie, middle-aged, suburban dwelling, white-collar worker whose greatest dream is to have his son work at the same firm as him, and who suffers a great many mundane struggles and minor humiliations almost every day of his life, his wife Carrie, and their radical son Lupin.

A satire on the contemporary fashion of publishing diaries and autobiographies, *Diary of a Nobody* is an excellent novel, and one of the most entertaining books I have ever read. I read it all through in a matter of hours, because I could not bear to part with it.

Jonathan Stephenson: Brilliant! A book filled with unimportant characters, not about anything in particular, in which nothing much happens. Well not exactly, this is a satire on being ordinary.

Admittedly modern readers may not find it as funny as when it was first published in *Punch* in the late 19th century, as the context and detail of Victorian middle-class values that it parodies are no longer an immediately understood reference point and tastes in, as well as expectations of, humour have moved on. What it pokes fun at still exists in present day society and everyday life though and the subtle, not so subtle, witty and cringe-making elements of its sending up have resurfaced many times over in other comic guises and genre.

Expect a gentle sit-com, not laugh out loud stand-up style—and tune in to the delicate ridiculing of social attitudes and individual stereotypes on offer. It is full of satirical one liners and awkward moments that still have contemporary resonance.

The Diary of a Nobody is exactly what its title says it is. There is no complex comic plot or hilarious dénouement. The humour is definitely quite 'English' and its target is urban life. If you get that it is still relevant and very amusing to read.

Margaret: i might had this for some time and idea it is going to make stable paired studying with 3 males on a Boat, as they are either thought of classics of British humor of concerning the similar era. George Grossmith is likely to be most sensible often called a long-time celebrity of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, appearing the comedian baritone roles (Ko-Ko, Major-General Stanley, Sir Joseph Porter) in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas; his brother Weedon used to be mostly an artist. Their hero, Charles Pooter, is a standard middle-class clerk in London, who makes a decision to maintain and post a diary, for the reason that "I have usually obvious memories of individuals i have not even heard of, and that i fail to spot -- simply because i don't occur to be a 'Somebody' -- why my diary shouldn't be interesting." it's interesting, as a really funny, occasionally nearly painful depiction of his small, suburban lifestyle, and even if it truly is most unlikely to not chortle at Pooter, it is also very unlikely to not like him.

Deanna: This was once an engaging little book. I listened to it, learn in a nice, stuffy English accent. for all time i used to be listening, i presumed it has to be a type of spoof at the Dickens/Austen-type books that cross on and on in regards to the lifestyle of the gentry in England. on the finish of the tapes, it defined that this was once first released in 1852, so correct even as Dickens, and therefore it fairly was once a satire of the time, making enjoyable

of the stuffy "gentry" books via detailing the lifetime of a humble middle-class clerk. noticeable from that perspective, i actually imagine it used to be brilliant. It had a few very humorous bits, and likewise a few fairly touching ones, and the most characters are fallacious yet sympathetic, and really likeable.

Chrystal: George Grossmith has left us a delightfully humorous account of a financial institution clerk's day-by-day affairs over the process a 12 months in 1880's England. thankfully for readers within the glossy era, this ebook continues to be in print and should stay a resource of delight for lots of generations to come. Mr. Pooter's diary offers with day-by-day events, from which we glean many information about his acquaintances and family. Mr. Pooter is a truly right financial institution clerk who's hilarious whilst he doesn't suggest to be - his sincere descriptions of individuals are hysterical, and his "jokes" which make him and his spouse roar with laughter, are in reality in no way funny, which makes the reader snort even more. A gem of a publication which i glance ahead to studying many times in years to come.

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