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Rebecca Lentz says

Never quite understood this tale, although it was creepy!

Venky says

A haunting short story by one of the most enduring writers to have ever picked up a pen. Young Robin arrives by ferry at the banks of a sleepy town harbouring an expectation of some sort of employ with a more prosperous kinsman of his, Major Molineux. But upon inquiring the whereabouts of his kin, Robin is stupefied to be met with an assortment of strong rebukes, incomprehensible mirth and satirical comments. What has Major Molineux done to warrant such a strong reaction? Most importantly where is Major Molineux?

This gripping short story is guaranteed to keep the reader on a nervous tenter-hook before exploding into a climax of stunning proportions.

"My Kinsman Major Molineux" - A revelation.

Larry Wang says

A brief and interesting short story of allegory. The Old World Brits are succeeded by the New World Americans.

Patricia says

A quick and easy read. Morals of the story include, "One must/should make their way in this life on their own two feet," and "Be careful with who you try to associate yourself with," or you might end up tarred and feathered as well.

John Yelverton says

It's a decent short story about a man who thinks a lot more of his kinsman than he should. It's worth reading just for the literary prowess of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Raisi says

Poor Robin, I bet he was the entire evening thinking WTF is wrong with everybody hahaha.

Bud Russell says

Allegory. The themes of coming of age, independence, and a quest for identity are doubly present in the story, often considered a parable for America's coming of age, or quest for independence from the British. Didn't care for it.

Teresa says

Short story of a young man's coming-of-age (over the course of one night), set right before the American Revolution. Hawthorne had a way of making any topic haunting with his wonderful use of imagery.

Becca-Rawr says

I like Hawthorne, really. I've written papers on Hawthorne, read several short stories and biographies. But there's always one piece in an author's library that makes you shrug your shoulders and go 'eh.'

"My Kinsman, Major Molineux," was eh... I could see the plot behind it and the purpose, but it was otherwise unremarkable.

Nisrine says

I liked reading it since it revealed the truth of humanity also it's quite a nice journey

Widad Zawaneh says

How is really Hawthorne a genius by using Robin and Major as symbols for the political conflict between America and Britain which was taken place that time in America .. The most quotation I loved is " you may rise in the world without the help of your kinsman , Major Molineux "

Giulia says

Had to read for English class. Reading it was a little confusing but web sources that explain and analyze the reading made me like the story more.

Omar J says

From the imagery to the melodrama I really enjoyed this. :>

Camila says

I liked it. Not of my particular taste but entertaining. A bit predictable. A good example of an initiation story (coming of age), with interesting descriptions.

Juliana says

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