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## Description

*One of the most celebrated works of classic literature for children*

Meet little Mole, willful Ratty, Badger the perennial bachelor, and petulant Toad. Over one hundred years since their first appearance in 1908, they've become emblematic archetypes of eccentricity, folly, and friendship. And their misadventures-in gypsy caravans, stolen sports cars, and their Wild Wood-continue to capture readers' imaginations and warm their hearts long after they grow up. Begun as a series of letters from Kenneth Grahame to his son, *The Wind in the Willows* is a timeless tale of animal cunning and human camaraderie. This Penguin Classics edition features an appendix of the letters in which Grahame first related the exploits of Toad.

## Insightful reviews

J. Wootton: Trying to review *The Wind in the Willows* is a strange undertaking. In the introduction to my copy, A. A. Milne wrote:

"One can argue over the merits of most books... one does not argue about *The Wind in the Willows*. The young man gives it to the girl with whom he is in love, and if she does not like it, he asks her to return his letters. The old man tries it on his nephew, and alters his will accordingly. ... When you sit down to [read] it, don't be so ridiculous as to suppose you are sitting in judgment on my taste, or on the art of Kenneth Grahame. You are merely sitting in judgment on yourself. You may be worthy; I don't know. But it is you who are on trial."

Milne's comments may seem overly grave, especially to those familiar with Grahame's lighthearted, whimsical, occasionally mystical, story of Mole and Water Rat's genteel life on the bank of the River and the adventures of the incorrigible and ridiculous (and highly entertaining) Mr. Toad, wanton son of worthier sires, but look here: if you love the story, you are clearly on the side of the Hobbits (indeed, if you want to know what life in the Shire is like, I can't think of a better book to refer you to); and if you dislike it, you may be an Orc at heart - seducable, like Toad, away from quiet contemplative enjoyment of this sometimes-slow book by the flash and boom of technological gimmickry. You might be the kind of person who prefers to run on an electric treadmill or rubber sports track than hike a nature trail.

And if you are, I hope you have friends as stubbornly loyal as Mole, Water Rat, and Badger who will stick by you, in spite of yourself, until you come around.

Knjigoholi?arka: To je prijateljstvo, kada trpiš ne?ije budalaštine, pa mu opet na kraju pomogneš i sve oprostiš.

Krtice, nemoj da veslaš!

Krtica uzme da vesla i prevrne ?amac.

Krtice, nemoj u Mra?nu Šumu!

Krtica ode u Mra?nu Šumu, izgubi se i povredi nogu.

Žabac, okani se automobila, ne znaš da voziš!

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Žabac ukrade auto, posva?a se sa policijom, završi u mardelju i ku?u mu okupiraju lasice i tvorovi.

Prijateljstvo, pravo prijateljstvo, pa, to je naj?istija forma bezuslovne ljubavi. :)

Candi: The audio version of this timeless classic was very charming! This was actually my very first audio book and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am not certain that this format will work for me with very many books, but it certainly proved to be quite entertaining here. Narrated by Alan Bennett, this version featured some of the voices from Alan Bennett's stage adaptation at the National Theater in 1990. The music and sound effects really added to the experience for me and the various voices were so much fun!

I have not read **The Wind in the Willows** before, so the adventures of Ratty, Mole, Toad, Badger and company were all fresh and delightful. The dialogue brought a smile to my face and made the time pass by quickly on a couple of my solitary hikes through the fields adjacent to our property. As I walked alongside the woods, I could almost imagine my new little friends coming to life right beside me. An enjoyable story for children and adults alike!

Amy: This used to be one among my all time favorite reads as a child! interpreting it back as an grownup introduced again all these nostalgic feeling and this can be certainly a learn that I shall hold again for my (possible) destiny children!- So this tale follows the lives of forest creatures who've the facility to speak - they stay and act like humans. As you'll discover from the canopy they gown in a truly prim and correct manner with their little tweed coats and strolling canes! the first characters encompass Mole, Ratty, Badger and Toad. Toad is slightly a rascal and is continually touchdown himself in difficulty leaving it as much as the others to return to his rescue. - i like kid's books which are dependent within the forest, the very common backdrop fairly emphasizes how unusual it truly is that those wooded area creatures can all converse they usually decide to costume and behave like humans. - This novel is packed packed with experience and comedy yet along that we additionally see the darker facet to the wooded area - I continually felt like I had learnt a few kind of precious lesson while being learn this as a child. no matter if it's not to stroll round at evening on your own or just not to thief different peoples belongings! it is a enjoyable learn for every age and that i may probably suggest it to these with childrens as i've got such fond stories of this booklet from whilst i used to be little!

Jason: British forest creatures who put on tweed. if you happen to do not like this in a book, what do you like? It used to be a very fun, mild read, and that i chuckled such a lot of times. The illustrations by means of Shepard also are excellent. Rat certainly has a few nice clothes that Shepard simply captures.

Carrie: this can be my favorite ebook of all time.Perhaps it's the very Timelessness of the story that makes it so appealing.I love the ambience; similar to gentler times, unencumbered by way of the cloth frippery, with which we encompass ourselves during this quick and incessant twenty first Century. I by no means tire of examining the beautiful dialogue; try out the only in regards to the door mat! simply wondering Ratty and his love affair with the peaceable riverbank, makes me calm and flow! Toad is infuriating along with his fads and scams yet how sufferer are his

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friends, how evenly Badger takes control; for Toad's personal good, in fact and varieties him out. this can be real love, precise friendship: how I want lets all imitate their tolerance and figuring out in their friends' imperfections. And Moley? he's cute and keen and actually teaches us the that means of, 'there's no position like home'. i feel a person will be challenging placed to, to discover a flaw during this fantastically written, superbly illustrated, uncomplicated yet staggering story.

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