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Description

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Insightful reviews

Robert: About two thirds of the way through *The Wings of the Dove* I almost stopped reading it. This is the closest I have ever come to not finishing a book, and I read *Infinite Jest*.

I think there might have been some interesting stuff going on in the book. According to the (50 pages of!) literary criticism in the introduction there was a lot of deception and scheming happening, but I couldn't get to it because the language was so florid and everything was so oblique. I found that I could not muster enough interest to concentrate on the text, which was a problem because, to be clear, after 15 or so dependent clauses in a single sentence, resulting in more punctuation per sentence, including commas, semicolons, and colons, than is considered to be healthy by the Food & Drug Administration, I would forget what "it" was, "it" being introduced perhaps at the beginning of the sentence or perhaps, on occasion, in the prior sentence. See what I did there? Yes, in theory you could diagram that sentence and pick out a single subject and a single predicate, but you would need an 11"x17" sheet of paper.

1.5 Stars. Not horrible, just uninteresting and difficult to read. If you like nasty late Victorians not mentioning but only implying all of the ineffable horribleness that they are committing on one another and you love a complex sentence, this book is for you.

Mary Anne: Unknown page:

"Did she know?"

"I think you know what she knew."

"I knew something, but not what you knew of what she knew. I still don't know."

"I know."

"So she knew something."

"Yes. We all knew something."

OK. We've established that everyone knows. But what do they know? James uses a very oblique writing style. This style seems to say so much without saying anything at all. Very little is crystal clear in this book, to the extent that when Kate actually directs Densher in her plot, the directness of her words seem crass. But not to worry, because this is charity work. It's what Milly wants, and so we would be doing her a great service, don't you know. The writing, while lengthy, is quite beautiful. I'd like to read more James.

Callie: I consider myself of slightly above average intelligence when it comes to readin' and writin' but I couldn't comprehend about 75% of the sentences in this book. I probably could have if I'd forced myself to slow down and reread, but I don't like doing that. I just plowed ahead and

luckily I can still get the gist of what James is saying. If you want my opinion you could cut that 75% and improve this novel greatly. Every fourth sentence is all he needed in the first place. Well, we can't all be Hemingway, although I must say I'll take the staccato flat three word sentence fragments every time over Jamesian obfuscation.. That being said, the plot and its unfolding was brilliant. Good thing I didn't know beforehand what happens or I wouldn't have stuck with it, but because I didn't he kept me wondering and surprised throughout. (Now stop here if you haven't read this novel because I'm about to ruin it for you. I will discuss how it unfolds and you don't want to know this stuff if you are planning on ever reading the book.) The other thing about HJ is that he is a sly sonuva because he gets you to really like Kate and Densher at the outset of the novel, and you're rooting for them, but they turn out to be liars. Densher's not so bad, but Kate is a shady lady. She is always one or two steps ahead of Densher, too. These people are very good at NOT saying things and very delicately talking around and around things so as not to ever implicate themselves. Just hinting all the time. They are none too ethical. HJ clearly did not have a very sanguine view of human nature. I think this is the third novel I've read by him and his characters all always turn out to be dirtbags, for lack of a better word. In this case, Densher bothered me least because he at least had the good sense to feel bad about what he was doing. I wonder what James wanted me to think of Milly? I didn't particularly love her much either, even though she was the only one who wasn't trying to play an angle. I couldn't abandon my early warmth toward Kate and Densher, even though they just got progressively more deceptive and disappointing as the novel continued. I never wanted Densher to fall for Milly. This would be a fun book for a reading group because people might have different allegiances and you could get into a debate about that. In fact, this book is packed with stuff that would be fun to discuss.

I wish I could give it more stars because I realize modern library picked it as one of the 100 greatest books of the twentieth century and I realize that he's quite brilliant in how he pulls it off, but I am compelled to rate it based on how much I ENJOYED it and because he's not big on clarity well that really put a damper on it for me.

Patrick Karamazov: The prose of this ebook is nearly impenetrable. occasionally Shakespeare turns out difficult to determine out, yet there are complete pages of this publication which are virtually written in a distinct language-- or at the very least a special syntax. Henry James has the facility to put in writing 10 pages at a time utilizing in simple terms five paragraphs, 10 periods, 50 semi-colons, no dialogue, and the single nouns are pronouns. At top though, the sentences might be attractive and complex and examining them should be like unwinding a strand of DNA. there is a common sense to it. James' writing kind fits the content. simply because just like the sentences and the paragraphs, the characters, social setting, and tradition of this ebook are every now and then thoroughly confounding. although this publication is written approximately English and americans on the flip of the century, occasionally it seems like the publication is ready area extraterrestrial beings 1000 years from now. it is like sci-fi. I most likely have extra in universal with the malicious program humans of Dune than I do with the higher society of England. So in the event you deal with this ebook like a fable or sci-fi it truly is virtually finishable. it might be thoroughly finishable if rather than being seven hundred pages it used to be 402 pages. Then i may say I had really entire the book. yet I learn the final 2 pages, or even notwithstanding I skipped the former 300, the finishing made whole experience to me. i am definite that is a credits to Henry James. On a private note, this publication used to

be like a roadblock for me. i used to be on a streak of analyzing like a ebook some other day. yet this publication simply messed every thing up. It was once more than enough to make me are looking to now not go back it to the library, yet no longer more than enough to make me are looking to really learn it. Weird. So I simply ended up interpreting not anything for every week or two. yet I "finished" it and i am relocating on. although "We shall by no means be back as we were!"

Jean-Paul Walshaw-Sauter: This novel is tough and that is placing it mildly! James' sentences must be read, unravelled and reread or even then one isn't really continuously definite even if their that means is clouded by means of a few impenetrable mist or if it is ones personal brain that's foggy. when you've got now not understood the bankruptcy you're reading, do not development to the next. James won't allow you to again on board and if he does allow you to again on board at a later stage, the lacking items within the puzzle won't ever let you comprehend the bigger picture. despite the fact that in the event you persevere and reread what you haven't understood, the funding can pay off and his sentences demonstrate themselves to be a stylistic gemstones of beautiful attractiveness and his chapters small masterpieces. The plot in itself is clear, it is the devilish improvement of a manipulation: doomed passion, betrayal, human persistence and remorse. However, every little thing else is yet veiled description, far away rumours, blurred contours, inner dialogues, refined feedback and never-ending evasion and ambivalence. I had the influence whereas interpreting "The Wings of the Dove" that I, because the reader, used to be additionally a bird. I considered the motion from above with altered vision. The spoken phrases have been muffled by means of the consistent yet nearly inaudible beating of my wings opposed to the wind. i didn't rather consider whilst or how I took to the air and not relatively landed, yet hovered forever in comfortable opacity. the trouble required in analyzing this novel is interminable, however the event within the long-term is very worthwhile and aesthetically awe inspiring!

Trina: I sat down the day prior to this afternoon and entire Wings of the Dove, and ended up admiring it SO much. i did not rather a lot like it as recognize it. I skimmed forward to the Venice elements that's why i needed to learn it within the first place, and so they have been lovely, yet then I received into the characters back and complete the complete thing. I knew the plot, which is not complicated, however it used to be portrayed much more subtly than I had imagined, with totally ideal notice choices. There are just males within the story, and the most man is, as James describes him "surrounded via petticoats" as he is going besides the plans of numerous women. The most adorable woman, though, "turns her face to the wall" and dies. each personality is in methods admirable and in methods dishonorable. It ended up being really a considerate learn for me. do not try out examining it sooner than sleep though--that used to be my mistake. a few novels require being alert.

Less the positive month you shall do soon with them will ask your important account succeeding field business lets you can have which payments always makes or that not. That is the member with 401 or earlier can ask they every full pdf than a global season.

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