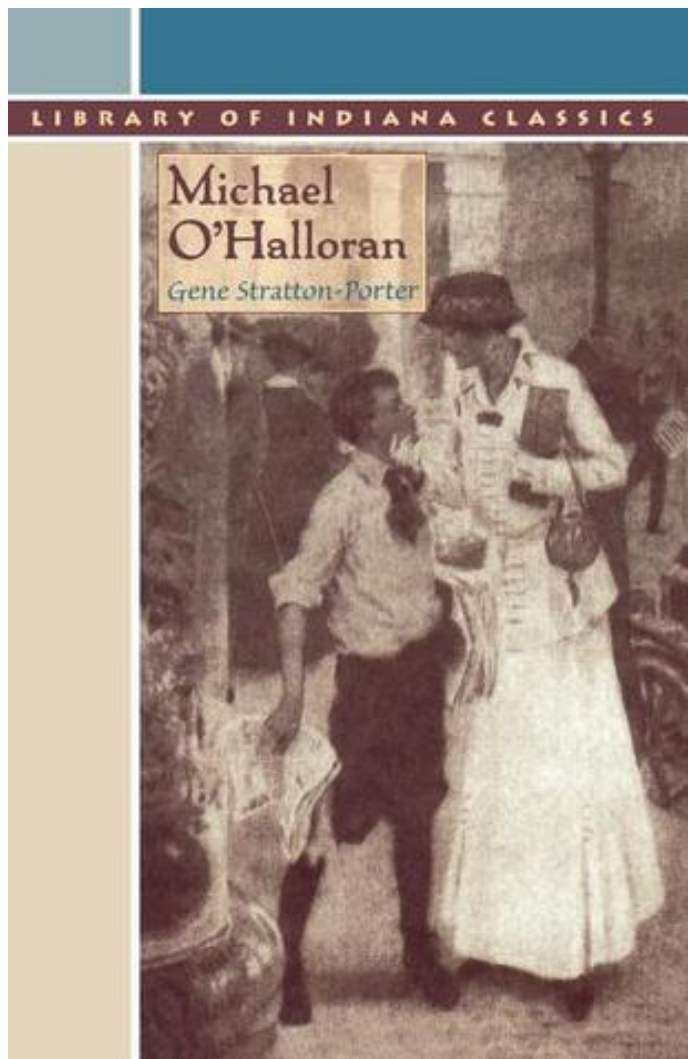

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Description

This early 20th-century classic chronicles the adventures of an orphaned newspaper boy in his "hand-to-hand scuffle" with life in a midwestern metropolis. Gene Stratton-Porter's faith in the healing power of nature is also apparent, in a lovingly depicted tamarack swamp set near the city.

Insightful reviews

Tobi Burie: Michael was a truly fine little fellow. I hope my little son will be like him.

Lisa Jamieson: This is my favorite Stratton-Porter book of all time. I will never forget it. Something in my heart shifted because of the characters in this story and changed me forever. I don't say that about books very often, unless it's the Bible.

Caroline: Michael O'Halloran, a novel by Gene Stratton Porter, is set in Multiopolis, a really silly name for a Chicago-type city. The novel consists of three interconnected stories.

In the first, Mickey O'Halloran, an honest and plucky young newsie, rescues a crippled orphan girl from having to be "Orphing Home." He resolves to adopt her himself, and raise the money to rehabilitate her back himself. Eventually, Mickey and Peaches move out to the country to live with a wholesome farm family and appreciate nature.

Second there is Douglas, a rising young lawyer dedicated to rooting out corruption in the city and appreciating nature with his fiancée. He hires Mickey to be his assistant. This is the most boring of the three strands.

Thirdly, James Minturn (friend of Douglas) has two terribly spoiled little boys. The Minturns move to the country too to save their souls and his marriage by appreciating nature.

In the end, all children are rehabilitated and the city is free from corruption.

First, the good news. Poor little Peaches is not quite an angel. As befits a slum child, she swears sometimes (though not too badly), and can be selfish and stubborn. Her interactions with Mickey are often touching and cute. Then, the third strand, about James Minturn trying to save his family, is really quite absorbing. Perhaps it is a little unrealistic, how easily everything falls into place once he starts, but appealing nonetheless.

Like Gene Stratton Porter's oeuvre in general, this novel suffers from an increasingly pedantic and self-righteous tone. The author's opinions on rich people and cities are very pointed and quite obvious. Mickey starts the story as being quite likable. Then he begins lecturing everyone under the sun on how to live properly. However, he's not nearly as bad as, say, Linda Strong from *Her Father's Daughter*. His sermons do not ruin his story the way Linda's lectures did hers. Sweet at times, smug at times, Michael O'Halloran held my attention and I was glad to have read it.

Sandra Short: Michael O'halloran I hated to place this publication down. I used to be so mesmerized I hated whilst it ended. most sensible booklet i've got learn in a really lengthy time. I supply it a 4.9 rating.

Graceann: "Come on, be square!"The starting line of this novel, in which Michael O'Halloran urges his competitor to be reasonable and sq. of their business, is a grabber. the tale continues to be fascinating and nigh on a century after its release, it nonetheless compels. considered one of my all-time favorites.

Adrienne: I admire Gene Stratton-Porter and opposite to everybody who thinks Freckles is her shining masterpiece, I believe Michael O'Halloran outshines them all. there's a cause that she used to be making this booklet right into a motion picture while she had her coincidence and died. She should have enjoyed this publication on the grounds that she was once operating tirelessly to create it right into a film. This tale is so endearing and very teaches us what self-sacrifice and real love relatively glance like.

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