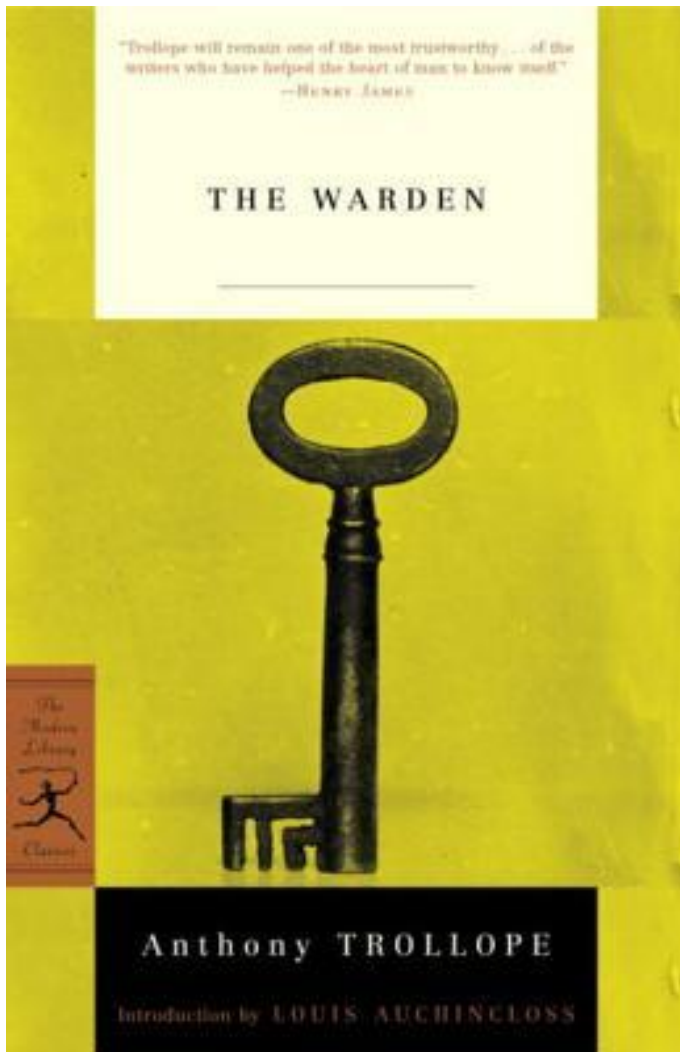


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# Anthony Trollope

## The Warden (Chronicles of Barsetshire #1)



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## Description

The first of Trollope's popular Barsetshire novels, set in the fictional cathedral town of Barchester, *The Warden* centers on the honorable cleric Septimus Harding, one of Trollope's most memorable characters. When Harding is accused of mismanaging church funds, his predicament lays bare the complexities of the Victorian world and of nineteenth-century provincial life. And, as Louis Auchincloss observes in his Introduction, "The theme of *The Warden* presents the kind of social problem that always fascinated Trollope: the inevitable clash of ancient privilege with modern social awareness."

## Insightful reviews

Dana Loo: Non conoscevo Trollope e devo dire che, per quanto l'argomento nn sia tra i più empatici, l'autore riesce a catturare l'interesse del lettore, grazie ad uno stile narrativo molto diretto, colloquiale, ai toni ironici e disincantati e alle eccellenti caratterizzazioni. Siamo in pieno realismo ottocentesco, stemperato però dalla satira e dall'umorismo che si riversa in buone dosi sulla stampa inglese per esempio, ma nn solo...Il finale è un po' amaro perché viene a mancare soprattutto quel senso di giustizia tanto invocato e paradossalmente si finisce per colpire chi si era cercato di tutelare e difendere...

Sarah: First, I must admit I did quite a bit of skimming as I read this book which, true to Victorian fashion, stretches details something beyond my 21st century sensibilities. That said, it was a very well done story about the warden of a small charitable "hospital" (think rather boarding house for aging men in dire straights). The hospital is funded by a trust which has grown in value over time, and the warden never questions the fact that its expanding proceeds wind up in his pocket rather than in expanding the charitable work until a zealous reformer takes up the cause with great self-confidence.

The reformer bears no personal ill-will toward the warden; in fact they are great friends. Still, he does not treat him as a friend when he goes to lawyers and to the old men who are in the warden's care (they are given the idea that they are the victims in this injustice) first. This sets off a very public smear-campaign against the warden, and destroys the contentment of the old men as well as their relationship, formerly both warm and beneficial to them both, with the warden. The irony is that, when confronted with the evidence, the warden agrees that reform in the system would be just and desirable.

Spoiler alert: stop reading if you don't want to know!

In the end, the warden is left with no choice which his conscience and character can bear but to resign. This he does to the detriment of not just himself but of his wards, whose lives are degraded without his friendship and whose hopes of riches are not fulfilled.

Trollope's point, I think, is that reform is undoubtedly needed in this world, but when reformers go about it treating those they would reform as enemies they become destroyers of the good and the just in their targets - meaning there is no reformation, only change. And change for the

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sake of change is not always good.

Rick Boyer: *The Warden*, by Anthony Trollope, is the first volume of the six-part series, "The Chronicles of Barsetshire." It tells the story of the Anglican clergyman Septimus Harding, who (as part of his clerical "preferment") is the warden, or overseer, of a hospital or "retirement home" for a group of elderly men. For this job the warden receives an annual stipend, which used to be fairly small but which now, due to profitable investing practices, has grown to a rather large sum. In the course of events, a controversy arises as to who, precisely, is the proper beneficiary of this money: the (overpaid) warden; or the elderly men who live at the hospital. This controversy puts Dr. Harding in the middle of an ethical battle, in which he must decide whether to continue to receive his stipend (to which he is legally entitled), or to give it up (as he feels morally and ethically called to do.) Powerful political interests on both sides of the issue put pressure on the poor warden, who has no peace until he makes up his mind how to proceed.

In this novel, Trollope brilliantly examines the issue of personal responsibility, and the question of what, at the end of the day, means the most in life. Is it more important to have wealth and security, or the peace of a clear conscience and the knowledge that one has "done the right thing."

I love the book, and highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in 19th century British literature, or the kind of moral/social issues that I have mentioned above. In fact, I recommend the whole "Chronicles of Barsetshire" series, as some of the very best and theologically/philosophically probing material you're ever going to get.

Elizabeth (Alaska): First, allow me say this stunned me. I suppose I do not recognize what I used to be expecting, yet a unique the place the church/clergy was once the defendant in a lawsuit shouldn't have seemed on a list. "The Queen on behalf of the Wool-carders of Barchester v. Trustees below the need of the overdue John Hiram" was once instituted, The Warden being the first Trustee so named. Now, might you furthermore might count on humor? a minimum of that used to be at the list. In a dialogue the place the bishop learns of the potential go well with is: The bishop didn't whistle: we think that they lose the facility of doing so on being consecrated; ... Trollope used to be a latest of Dickens, and lampooning the institution was once a lot in vogue. Trollope isn't relatively pretty much as good as Dickens, however. (Was anyone?) His novels will not be fairly as multi-layered and, whereas his characterizations are really good, simply now not fairly as good. In Trollope, we additionally spend much less time with the bad and dealing class, and extra time with the prosperous and educated. *The Warden* is the 1st in of Trollope's 6-volume Barsetshire Chronicles. It's my figuring out that every of those will be learn as a stand alone.

Henry Avila: *The Warden*, depression tale of Septimus Harding, Church of Britain clergyman, within the fictitious cathedral city of Barchester. (Winchester in reality) Britain, the heart of the nineteenth century and this quiet little urban exists, as a result of the cathedral, and is ruled by means of the clergy. In 1434 a prosperous service provider John Hiram died, and left in his will land, to help twelve retired previous males from Barchester. A hospital (nursing home) was once to be built, the church to manage it through appointing a warden. 400 years later, estate values

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jump and the rents also. there is more cash than is needed, to maintain the elderly dozen. Harding the warden, is a kindly cleric, who loves the bad males and gets 800 kilos a year, for the sinecure job! Trouble starts off while Dr. John Bold, the neighborhood reformer, tells the influential newspaper, The Jupiter. (The London Times) Harding is attacked through the paper, the scandal factors him nice emotional distress. family members ties complicate the situation, Septimus daughter Eleanor, is in love with Bold! The warden's older daughter Susan, is married to Archdeacon Grantly, the bishop's son and the ability at the back of the throne. Grantly defends church privileges. Harding's ally is the bishop, who gave him the do not anything job. After a lot soul searching, every body loves titles, the warden comes to a decision to renounce and settle for poverty. yet unexpectedly, the clinic turns into vacant, after the outdated males are gone!

Nita Gautam: The Warden is the 1st e-book within the Chronicles of Bassetshire that's considered as Anthony Trollope's most interesting work. This ebook was once first released in 1855 and is decided within the fictitious province of Bassetshire and is a narrative of a priest in cathedral city of Barchester. e-book Cover As is going for all of the classics, the canopy is beautiful. So, no court cases here. Plot The tale is of Septimus Harding, a monks who's dwelling a calm and satisfied existence as a Warden of Hiram's health facility and because the precentor of Barchester Cathedral. He has daughters - Susan who's married to bishop's son Dr. Grantly and Eleanor who's unmarried yet in love with a tender reformist, John Bold. Hiram's sanatorium is supported via charity and this source of revenue continues this almshouse and helps its twelve bedesmen (in this ebook outdated males who may perhaps now not help themselves and are ill). Mr. Warden plays his responsibility good and looks after those men. He treats them as his pals and sometimes meets them each evening. The satisfied kingdom of affair is disturbed whilst John daring begins wondering the legacy and the way the cash is getting used for the welfare of hospital's bedesmen. He exposes the massive disproportion in Mr. Harding's fats stipend and the cash bought through the twelve bedesmen. Soon, this information turns into speak of town and Mr. Harding who has no longer performed any factor mistaken in his existence turns into a villain who lives a sumptuous lifestyles with the money that's intended to aid the terrible bedesman. Characters Trollope has created characters which are memorable and those characters will stay with you for one cause or the opposite for an extended time. The characters are so genuine for they've got weakness, flaws and dilemmas that one will encounter in actual life. Mr. Harding or the Warden is quiet and loves music. He has performed no wrongs in his existence yet unearths himself in centre of an argument so undesirable that it threatens to carry shame to his identify and that i couldn't aid yet consider sorry for bad Mr. Harding. He played his function of Warden good and didn't in any respect attempt to misuse the charity income. notwithstanding he didn't query the fats stipend he used to be getting. But, who does that? there has been one time while I bought frustrated with him. I am a truly functional individual and that i make judgements in line with what my brain says is right instead of what my middle does. So, I bought quite aggravated with the Warden for his selection taken on a whim. The step that he desires to take might sound right to his sense of right and wrong yet which I, like different characters during this book, came across irrational. But, later within the book, I did accept as true with him. Dr. Grantly might sound a villain to so much yet from time to time I did consider him yet I did locate his equipment too drastic and his speech pungent. John Bold, well, had he now not been there, Mr. Harding and the twelve bedesmen might have led a calm life. But, while he attempts to set issues right, its too past due and the problem is out of his hands. What I likel

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loved this booklet to greatly notwithstanding i used to be frightened firstly as I had no notion of the church and its dealings in England within the Victorian Times. while i began examining it, I feared i would now not know it at all. But, i used to be absorbed during this publication lovely soon. the tale retains its readers entertained. As, I stated before, the characters during this publication are memorable and you can suppose for them and will hook up with them. This used to be my first booklet from Trollope and that i loved his writing variety even though a few may perhaps locate it slow. What I loved approximately his writing is that usually he begins conversing on to his readers. he'll ask you questions or provides you with info whereas addressing you directly. i myself like this yet i do know those that locate this a flip off. The more thing that sticks out during this ebook and whatever which i have not visible in a publication before, is that there's a bankruptcy in the direction of the tip of the ebook the place the writer tells its reader that the undesirable man during this publication isn't as undesirable as he appears. the writer places ahead the optimistic features of the 'supposed' villain giving justification that he certainly is an efficient man yet regrettably what comes throughout of him during this tale seems to be bad. This used to be fairly a different kind of Trollope and it placed a grin on my face. What i didn't like For such a lot half I loved the booklet yet there have been elements in a single of which he talks concerning the energy of press and within the different approximately his day spent in London that i discovered relatively monotonous. loads of pages have been dedicated to those and that i felt it used to be now not required to speak about them in rather a lot detail. But, you can actually overlook this because the publication differently is great. My ultimate strategies at the book The ebook is a needs to learn for the entire booklet enthusiasts and particularly those who love classics. a pleasant learn and that i plan to learn different books during this sequence for sure. Do decide it up in the event you come upon this book. For this and my different publication reviews, please stopover at [www.book-choose.com](http://www.book-choose.com)

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