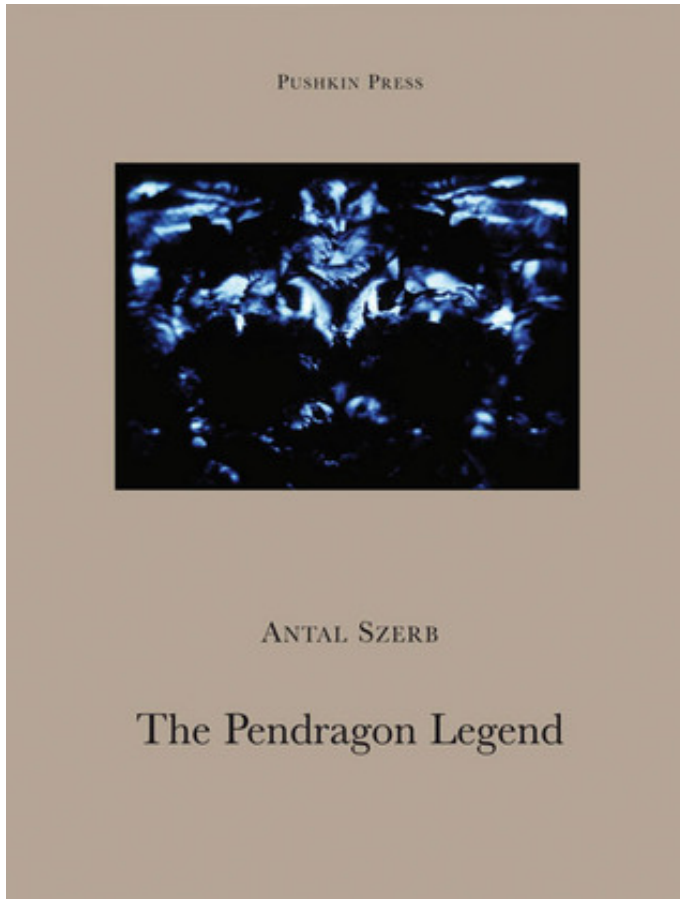

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Description

At an end-of-London-season soiree, the young Hungarian scholar-dilettante Janos Batky is introduced to the Earl of Gwynedd, a reclusive eccentric who is the subject of strange rumors. Invited to the family seat--Pendragon Castle in North Wales--Batky receives a mysterious phone call warning him not to go; but he does and finds himself in a bizarre world of mysticism and romance, animal experimentation, and planned murder. His quest to solve the central mystery takes him down strange byways--old libraries and warehouse cellars, Welsh mountains, and underground tombs.

Insightful reviews

or?e Baji?: Izuzetno prijatno iznena?enje, roman ?iji mi je senzibilitet veoma prijao. Kombinacija natprirodnog horora, krimi?a i komedije; izuzetno efektno uklopljeno i uzbudljivo.

Ali Miremadi: Clever, funny and wonderfully written. Typical Szerb protagonist in a story which must have been meant as a pastiche of Wilkie Collins, Conan Doyle and Radcliffe and prefigures Umberto Eco and Douglas Adams. And the one liners are pure Wodehouse. All that aside, Szerb has a voice all of his own.

David F.: This is a great mystery thriller with the sort of fantasy elements Dan Brown gives his novels but this novel was written decades before *The DaVinci Code*. It is full of dry, ironic wit. The story's protagonist is a young Hungarian scholar (much like the author at the time) who is living in Britain (much as Szerb had been shortly before writing it). His view of the British is that of a dedicated Anglophile who absolutely loves all things British and believes every stereotype the British held about themselves. All this is expressed with tongue placed firmly in cheek and the same is true of the story's many mysterious events and some fantastic characters. I loved it and found it a very enjoyable read.

Lorinda Taylor: *The Pendragon relatives* has regularly been serious about the occult and this can be what attracts János B?tky, a tender dilettante student who's learning 16th-18th century alchemy and Rosicrucianism. It's acknowledged that one of many past Earls of Gwynedd has risen from the dead, and the present Earl is learning the method of demise and resurrection. whilst B?tky will get a call for participation to go to Llanvygan, the seat of the Pendragons, he jumps on the probability after which reveals himself entangled in a homicide secret and in occult rituals that just about rate him his life. In fact, the e-book is a steady yet insightful satire at the mores of the Twenties and 1930s, spoofing the British, the Welsh, the Irish, Europeans in general, and particularly the British category system. It may be characterised as a gothic delusion detective story. This veneer of civilization overlays the darkish symbolism of the primeval Welsh woodland and the even darker workings of these immersed in occult practices. What relatively occurred in that unusual hut within the woods? humans died, we know, yet who used to be the perpetrator? Readers needs to come to a decision for themselves. Recommended if you happen to like literary fiction and wish to do a little chuckling within the process.

Reinhold: Der Philosoph und Globetrotter Dr. János Bátky wird von einem walisischen Aristokraten dem Earl of Gwynedd eingeladen, ihn in seinem Schloss zu besuchen um in seiner Bibliothek seine Studien fortzusetzen. used to be der Icherzähler der Geschichte noch nicht weiß, damit wird er mitten in einen Erbschaftsstreit gerissen. Die eine Seite trachtet dem Adligen nach dem Leben - der verhinderte Mörder wird aber noch in derselben unter den seltsamsten Umständen getötet. Neben diesem Handlungsstrang beginnt gleichzeitig eine Geschichte die sich um die Rosenkreuzer dreht und die Bátky in einen unheimlichen Bann ziehen wird. Eine Geschichte zwischen Kriminalroman und Gruselgeschichte beginnt und der Leser wird erst ganz am Ende herausfinden ob sich nun alles mit Intrigen erklären lässt oder ob vielleicht doch ein Ahnherr des Earls das Geheimnis des ewigen Lebens entdeckt hat. Sprachlich und stilistisch glänzt Antal Szerb ebenso wie die Übersetzerin Susanna Großmann-Vendrey. Das Buch ist mit feinem Humor durchzogen, ohne jemals an der Ernsthaftigkeit der Erzählung Zweifel aufkommen zu lassen. Von Anfang an wurde ich an Oscar Wilde und an Edgar Allan Poe erinnert. Das magazine zu einem gewissen Teil auch an der Geschichte selbst liegen, im Wesentlichen aber stammt dieser Eindruck von dem feinen britischen Humor, den der Ungar in seinem Werk verewigt. Die Charakterisierung der Personen kann als gelungen bezeichnet werden, insbesondere der Protagonist wird in seltener Qualität dargestellt. Der durch Vorurteile verschleierte Blick des Icherzählers auf die anderen Charaktere, spricht für die Qualität der Erzählung, die sich erlaubt Klischees zu verwenden und dennoch zwischen den Zeilen durchblicken lässt, dass diese Personen komplexer sind als vom Protagonisten gesehen. Das Buch ist eine uneingeschränkte Empfehlung, wenngleich guy festhalten muss, dass Szerb am Schluss etwas schwächelt. Das Ende ist zwar durchaus gelungen erzählt, aber ich hätte etwas mehr erwartet. Vor allem ein mehr an Spott und Ironie wie über die ganze Geschichte. Nichtsdestotrotz verdient sich das Buch gelesen zu werden; es ist ein echter intellektueller Leckerbissen, der durchaus auch philosophische Aspekte beleuchtet.

Elina: lovable characters, like males who love books greater than women. fairly an "ordinary" gothic horror plot with ghosts and satanic practices - enjoyable to examine freemasons etc. simply after I learn The Prague Cemetery through Umberto Eco. Ironic writing variety made me snort my center out. Between the traces I learn a few attainable political commentary, that may were encouraged by means of me understanding the writer died on a nazi focus camp. besides it is a extra sleek e-book in comparison to a few contemporaries, within the means of it truly is openness in points like homosexuality (which is referred to).

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