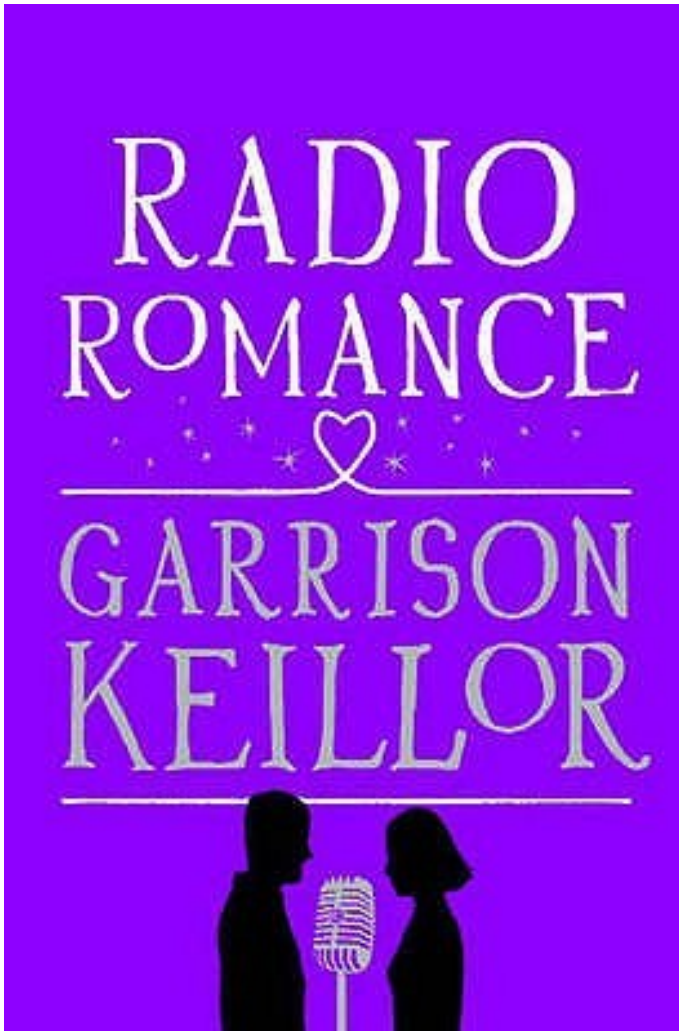

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Radio Romance



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Description

See what WLT was "really like" before it became the radio station featured in the Robert Altman film.

In 1926, brothers Ray and Roy Soderbjerrg plunge into radio by founding Station WLT (With Lettuce and Tomato) in order to rescue their failing restaurant and become the Sandwich Kings of South Minneapolis. For the next 25 years, the "Friendly Neighbor" station produces a dazzling-not to mention, odd-array of shows and stars.

Brilliantly weaving together the real lives and radio lives of his characters, Garrison Keillor has given us a comic, poignant, and slightly steamy novel, full of romance, intrigue, tough business, and loose living.

Insightful reviews

matt: I grew up on this book.

My parents thought that modern culture was decadent, depraved, and disgusting but books were a-ok (which, in retrospect was kinda of myopic and naive in a way but quite a blessing in disguise) and Garrison Keillor wasn't anything bad, so....

they left this one lying around the house and I dug into it.

Heheheheh....sexy scenes a go go. Horny midwesterners fantasizing, having, talking about having massive amounts of slightly kinky sex!

It's a fine yarn besides, I just happen to have experienced it as a sort of parable, which I think is nice.

Jan Ackerson: I'm just not sure that the novel is Keillor's best form. This has his trademark quirky characters and settings, but after a couple of hundred pages, I got weary of all the quirkiness.

Matthew Shepherd: The Lake Wobegone series seems best suited to the AARP set, but Keillor's Short stories and novels would be enjoyed by any reader.

WLT is ostensibly a romance, but Keillor handily weaves in a history of radio broadcasting. This book is quite funny, somewhat educational, and even contains an epistemological treatise on the nature of media.

This reader happens to be a fan of the cartoonist Keith Knight (The K Chronicles, usually found in your local free weekly [The City Weekly, The Stranger, The Village Voice, et al]) and recalls that this is only book he's ever recommended.

If you're looking for something really funny, try Keillor's Book of Guys, if you want a light but solid novel, WLT is a great choice.

Patti: Listened to an audio model of this learn by way of Garrison Keillor. i'll take heed to him for hours on end. His voice lent this sort of hot believe to the story, i am not yes analyzing may do in addition to the audio. The approach that Keillor construct his characters makes them a plausible as though they have been buddies of your own.

David: WLT, A Radio Romance via Garrison Keillor Penguin 1991)(Fiction-General) opens in 1926 while brother received radio station WLT in Minnesota to advertise their lunch counter. the tale and the station sail alongside blithely - till tv comes along. it is a darker story than such a lot through the author. My rating: 7/10, finished 1992.

Alex: i suggest keillor understands precisely what his components are: skewering hokey midwesterners and their small yet unavoidably sprawling lives, with a massive dose of lovin' humour to take the edge out of the slap and to remind you that it is a deep, extensive attitude on lives that flash previous at the interstate instead of a narrative with a Plot or a Message. here, he specializes in a radio station in minneapolis that fast turns into not just extra economic than the eating place it used to be based to advertise however the point of interest of dozens of lives. lake wobegon days succeeded precisely simply because these fringe characters have been so absolutely realised, be it norwegian bachelors going duckhunting for the v. final time or a grandfather analyzing aloud billboards for no specific reason, yet this is often dismally filled with losers, malcontents, jerks, sexpots and liars. that may be positive if any of them had a narrative to tell, yet they don't, so what you are left with is a two-decade hunch of individuals stepping on each other with approximately 4 or 5 giggles to teach for it. might be for the reason that his protagonist is just too skinny and wanting to be of any curiosity (espesh. seeing as his moods are thoroughly perfunctory and all of the emotional perception ya get into him comes from letters he writes to his useless father), yet WLT simply stumbles and drifts from episode to episode, in the direction of the inevitable improvement of tv which almost places everybody at the scrapheap and our young, bold protagonist at the direction for a v. truncated upward push and fall. so, every body sucks!

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