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1916. Tarkington was one of the most popular American novelist and dramatist of his time. The Penrod series of novels deal with the daily life and trials of a boy of eleven and twelve in turn of the century Indiana. The humor is found in the petty hypocrisies of the adults and the naoveti of the children and how those two things intertwine. Penrod is not alone in his travels in this volume he is accompanied by his loyal yet aging dog Duke, his best friend Sam Williams, and two African Americans across the alley, Herman and Verman. Contents: Penrod and Sam; The Bonded Prisoner; The Militarist; Bingism; The In-Or-In; Georgie Becomes a Member; Whitey; Salvage; Reward of Merit; Conscience; The Tonic; Gipsy; Concerning Trousers; Camera Work in the Jungle; A Model Letter to a Friend; Wednesday Madness; Penrod's Busy Day; On Account of the Weather; Creative Art; The Departing Guest; Yearnings; The Horn of Fame; The Party; and The Heart of Marjorie Jones. See other titles by this author available from Kessinger Publishing.

Penrod and Sam Details

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Kathryn says

This is one of the most hilarious books we ever read as a family, but you do have to watch out for some ignorant racist comments.

Trish says

Not quite as good as 'Penrod' but still very funny and well written.

Erin says

Loved this when I was young---read it many times.

David Wolowsky says

I'm not sure that 1969 was the year I actually finished this book but it's a good guess. I read three Penrod books but I don't recall the name of the third. Heck I named my first cat Penrod. Years later I read 'The Magnificent Amberberns', also by Tarkington because of the Modern Library designation and because it was recommended by Mom.

Grace says

Laughter is good for the bones. Penrod definitely needs a deal more spankings than he gets, but since a merry heart doeth good like a medicine, and this book is undeniably funny, sometimes a book like this is just what you need. :) Especially if you know many little boys, Penrod and his follies ring hilariously true. :D

Ann Warren says

This book was given to me by my Grandpa years ago, and it was one of his favorites. I appreciate it so much more now, being the mom of three boys. It's laugh out loud funny in parts. Definitely written for another time, some things about little boys never change though :)

Kathryn says

Oh my goodness, these books are very entertaining! Penrod is a young boy with quite the active imagination which gets himself and his friends into trouble quite frequently. Very funny!

♠ TABI ♠ says

Hilarious!!!! I was laughing so much! The scrapes the boys get into are so funny!

Priscilla C Bissett says

Funny and engaging story!

The only problem is the racist language that was indicative of the time period. The story line is enjoyable but I wouldn't recommend the book to a young person who might not consider the context.

Larry Piper says

This was, in effect, a sequel to Penrod. This despite the fact that Penrod turned 12 at the end of the previous book and was "nearly 12" in this book. Whatever, it's the same cast of 11-year-old boys doing the kinds of inventive, and often naughty, things that 11-year-old boys do. Rather a fun read.

Gabriellyn says

UGH! This book was horrible! Prepare for a rant review!

Penrod and Sam was a popular novel written by Booth Tarkington. Tarkington was considered one of the greatest authors in America. However, once I started into the book, I wondered how in the world he afforded such a title! Penrod and Sam chronicles the adventures of two mischievous little boys. In my opinion a better name would have been Brat and Accomplice as they enact all sorts of atrocities towards others. While this may have been a favorite to many, I personally created a whole new shelf just for it, angering.

Through the whole book Penrod Schofield is the main instigator. Sam wouldn't be so bad if it weren't for Penrod's influence. Penrod leads the charge with numerous schemes of the most hateful nature that involve: pranks, cruel behavior to animals, hazing's etc.

One of the worst parts about this book is that Tarkington represents it as if this was normal behavior and while some of it can be expected from young boys, a good deal of it is unacceptable. Tarkington represents it as if it's not in their hands to control. Like the things they do are innately a part of them and when they do them it isn't their fault. These boys are old enough to know right from wrong. The ideology of this book is ludicrous.

Overall there is no retribution the things they do. Mostly, Penrod gets away with all he wants making it even more frustrating. If I hadn't had to read this for school I wouldn't have read it at all. Entertainment such as books, movies, television shows etc. should encourage good beautiful things. Books should make love and goodness appealing. This book didn't do anything of the sort. There was no one to root for; there was no one you liked. Practically every character was insufferable leaving me void of any positive

emotion towards it. If I could have rated this in the negatives I would of.

Lesya says

Seminal for me. Shaped my sense of adolescence and America. Then later I discovered the racism and classism.

Mary Gaudette says

Another highly entertaining read marred by several deeply racist incidents or comments.

Eric Hinkle says

Great book! Very funny and entertaining. It's sorta like Huck Finn except all the adventure takes place near the house. Booth T has a rather dry and wry sense of humor, and I laughed out loud quite a bit. His descriptions of the characters' emotions and reactions are priceless!

Mark says

Re-read to Madelyn. I couldn't read sometimes I was laughing so hard. I think a lot of the grandiloquence went over her head.
