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A vivid, fascinating biography of the former British prime minister and Victorian England, written by the celebrated French author.

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### **Chuck Heikkinen says**

I was curious to read about this man I'd heard of, but knew nothing. The book traces the turbulent rise of Benjamin Disraeli to become Prime Minister of England and confidant of Queen Victoria. It gives an excellent view of politics in all its hurly-burly but focuses more on the man Disraeli rather than on the politics in which the man was such an accomplished participant. This is a very sympathetic biography, well-written and insightful.

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### **Uncle Duke says**

"Do not complain ... and never explain" - the Disraeli code will always remain pertinent to ANY situation.

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### **Gregory says**

This book is a true testament of what can be accomplished in spite of extraordinary odds.

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### **LindaJ^ says**

One of the Time-Life Books published as a subscription in the 1980's that is known as the Time Reading Program. I read it in 1980 or 1981 and remember thinking what a strange name for a British Prime Minister! It was very good and one of my favorites of the series.

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### **Lee Ann says**

This was a fascinating read. It's a novelistic biography. No one volume could really do Disraeli justice. AM gives a vivid sense of Dizzy's romantic nature, idealistic mind and practical intelligence. I hated the lack of dates in the text. This made it difficult to get a real sense of Dizzy's development. I also kept losing track of where we were in time. AM tracks his subject more through his developing principles than through chronology. AM shows Dizzy's political success and the ideals behind it but doesn't give any practical insight into the hows and whys of his political era. The book needed a little more inside baseball on Victorian politics. AM's portrait of Mary Ann was delightful. I would have liked more of it. I will definitely read more on Disraeli and perhaps even wear primroses on 4/19.

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### **Tony says**

DISRAELI: A Picture of the Victorian Age. (1927). Andre Maurois. \*\*\*\*\*.

This is an excellent biography of Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881) written for the average reader. Maurois (1885-1967) was a prolific French writer – primarily of biographies, and published over two dozen books during his lifetime. His real name was Emile Herzog, but he couldn't use it because of a regulation that

existed when his first book came out. At the time, he was in the military and members of the military could not publish books under their own names. Among his books were biographies of Balzac, Shelly, Byron, and Hugo. All were best sellers during his life. In this biography, he manages to accurately place Disraeli within the context of the Victorian Era and the politics that existed at the time. What it really explores is Disraeli's principles that he adhered to during his career. He was a descendent of Venetian Jews, but was converted to the English church when he was a teenager. His father was a man who couldn't be bothered with people, and who preferred to hide in his library and read and collect thousands of quotations from the various books he read. Disraeli started out with a law career, but gave it up because it was boring. He eventually ended up in Parliament and slowly worked his way up to the top as Prime Minister. He made friends and enemies along the way. You will meet them all in this book: Lords John Russell, Durham, Stanley, Melbourne, Glastone, and Sir Robert Peel. You will also meet Queen Victoria, who at first disliked Disraeli but later came to appreciate his knowledge and honesty. The book presents a true picture of the Victorian Age in a manner that you will not likely encounter in any other book. Highly recommended.

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### **srdjan says**

"In particular he shared with the Oriental that double sentiment of a desire for the good things of this world and a perception of their hollow emptiness"

The transition from "Forti nihil difficle" to "never explain, never complain"

"Perhaps and probably I ought to be pleased. I can only tell you that truth... I am wearied to extinction and profoundly unhappy... I do not think there is really any person much unhappier than I am, and not fantastically so. Fortune, fashion, fame, even power, may increase and do heighten happiness, but they cannot create it. Happiness can only spring from the affections. I am alone, with nothing to sustain me, but, occasionally, a little sympathy on paper and that grudgingly. It is a terrible lot, almost intolerable."

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### **Bruce says**

The French author Andre Maurois published this biography of the English statesman Benjamin Disraeli in the late 1920's. Its strength and its weakness are the author's artistic license, which give the book the feel of a novel at times, rather than a dry collection of dates and facts. For example, the author will frequently refer to a phrase or a thought that Disraeli had at a given moment, as if it were as cut and dried in a calendar as the date for the beginning of an election or a war.

That keeps the book from being boring. But for someone who came into it with virtually no idea of who Disraeli was, it sometimes left me wanting more definition, more depth on political policies. Instead, we get a lot of personality and feelings and the shape of his relationship with colleagues and rivals. There is very little in the way of dates, legislation passed, political philosophy...and a bit too much of his moods and feelings as he negotiates his political rise.

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### **Nick says**

Disraeli and Gladstone have long been fixed in mind as iconographic rivals of British politics during the

reign of Queen Victoria, but this brief, impressionistic biography by Andre Maurois gave me some sense of both men's characters. It is not long on chronology or specific facts, but it does portray Disraeli very sympathetically and as a human being rather than just a political figure.

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### **Tania says**

I didn't expect to be inspired... But it was a good read.

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