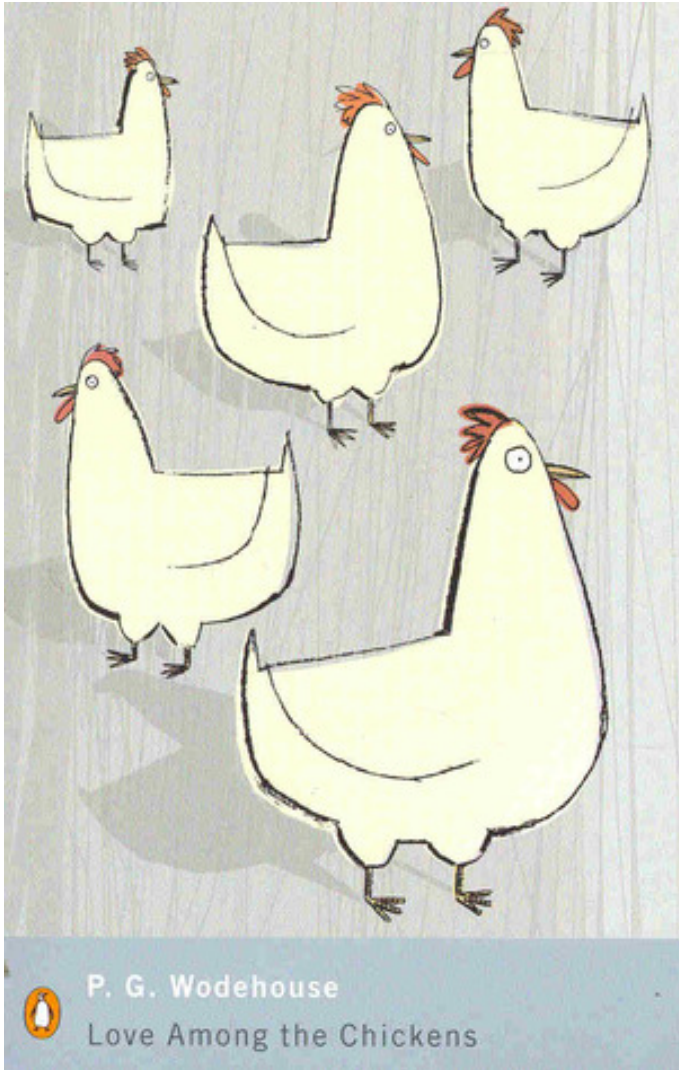

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Love Among the Chickens (Ukridge #1)



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Description

The farcical tale of Jeremy Garnet, an author and an old friend of Stanley Featherstonehaugh Ukridge, an erstwhile chicken farmer. Upon meeting Ukridge for the first time in years, Garnet finds himself enmeshed Ukridge's new and struggling chicken farm. Garnet soon falls in love with a girl living near the estate as he struggles with the farm and with Ukridge's bizarre business methods.

Insightful reviews

Adam McPhee: Too much love and not enough chickens.

But god damn do those chicken and egg jokes get me.

It's one of Wodehouse's earlier works and it shows. I guess even he didn't care for it. It has so much potential, but there's a lot of jokes that aren't followed through with. A shame really. Also, the tone is a bit too 'realistic', if you catch my meaning, as compared to a Jeeves and Wooster story.

My favourite (there's a more concise version one of the early Jeeves' stories):

"A chicken farm."

"I've thought it all over, laddie, it's clear as mud. No expenses, large profits, quick returns. Chickens, eggs, and the money streaming in faster than you can bank it. Winter and summer underclothing, my bonny boy, lined with crackling Bradbury's. It's the idea of a lifetime. Now listen to me for a moment. You get your hen--"

"One hen?"

"Call it one for the sake of argument. It makes my calculations clearer. Harriet the hen--you get her. Do you follow me so far?"

"Yes. You get a hen."

"I told you Garnet was a dashed bright fellow," said Ukridge approvingly to his attentive wife. "Notice the way he keeps right up after one's ideas? Like a bloodhound. Well, where was I?"

"You'd just got a hen."

"Exactly. The hen. Pricilla the pullet. Well, it lays an egg every day of the week. You sell the eggs, six for half a crown. Keep of hen costs nothing. Profit--at least a couple of bob

on every dozen eggs. What do you think of that?"

"I think I'd like to overhaul the figures in case of error."

"Error!" shouted Ukridge, pounding the table till it groaned. "Error?' Not a bit of it. Can't you follow a simple calculation like that? Oh, I forgot to say that you get -- and here is the nub of the thing -- you get your first hen on tick. Anybody will be glad to let you have the first hen on tick. Well, then, you let this hen -- this first, original hen, this on-tick hen -- you let it set and hatch chickens. Now follow me closely. Suppose you have a dozen hens. Very well, then. When each of the dozen has a dozen chickens, you send the old hens back to the chappies you borrowed them from, with thanks for kind loan; and there you are, starting business with a hundred and forty-four free chickens to your name. And after a bit, when the chickens grow up and begin to lay, all you have to do is sit back in your chair and endorse the big cheques."

Also the thing about saving money by keeping the incubator on for twice as long at half the power.

Sarah: Wodehouse, like Chesterton, is mostly in the public domain, so when I found out that one of my favorite current authors, Daniel McInerney, was inspired by Wodehouse, I may or may not have downloaded everything I could find for my Kindle. I picked *Love Among the Chickens* to read first because, well, I have chickens. It was a delightful read—and I was glad to have read it on my Kindle because I actually looked up some of the words I didn't recognize. I'll be reading more Wodehouse, for sure!

Temi Sanusi: **A light, enjoyable read.**

It's not often I read books about chickens, and to be honest, I wouldn't have read it if one of my best friends hadn't asked me to.

The story is about a young author who is invited on a trip by his old friend Mr. Ukridge, to of all things, set up a chicken farm in the country. Along the way he meets a beautiful young woman and her father, who just happen to be heading to the same part of the country the would-be chicken farmers are hoping to set up their farm.

The thing I've noticed about P.G. Wodehouse's works is that most of his main characters have a similar temperament and interests—calm, well-spoken young European men with a sense of humour and a passion for writing. I'm guessing that Wodehouse intended to insert a bit of himself into each character he wrote, as a way of continuing his legacy. But again, that's only a theory. :)

The characters were alright to me. I didn't really connect with any of them. I liked the main character, although I thought Ukridge was very disagreeable. The story was alright and evenly paced, although I ([view spoiler](#))

So, in conclusion, this book earned a solid three stars from me. :)

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Phil Syphe: This novel good points Ukridge, who will get his personal self-titled ebook written approximately him over a decade later, but the occasions listed below are set after these featured within the "Ukridge" tome. The major character, however, is Jerry Garnet; a small-time writer of fiction. he is approached by means of Ukridge who persuades Jerry to accompany him on his most modern get wealthy fast scheme, that is to run their very own poultry farm. As neither they nor their 3rd partner, Mrs Ukridge, have any wisdom whatever approximately holding chickens it quickly turns into transparent that this cash earner will not be as effortless as first thought. Along the best way Jerry falls in love first and foremost sight with a woman he spots on a train. As good fortune could have it, she and her uncle stream right into a estate with reference to the poultry farm. Jerry's major challenge with wooing the younger good looks is making sure he does not anything to trigger the uncle's quickly temper. pointless to say, the outdated guy blows his best greater than once, proposing Jerry with demanding situations to come again in his sturdy books on the way to pave the best way into the niece's existence again. The first 3rd of the booklet is written in 3rd person, and then it truly is informed in first individual by way of Jerry, other than the epilogue, that is formatted like a play!

Marty: With each one ebook of Wodehouse's that I finish, it's continuously with a bit of regret. although P.G. Wodehouse is attributed to over 100 released works, i have nonetheless obtained rather a lot of my lifestyles prior to me, and it'll be a tragic day certainly while i have run out of unpolluted Wodehouse books to read. Oh well, not less than i will commence rereading, and optimistically through then my reminiscence should be going bad, so every one reread will believe similar to new again. Anyway, Love one of the Chickens is Wodehouse in actual form, notwithstanding i'm going to admit that it was once a little a deviation from the former works of his that i've got learn so far. Here, it seems, he has taken his tale a tiny bit extra heavily than in his different works. rather than defaulting at the such a lot ridiculously humorous factor that he may possibly imagine of, he seems to rein in at a number of spots and placed out a few honest feelings and outlines in the plot. There is, of course, not anything unsuitable with this, however it did look just a little off for Wodehouse, so I checked on whatever and located out that, definite enough, Love one of the Chickens was once one in every of his previous written works. If I have been to enterprise a speculation, i might say that this one has much more of the fingerprints of an editor than Wodehouse's later works (once he had tested himself) could have, as the tone is well subdued. Again, Wodehouse is a brilliant author and acquits himself good it doesn't matter what course he's steered, yet i feel that had he been left to himself, i'd have learn anything much more silly, off-the-wall, and customarily hilarious--though maybe on the price of a few attachment to the tale and characters. Overall, the tale is flippant, fantastic, fun, and offers lots of natural P.G. playfulness.

David: P.G. Wodehouse's "Love one of the Chickens" shocked me (unfortunately, no longer in an exceptional way). The Wodehouse works i have learn have all been tremendous witty with hugely convoluted plots that twist and switch and catch up with themselves in superb ways. interpreting "Love one of the Chickens" is like looking at a bull in a china store or like being hit within the face with a blunderbuss. the entire tale is a straight-forward learn in painful issues taking place to those who should still comprehend higher than to act the best way they do. there

is no subtlety and no wittiness. The "humor" is nearly slapstick. Technically, though, I cannot fault the writing. Wodehouse's descriptions are superb and the characters are performed tolerably (even Stanley Featherstonehaugh Ukridge (not the protagonist, however the man riding that teach into wreckage)). If Wodehouse had used a pseudonym (something like Moe Howard perhaps) in order that there were not convinced expectations, then a few humans may well examine the e-book to be OK. But, compared to the Wodehouse I know, I need to expense it at a no longer excellent 2 stars out of 5. certainly no longer his top work.

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