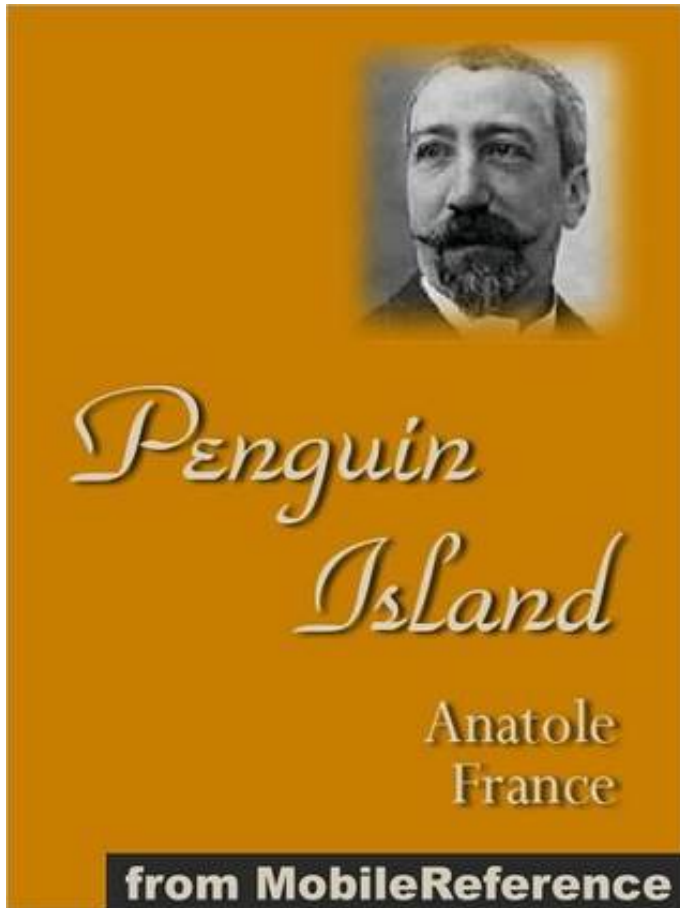


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## Anatole France

### Penguin Island



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## Description

Penguin Island is a satirical novel by Anatole France first published in 1908. The book details the history of the penguins and is written as a critique of human nature, and is also a satire on France's political history, including the Dreyfus affair. Morals, customs and laws are satirised within the context of the fictional land of Penguinia, where the animals were baptised erroneously by the myopic Abbot Maël. The book is ultimately concerned with the perfectibility of mankind. As soon as the Penguins are transformed into humans, they begin robbing and murdering each other. By the end of the book, a thriving civilization is destroyed by terrorist bombs.

## Insightful reviews

Taylor: 2015 Reading Challenge #23 a book more than 100 years old

First published in 1908, this book definitely shows its age. I'm not a fan of really old books because I can't stand the writing style.

Although this sounds like a great read from the premise, it was disappointing. Penguins get baptized erroneously, and god gives them the free will to do with what they will. There are so many places you can go with that, and I guess I was expecting a more fictional story. My friend warned me that it wasn't, so I guess I'm just not good at listening. Oops.

What you get is a not-very-veiled commentary on human nature. I enjoyed the first bits where the parallels to the bible were very obvious; something about that just tickled me. But after we get into the middle ages and present times I could not concentrate on what was going on. Eventually I gave up and skimmed through to the end.

If you're into older writing and thoughtful analysis of human nature, this book is for you. If you like modern fiction, think penguins are adorable, and were randomly thinking of picking this up due to the title, this book is NOT for you.

Wreade1872: A history book about a fictional place. The country in question has a really funny origin and sarcasm and social commentary are what this book is all about. It starts off in an almost biblical kind of style and progresses quickly through the ages. The later times are longer and more detailed, clearly being a satirical version of real events. Not being a big history fan i know i missed a lot of the jokes but it doesn't matter much. Even someone like me can still enjoy it from its comedic and social satire angle regardless of my ignorance of french history. This is just a really good book with a lot of separate little stories in it. I prefer the early parts a bit more than the modern times but it improves again towards the end and is quite good overall.

Sarah: Impaired monk baptizes colony of penguins. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

I just want to say that the best part of this book was where God is debating with his saints about



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Czarny Pies: Penguin Island is an excellent satire of the political correct and the Catholic Church within the 3rd Republic of France while the Dreyfus affair used to be at its height. Anatole France assaults numerous effortless objectives with brio. He does an excellent retelling of the Dreyfus affaire. Dreyfus' alter-ego is a Jewish service provider charged with stealing fodder bought to the military by means of a Catholic aristocrat and not brought to the army. Emile Zola makes his visual appeal and the cover-up of the fabrication of the costs opposed to Dreyfus-Pyrot are ferociously lampooned. In reaction to the becoming approval for Lourdes, France develops an absurd cult and shine of Saint Orberose. there's additionally a spoof on a political intercourse scandal for which i can't establish the historic model. The vacillation of the Socialists within the face of any initiative at the a part of the perfect is mocked. different targest contain the Boulanger circulation which appeared shut at one element to making a dictatorship in France lower than the previous basic Georges Boulanger and the L gitimistes who desired to restoration the Bourbon monarchy. i will be able to suggest this publication to any undergraduate who has taken a path in glossy French history. However, even though its writer received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1921, Penguin Island deals little or no to provide the literature lover of the twenty first Century.

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