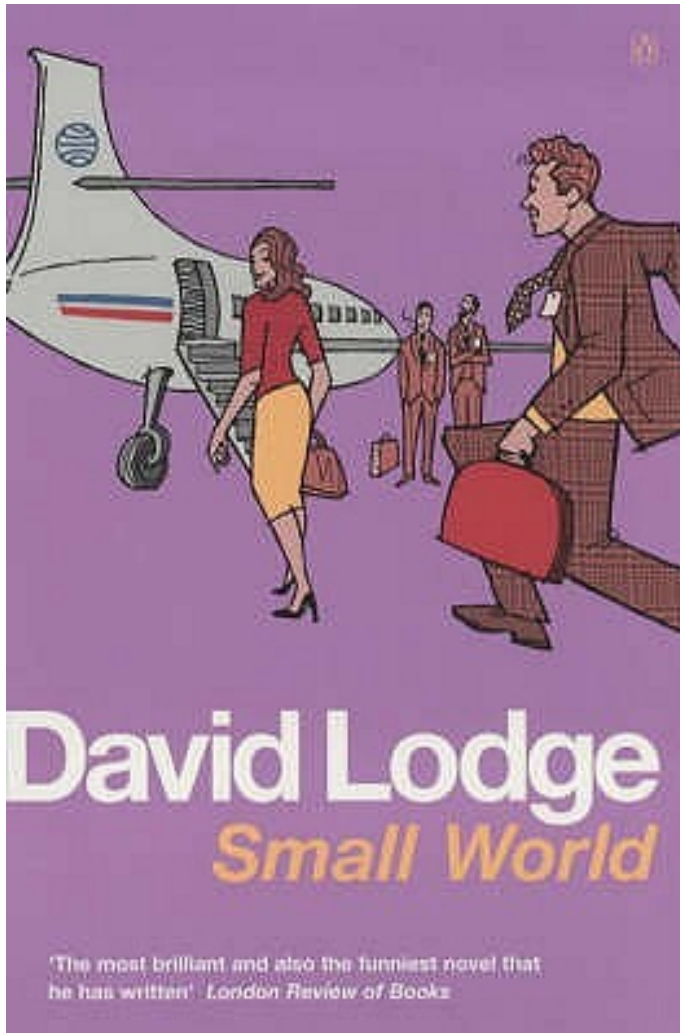


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## Description

Philip Swallow, Morris Zapp, Persse McGarrigle and the lovely Angelica are the jet-propelled academics who are on the move, in the air and on the make in David Lodge's satirical **Small World**. It is a world of glamorous travel and high excitement, where stuffy lecture rooms are swapped for lush corners of the globe, and romance is in the air.

## Insightful reviews

Kevan Manwaring: *Small World* by David Lodge

The middle book of Lodge's classic campus novel trilogy is an amusing meta-narrative romance, which manages to deftly-weave in literary theory, the academic gravy train of conference-hopping, and a love-quest motif. Novice Irish scholar, Persse McGarrigle, provides our Parsifal/Fool figure as he tracks the object of desire, Angela/Lily Pabst, across the world – a fata morgana/McGuffin which enables Lodge to link several entertaining vignettes set in Rummidge (Lodge's fictionalised Birmingham), New York, Turkey, Australia, 'Euphoria State', California, Switzerland, and Amsterdam. The 'life-swapping academics, Swallow and Zapp are back, older, but no less reprehensible. Philip Swallow's wheel of fortune spins – and an affair jumpstarts his life-in-stasis. Morris Zapp swaggers from conference to conference, fat cigar in mouth, seemingly leading an exotic lifestyle, when in fact all is not what it seems – enduring abstinence due to health problems, with an ex-wife squeezing him for money while enjoying a successful literary career based upon her autobiographical novels about their dysfunctional relationship, and seeking fulfilment of his own line of desire (to win the best paid academic post in the world, the UNESCO Chair of Literary Criticism). The announcement of this prestigious new prize causes consternation and rivalry amongst the likely candidates, resulting in further opportunities for humour at the behind-the-scenes jerrymandering and lobbying. Alongside the tailspinning career of a has-been novelist, Frobisher (former 'angry young man' turned bitter cynic) the many well-drawn characters provide Lodge with intersecting opportunities for deconstructing both the author and academic game. Lodge dazzles with his deft handling of the multiple threads – presenting a convincing portrait of the 'global village' linked by vapour trails and phone-lines (and the rise of the computer). He plays with ideas, with language, with literary conventions – but he never loses command of his prose, and the tone is consistently smooth and witty throughout. One can see why this was short-listed for the Booker. A jet-stream delight from beginning to end.

Antonia: It's like someone went to my university and decided to write a book. Hilarious and witty....one of my favorites.

Lada: C'est un roman universitaire qui met en scene un monde de professeurs de litterature anglaise et ceux qui y aspirent, dans le monde entier. Une perpetuelle quete et enquete de ses valeurs en confirmation et reconfirmation de soi. Ce monde clos universitaire bouge de conference en conference comme un defi d'etre le meilleur, d'obtenir le meilleur poste, la meilleure position academique, la mailleure dame. Car c'est un roman postmoderne qui met en contexte dans une ironie bienveillante le monde des valeurs des professeurs et leurs themes

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les plus chers. Une quête du Graal nouveau, Un Perceval nouveau n'y manquant pas un jeune Perceval, Persse nouveau venu de fin fond d'un collège des provinces irlandaises avec un DEA M2 en Waste Land, son périple sa quête autour du monde des congrès en quête de se faire aimer par Angélique telle Blanche-Neige ou Kundry. Il ne manque pas non plus le roi Pêcheur Kingfisher, Arthur, qui devrait être sauvé guéri justement par Persse dans un congrès qui mime un tournoi des paroles. Il ne manque non plus Jenny Weston sous forme d'une chercheuse préservée et symboliquement vierge. Desopilant et hilarant par un théoricien de la littérature, et de roman moderne. À lire comme un défi de la littérature de la critique. Amusant et sérieux à la fois

Lavinia: A scrumptious educational romance dependent upon the hunt for the Holy Grail. An interview with David resort in regards to the book, [here](#).

Vicky: before everything i used to be a bit confused, simply because there have been such a lot of names it took me your time to determine the who's who in David Lodge's educational jet set global of the 70s. i'm so completely satisfied I needed to learn the unconventional for university, another way I most likely might have lived on with out ever examining it, judging via the truth that none of my goodreads associates has it indexed on their cabinets (I'm taking a look at you). Anyways, this used to be a very pleasant learn filled with intertextual references from The Canterbury stories to the Arthurian and Percival legends. I easily enjoyed how the characters (once you are conversant in who they are) pass every one other's paths ever so frequently and the way all in their tales are intertwined. Morris Zapp's speech evaluating the excitement of literature to striptease is anything you "can't unhear". i'm going to certainly try out "Changing Places" and "Nice Work" someday soon.

Jonfaith: If I have been capable of isolate and take away the wit itself of Small World, that essence could benefit a simple 4 stars. Unfortunately, the really bulky trappings of the radical (350 pages, for a comic book novel approximately academics?) and the cataclysmic use of twist of fate dimmed this one considerably.

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