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Peregrine Roderick Clyde-Brown, a bumbling British public schoolboy, has a penchant for taking the most innocent commands literally. His adventures whisk him to a French castle, where he commits murder and mayhem. British humor is rarely captured as effectively as this. Fry accomplishes an incredible range of accents and distinctions of age, occupation and sex. If hearing an imitation of a man with a missing lower denture tickles you, then Vintage Stuff is right up your alley. "When Tom Sharpe turns his attention to a very minor public school...the result is predictably savage. Hoaxes, chases, car crashes, shootings, and general mayhem. Wicked, riotous humour." —Daily Telegraph

Vintage Stuff Details

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Jimmy Lee says

If you're comfortable with the British sense of humour - invariably satirical - this is your book. A boy who takes everything literally - "take a page from this book" would prompt him to tear the book apart - is sent to a boarding school for underachievers, which teaches skills that we all need, such as surviving military assault while reassembling a log cabin (OK, I made that up, but you get the idea) by his frustrated parents. Turns out he excels at warcraft, and is a natural for involvement in one professor's "prank" on another professor - which results in an international incident. At 223 pages, there is much room for embarrassment, uncomfortable disguises, and international buffoonery.

It takes a while to get there, though. I found the book a little slow, so I put it down midway through and read two others before returning. I probably won't be shopping for Tom Sharpe again unless another book he's written falls into my lap. His story was amazingly creative and improbable - quite movie ready - and if he had moved just a wee bit faster, I would have loved it. As it was, it was a bit of labor to come back to it. I'm glad I did, but there are other authors who do this better.

Varsha says

The book started on an interesting and comical note. But after a while became a boring and definitely not funny at all.

Sukumar Honkote says

The book starts off with a brilliant setting and promises a fun-filled reading. But the later 3/4th of the book is a penmanship that is trying hard to be humorous. The story is never dull but for long stretches it is neither quite funny. The last 30- 40 pages are deliberate twists and turns to make sure that the story idiots are not in terrible trouble. Overall, its a good book to read and enliven the mind after a long day at the office but for me it does languish near the bottom in the humor category.

Steve Payne says

First and I think last of Sharpe's books I'll be reading! No subtlety, quite irritating, and only about five laughs throughout. There's more humour in a Raymond Chandler book, and in addition they have good and interesting characters. A young boy and his teacher travel to France to save a countess. Yawn...

Vanyo666 says

The initial premise is very interesting and allows for a wildly funny first few pages. But then the book gets mired up in a preposterous plot turn, boring descriptions of the roadtrips and chases it creates, and continues to get worse and worse as it progresses. The humor is too grim this time around, I would hesitate to call it

funny at all. The worst book from Sharpe so far.

Dantanian says

A ripping yarn, but loses steam as it zips along. But overall enjoyable and daft romp.

Jamie says

Very amusing. Definitely one to read when you're feeling unwell

Ingrid says

Ein Buch das nach wenigen Seiten in meinem Kopf die Hauptrolle mit John Gleese besetzt.
Monty Python in schriftlicher Form, herrlich absurd.

Floripiquita says

Con este libro lloré literalmente de la risa. Muy divertido.

Zakhar says

A funny novel illustrating that our so called "common" workaday reality is the back side of absolute absurdity.

Santiago says

<http://www.larealidadestupefaciente.c...>

Tim Atkinson says

Enjoyable, and mildly amusing. But unlike The Throwback, which I read recently, not laugh-out-loud hilarious and, as such, a tad disappointing... which may entirely be due to having read this second, rather than first.

Emmie says

Truly vintage Tom Sharpe. Whenever you feel the need to laugh out loud, he is the author you should turn to. Great book!

Anne says

Why did I read this? Because I was at the cabin, desperate for a book and this was the only one available. Fun at first, then clearly outdated.

David Crespin says

Tom Sharpe's books should be made available on National Health Service prescription.!!! All the typical constituent ingredients are there - wacky characters in absurd situations, the Old School Tie, shenanigans and japes aplenty and all narrated in Sharpe's sardonic hallmark style. Left me wanting more!!
