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Description

Guy De Maupassant is considered one of the fathers of the modern short story and one of the form's finest exponents. The story "Boule de Suif", written in 1880, is his masterpiece. A protege of Flaubert, Maupassant's stories are characterized by their economy of style and efficient, effortless dénouements. Many of the stories are set during the Franco-Prussian War of the 1870s and several describe the futility of war and the innocent civilians who, caught in the conflict, emerge changed. He authored some 300 short stories.

Insightful reviews

Czarny Pies: Nobody was better than Guy de Maupassant as a writer of naturalistic short stories. He describes the people and social behaviours of the early Third Republic with such extraordinary accuracy, that the reader forgets he was a pioneer. De Maupassant in fact seems contemporary to the modern reader through the sound structure of all his stories, the economy of words and the judgements that he makes of these characters.

The reader who enjoys quirkiness or eccentricity will be left somewhat cold by de Maupassant who demonstrates above all technical mastery of the form. Of course, if one enjoys sound plotting and good characterization one might want to read a lot of de Maupassant's tales. Certainly anyone who likes good literature should at least read a sampling of this great master. This particular collection would be an excellent introduction to the work of de Maupassant.

It contains Boule de Suif which some people have called his masterpiece. Boule de Suif first appeared in the "Soirees de Medan" which also included stories by other such leading naturalists as Emile Zola and J.K.Huysmans and is seen as the great manifesto of the naturalist movement. Much as I like Boule de Suif and acknowledge its tremendous importance in the history of French literature, it is by no means de Maupassant's masterpiece. It crosses the boundary from naturalism to satire. Thus while very funny Boule de Suif is not particularly representative of the de Maupassant style. If however one reads it along with the other stories in this collection one will get a very good idea of the nature of de Maupassant's achievement.

Nazli .K: This book was chosen as our reading task in our Swedish class.

I finished it within three days and I really enjoyed it quite.

The author succeeded in creating impeccable and ever interesting characters.

Even though the story was short and simple, it definitely was much more than that, I don't tend to like stories that are set in the 1700s-1800s, (without the exception of the Infernal Devices trilogy) but this book was different, in a good way of course!

Good book!

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David: De Maupassant is one of the few French authors I feel competent to read in the original French. It helps that his chosen form is the short story - it makes him much less forbidding than someone like Balzac or Hugo. Although I've been in Paris for just a little over two weeks, I'm already doing pretty well with these stories. He is particularly good at exposing the hypocrisies of small-town 19th century French life, the title story of this collection being an excellent example. But his character sketches are done with affection - though he liked his solitude, one senses a genuine affection for other people and their foibles.

Wikipedia provides two biographical facts worth passing on. As a youth, he saved the English poet Swinburne from drowning. Also, he shared the common French antipathy toward the Eiffel tower when it was first constructed. So much so that he commonly ate at the restaurant at the tower's base, as this was the only place in Paris one could avoid seeing the tower's inescapable profile.

Besides this collection, I also recommend his "Comtes de la Becasse" (Tales of the Hunt).

On this rainy Sunday in Paris, I've been getting reacquainted with de Maupassant and it's a great pleasure to do so.

Gwynhwyfar: i found Maupassant in highschool (probably in a class) and it was once the 1st actual reminiscence i've got of an know-how of ways badly ladies have been taken care of within the 1800's (until I obtained to "The Forsyte Saga" later!). "Boule de Suif" by myself is likely one of the such a lot heart-rending stories of the way women, in particular of her "profession", have been shunned, then manipulated (even through nuns!), used to get out of imprisonment (a trainer get together is held up by way of an invading Prussian officer). those those who couldn't be stricken with the least civility to this woman, don't have any challenge sucking as much as her as a way to provide the Prussian's wish. Maupassant was once this kind of genius at exposing the hypocrisies of the "better" periods and the so-called Christians of the time. They, who despise the Prussian, are ultimately proven to be not more humane than he is. not less than he's honest! Lest humans feel the writer is a prude, he leaves a haunting tale, "Idylle", related to a hungry peasant and a businesslike, new mother, who spend a few very fascinating time assembly each one other's wishes within the sizzling compartment of a train. If this tale doesn't, as Humbert Humbert positioned it, "remain on your blood for weeks", you then would possibly not HAVE any!

Elizabetha S.: Etiqueta Interna: Clásicos¿Que les puedo decir de uno de los más geniales escritores que he leído en mi vida?...nada que no sepan, sólo que es magistral, elegant y magnifico. Sueño con el día en que pueda tener sus obras completas, especialmente sus cuentos. Esta edición tenía algunos que yo no conocía y que me resultaron espectaculares.Mi pasión por man de Maupassant comenzó como a los thirteen años ,cuando leí "Bola de Sebo" y me quedé con l. a. boca abierta , pues su descripción psicológica es simplemente notable. Después de eso, leí todos los cuantos que caían en mis manos. Tiene unos de terror excelentes , otros que rayan en el romanticismo o misterio.Pero ,sin duda, los que más gustan son aquellos en los que se adentra en el espíritu y comportamiento humanos, lo cual creo es su sello. Para serles sinceras ,creo que en todos ahonda en nuestra psicología , pero hay algunos que son especialmente dedicados a esto como l. a. "Señorita Perla" , "la Tía Columpio" o "El

Horla", sin contar "Bola de Sebo" , los angeles cual para mi es una obra maestra en este tipo de cuentos. No quiero seguir aburriéndolos con nombres de cuentos que me parecen más interesantes. Si lo desean pueden dejar un comentarios y les sugiriere alguno de acuerdo a sus gustos. Pero es casi mi deber recomendarles mi favorito EL COLLAR. Debo de haberlo leído más de 30 veces.7 castillos de 7...MagníficoY Seguiré persiguiendo las obras completas

Vold Kira: "El Horla" me dejó frío, "El Asesino" me perturbó, "El Loco" me dio asco y "El Collar" me hizo reír e indignarme de l. a. conclusión. No son mis cuentos preferidos, pero son bastante buenos.

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