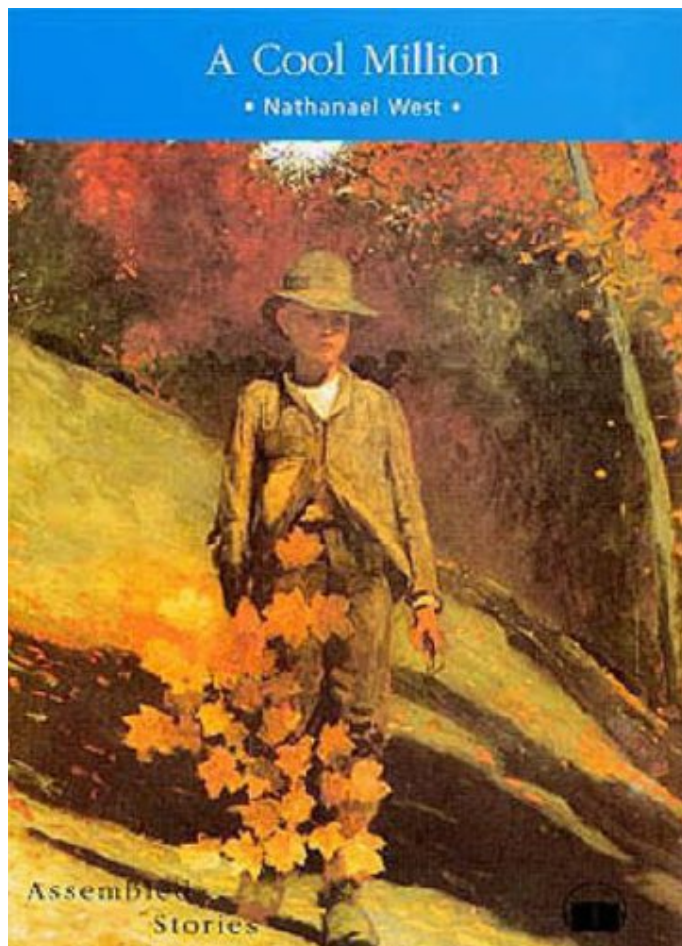

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A Cool Million



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Description

This story is an acerbic destruction of the 'American Dream'. The tale takes place in the 30's during the depression but like all good literature, it has an impact and perception which transcend time.

Insightful reviews

Conlin Conlin: An absurdist parody of Horatio Alger novels in which the hero, Lemuel Pitkin, goes from contentment in rural Vermont to rags in the streets of New York City, to accidentally defrauding jewelers, to the leadership of a fascist political party, and back down again. But like a Depression-era Candide, he never loses sight of his dreams of wealth, despite losing most of his body parts along the way, and constant antagonism from Chinese white slavers, thuggish Irish police officers, and the dual conspiracy of International Communism and the Jewish Bankers. Highly recommended.

Catherine: This is an enjoyable satire written in 1934 about America post-Depression and a young man's attempt to make his fortune in New York City.

Gabriel: "Somehow or another I seem to have slipped in between all the 'schools.' My books meet no needs except my own, their circulation is practically private and I'm lucky to be published. And yet, I only have a desire to remedy all that *before* sitting down to write, once begun I do it my way. I forget the broad sweep, the big canvas, the shot-gun adjectives, the important people, the significant ideas, the lessons to be taught, the epic Thomas Wolfe, the realistic James Farrell-- and go on making what one critic called 'private and unfunny jokes.'"

-Nathanael West to F. Scott Fitzgerald

Bruce: no longer as good as "Lonely Hearts" or "Day of the Locust", West's merely different novels. Bizarre, absurd, occasionally foolish satire of Horatio Alger novels and America's Depression-era (and forever) flirtation with facism. Sinclair Lewis, John Steinbeck, or even West himself (see above) conceal this flooring quite a bit better. If this have been an album by way of a revered musician i might suspect it was once a "contractual obligation" effort. part baked.

knig: OK, so its a grotesquely exaggerated on your face satire: thats the total point. however the genuine disturbia is to be stumbled on now not within the laconic and deadpan record of amputated fingers, scalps and different syphilitic like lack of extremeties which clutter the tale board, quite the uncomfortable anticlimax which fits opposed to the grain of Western folklore: that should you work flat out enough, attempt difficult enough, chase your goals and persevere, you are going to succeed.

Louis Dirigible: now not the west you begin with or learn even on its own. a superb instance of why he is identified for thorough negation. i have been examining approximately his politics lately (a leftist/comsymp) yet bolsheviks are as stylized and emptied because the capitalists/american dreamers. It will get higher yet is an odd piece among lonelyhearts and

locust.

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