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Description

Honore de Balzac (1799-1850) was a nineteenth-century French novelist and playwright. His magnum opus was a sequence of almost 100 novels and plays collectively entitled "La Comedie Humaine," which presented a panorama of French life.

Insightful reviews

Mary: Read only the Gondreville Mystery

Rosecasanova: I'm reading the 1944 Black and Gold edition published by Liveright. No illustrations, but cool book. I'm reading the stories randomly out of order. I think they're really funny and refreshing and in fact pretty ridiculous. Kind of an old fashioned innocent-humor, but I'm pretty old, and innocent, so it works for me.

Varmint: maybe it was the translation. most of the stories seemed like listening to someone boring describe something funny that happened to someone else very far away.

Danielle: I loved "taking a break" with this book; its funny sort and brief tale structure made it excellent for filling in bizarre moments in the course of the day and delivering aid from heavier reading. I quite cannot comprehend why any cautious reader might imagine this ebook dull. True, lots of the tales make the most of a similar major topics (cuckoldry being the main common, I think), however the caliber of the writing makes the common-theme tales specified and interesting throughout. If whatever turns out ordinary or nonsensical upon the 1st reading, I'd recommend going again over the passage to appear for double (or triple, in a few cases) meanings -- I certainly might have ignored most of the fascinating humor Balzac employs if I had now not bogged down at convinced issues while examining his work. I am certain loads of his "pun power" used to be misplaced in translation, however the editor of the version I learn made particularly an attempt to fill-in the English reader to the misplaced complexity each time he could, a convention I discovered very helpful. I enjoyed the fantastic engravings featured within the paintings -- their complexity and macabre styling was once particularly impressive, so do not pass through them in case you have an variation the place they're included.

Spencer: I learn a model that was once revealed in 1874. It used to be wealthy with engravings, making up approximately 20% of the volume. It was once a great deal approximately ribaldry and cuckoldry, and therefore very French. Male/female relations, and the clergy determine prominently. the quick tales are all written as though they happened within the fifteenth century—the time of Rabelais. I discovered it very entertaining, humorous, and titillating in a really subtle manner.

Tamar: The tales are humorous yet all appear a similar after awhile

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