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Description

The jeweller, a stout, comfortable man, leaned on the counter and fingered lovingly the bracelet which he had lifted out of its nest of blue plush. Archie, leaning on the other side of the counter, inspected the bracelet searchingly, wishing that he knew more about these things; for he had rather a sort of idea that the merchant was scheming to do him in the eyeball.

Insightful reviews

I. Merey: This is one of those books where I really wish you could give half stars.

I haven't read any Wodehouse before 'Archie'. Maybe I should have asked a fan what a good starter for him is--having read some of the other comments, perhaps this wasn't the best one for a WV (Wodehouse Virgin).

At any rate, this is a culture clash story between a happy-go-lucky young married Brit and his American father-in-law. The book had the taste of a sitcom--each chapter is more or less a stand-alone episode, with the bungling protag's antics and the stock gang to back him up. At times, I could almost hear the laugh track in the background.

And like one of those sitcoms that can't rock your world but still has the power to keep you watching, it had its shining moments (and some really witty writing) but in the end, the characters themselves were a little too pat for me. 3.5 stars

Emily: A happy, easy read like most of Wodehouse. However, I felt the narrative wasn't as flowing as most of his books (it wasn't quite a short story collection, but didn't feel as though it functioned as a novel properly either). I have JUST read that the book was actually adapted from serialised stories which were rewritten into a novel. This explains why it didn't flow quite right! I may have enjoyed it better serialised.

Archie is not my favourite Wodehouse character (as if I could pick just one!) but perfectly good readable. He's the sort of character I love to read about but couldn't stand in real life. His wife, Lucille, seems far too nice for him! Although it's good to see such a nice woman in Wodehouse's writing where they can be a little stereotyped into ditzzy, 'up-for-a-laugh' or gung-ho.

Bruce: *In media res*: The jury is still out on this one; at times it seems a bit forced. It's one of Wodehouse's early works, and maybe he just hadn't hit his stride yet. I may eat my hat on this one, Trevor.

Telos: Having finished the novel I elevated it from 2 stars to 3. I actually became intrigued reading this early Wodehouse work. It is a picaresque novel (homage and apologies to Pickwick Papers and Don Quixote, both clearly in another league) without much of a continuing plot, more a series of independent episodes loosely tied together by wife Lucille's adoring love of

husband Archie and father-in-law's loathing of him. But plot is almost irrelevant in a Wodehouse novel, the delight residing in the word-play, cliches, and drollery.

The point of reading this was for a relaxing diversion at the end of each day. It admirably succeeded.

Tracy: This publication used to be humorous and pleasing when you may well get prior Archie's dribble that was once his speech. He might speak for sentences and not say whatever meaningful. I wished to shake him so he could converse truly and clarify himself.

Thom Swennes: absolutely delightful! I used to be addicted to this very a laugh spoof of a fight for acceptance. Archie, a good knowledgeable yet particularly feather-brain Englishman, involves Manhattan to hunt his fortune (as, after taking a look he did not locate it in England). He marries a brand new York socialite, Lucille Brewster and he or she brings her new husband domestic to satisfy her father. He sees Archie as an unscrupulous, gold digging foreigner yet doesn't are looking to disappoint or alienated his daughter so he is of the same opinion to provide him a set in his lodge and retains an excellent eye on him. Archie's even temper, sturdy cheer and innocence can't aid yet endear him to the reader. I simply enjoyed the unending provide of non-words Archie makes use of to explain things, humans or locations he has both forgotten or doesn't understand. Archie.....The stable egg..... I want him well! I laughed out loud in order that may still count number for something.

Usfromdk: now not a nasty e-book in any respect and particularly humorous at times, yet I admire Wodehouse' novels larger than his short-stories and for all intents and reasons this can be yet a suite of short-stories. the nature Archie is in lots of methods particularly just like the nature Wooster within the Jeeves and Wooster novels.

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