
Voltaire

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Description

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Insightful reviews

Megan Villasenor: this book shows how Candide went from Riches to rags. he goes on a long journey just to find what he thinks is the main purpose of life. there is a lot of repetition in the book and miscommunication. at first the repetition is unseen and you're confused on how it happened, but later on it becomes funny, ridiculous and foreseen. the book tries to answer many philosophical questions about life throughout Candide's journey and we see how Candide tried to answer them in a humorous way. however, overall minus the humor it shows that there are good people in the world who try to help, but people just have to accept the help that is given. this is a good moral story and keeps the attention of the reader the whole time because of the ridiculous events that happen.

Taka: Candide--

"The Baron was one of the most powerful noblemen in Westphalia, for his castle had a door and windows."

Now,that's funny. And so are all the disasters and contretemps imaginable that beat down on our hero Candide.

I appreciated Voltaire's biting philosophical satire that *Candide* is - it's funny in places and keeps the story going without dwelling on the finer points of philosophy, which explains its tremendous popularity when it was published and got banned by the Pope.

The story, however, gets repetitive and tiresome after 40 pages of calamities that strike the unfortunate Candide and his companion(s). Compared to modern storytelling, it feels very much a product of its time, albeit, I have to admit, a very good one.

I came away with the inevitable impression, "It was OK."

Anyways, I agree with Candide's stoic and pessimistic companion Martin when he concludes at the end, "Let's get down to work and stop all the philosophizing... it's the only way to make life bearable."

Aaron Zimmerman: This book deals with incredible tragedy. From Candide to Pangloss to Miss Cunegonde to the old woman to the other great characters in the story, they all help create a

very depressing tragedy. However, despite these struggles and all their life experiences, they all manage to come together and learn from one another. The best part of the story is when Candide goes to a village in the remote village of Eldorado. They discover a new way of life, outside of all the religious persecution and all the evil in the other parts of the world. They learn a lot from the people including the people are all priests and they have a lot of precious jewels for the taking. This part is a very nice change of pace from all the tragedy within the book.

Eustachio: Io capovolgerei il titolo. Seramente. Candido è confusionario, assurdo nell'accezione negativa del termine, e scritto evidentemente solo per: 1) illustrare il proprio pensiero; 2) rispondere alle accuse o lanciare frecciate verso altri personaggi di rilievo. Gli altri racconti sono molto meglio. Non mancano il pensiero filosofico e le frecciate (una su tutte: quella a Swift, e "al posto che solo lui citerebbe e che io non nomino perché rispetto le signore"), ma ci sono anche storie e personaggi simpatici. Qualcosa, insomma, di più divertente da leggere rispetto a un racconto studiato a tavolino. I miei preferiti: Zadig e L'ingenuo.

Matthew Smothers: when you love touring and outdated French novels, Voltaire's Candide is the publication for you. in case you like positive out seems to be on love and life, might be you might want to go on this. while Candide is stuck kissing the baron's daughter, Cunégonde, Candide is banished from his home. That units in position a chain of adventures that come with traveling, love, deception, and murder. Candide has to visit locations like Paris and Turkey between others. principles of Theology, and Philosophy are explored within the novel.

Mike Steven: it is 18th century French satire and i am now not from the 18th century, nor am I French, so i used to be a bit frightened that i'll have assorted frames of connection with the author. However, i am thrilled to claim that there's a lot during this choice of brief tales that's certainly rather funny. The ridiculousness of 'Candide' repeating his mantra that "This is the easiest of all worlds" as a chain of misfortunes befall him, is really funny. There are references in the entire tales that you just can't comprehend and not using a wider wisdom of Voltaire's topic matter, nevertheless, you could comprehend the fundamental topic of the satire and his major points. Perhaps due to the loss of context, i discovered that I loved the entire stories, yet chanced on them a bit lengthy and that Voltaire, on occasion, gave the impression of he used to be labouring the point. The exception to this used to be 'The White Bull' - a satire of the outdated testimony together with Jonah's Whale, the snake from The backyard of Eden, the raven from the Ark and the Scapegoat all as characters. It used to be concise and ridiculed the previous testimony in a fashion that manner fascinating to read. The version I learn (which i could not locate on here) additionally incorporated 'The Ingenu' - one other swipe on the church the place a guy brought to French society retains changing into stressed as the legislation of the church are rather a lot diversified to the Bible. I loved this tale too. I imagine the easiest factor approximately this can be the translated through Pearson makes the paintings really easy to appreciate and relate to. His translation is helping to modernise the textual content and make it available for English readers.

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