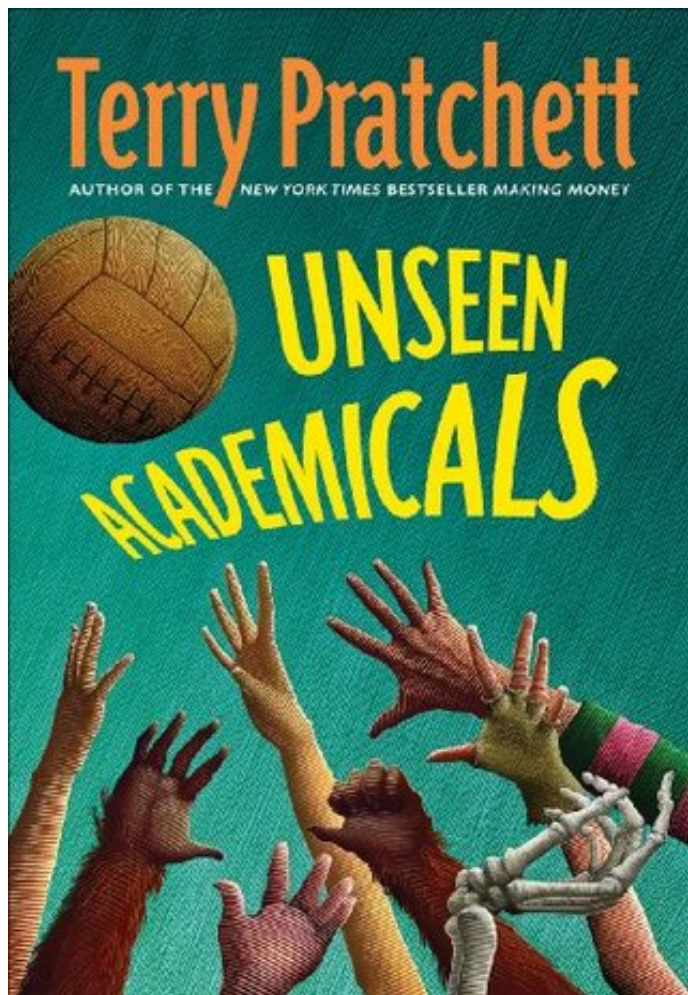

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Description

The wizards at Ankh-Morpork's Unseen University are renowned for many things—wisdom, magic, and their love of teatime—but athletics is most assuredly *not* on the list. And so when Lord Ventinari, the city's benevolent tyrant, strongly suggests to Archchancellor Mustrum Ridcully that the university revive an erstwhile tradition and once again put forth a football team composed of faculty, students, and staff, the wizards of UU find themselves in a quandary. To begin with, they have to figure out just what it is that makes this sport—soccer with a bit of rugby thrown in—so popular with Ankh-Morporkians of all ages and social strata. Then they have to learn how to play it. Oh, and on top of that, they must win a football match *without* using magic.

Meanwhile, Trev (a handsome street urchin and a right good kicker) falls hard for kitchen maid Juliet (beautiful, dim, and perhaps the greatest fashion model there ever was), and Juliet's best pal, UU night cook Glenda (homely, sensible, and a baker of jolly good pies) befriends the mysterious Mr. Nutt (about whom no one knows very much, including Mr. Nutt, which is worrisome . . .). As the big match approaches, these four lives are entangled and changed forever. Because the thing about football—the most *important* thing about football—is that it is never *just* about football.

Insightful reviews

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Nicholas Karpuk: Wizards play soccer. I could leave it at there and let you imagine their pointy hats wiggling across the field. That's almost a sales pitch in and of itself.

No artists ailments affect me quite like Pratchett's weird version of Alzheimer's. If it were some authors I like, I'd be upset, but for many of them, their best work is in the past. It's troubling with Pratchett because his books just keep getting more compelling.

What sounds like a high concept comedy ends up being a pretty bright discussion of games and how they effect society. It's one more subject injected into the social microcosm of Ank-Morpork. Even as someone who tends to ignore sports I found his outlook on them incredibly moving.

Plus, the goalie is a Orangatan librarian.

Meghan: Another jolly ride with Terry Pratchett.

It must be said that the wizzards of UU just are not my favorite characters. However, I have exhausted all of the Witches and Night's Watch books, so I'm now dipping my toe in other directions. This one took me three attempts to get through for that reason.

As Pratchett was wont to do, this is a solid book. Within the first few chapters, I was hooked on the main characters, setting, and plot.

Really if I have any complaint, it is that Pratchett beats the 'people are people everywhere' concept a bit too flagrantly in my opinion, and many of his books use a misunderstood species to get that point across. It is present in this book, as well. It is wrapped up in the usual Pratchett humor, but it was here nonetheless. I didn't find it quite as obnoxious as I have in other books (Snuff comes to mind), but it did cause me to shake my head once again.

Actually, it made me consider the differences between my own (US) country's exploration of themes contrasted with that of other countries engaging in the same journey. Which is not to say that the US has welcomed strangers with open arms, just that it hasn't filtered into our literature quite as much as some of our past wrongs have done. Overall, an interesting brain exercise.. and completely irrelevant to your enjoyment of this book ;)

Was a bit confused why [\(view spoiler\)](#). That seemed to come out of nowhere, and did impact my enjoyment.

But, once again, great Terry Pratchett yarn.

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Bjorn: you recognize one of these plot the place there is something the narrator is not telling us, simply because if he informed us too quickly there'd be no plot, yet he cannot truly get a hold of a superb cause to not inform us?Unseen Academicals is reasonably mediocre, as Discworld novels go. there is magic in it (though the very best bits come after magic is actually faraway from it), there are cameos through your whole favorite characters (though they arrive throughout extra as checking boxes), there are a few really nice (but relatively preachy) sentiments

approximately tolerance and intolerance, mob mentality, and the like. And while it truly is good, it is usually fairly good; lovers of Vetinari and Ridcully, especially, must have loads of fun. yet it is also a reasonably unfocused novel, padded with half-mumbled personality exposition, utilizing Romeo & Juliet and diverse lads' soccer comics as crutches to maintain the tale doing something till Pratchett will get to the place he relatively desires to go. while he does get there, it is all very serviceable, and for the other writer it'd be a great novel; yet I count on extra of Pratchett.

Lightreads: Discworld. Unseen collage will get a soccer team, a college cook dinner will get an opportunity to be many times awesome, and an abused baby simply will get a chance. I used to be expecting this ebook simply because hi, Discworld. And it was once a excitement to read, sure. yet it is kind of like he took the entire bits of a truly nice Discworld e-book – an exceptionally clever heroine, an absurd cultural artifact, individuals with whatever to end up – and assembled the complete thing, yet then forgot to, i do not know, strike the match. there are many hilarious or awesome or unhappy moments here, yet there is no actual unifying spark. it really is nonetheless a great ebook by means of generalized criteria of 'things i need to read,' yet judging opposed to Pratchett himself . . . no, simply no longer quite. That, and okay, I simply do not provide a rattling approximately football. I provide an anti-damn, actually.

Patrick: I first learn this publication while it got here out in 2009, and to be thoroughly sincere with you, i used to be kinda disappointed. The ebook wasn't bad, brain you. however it used to be purely good. Pratchett's paintings is generally someplace among exceptional and excellent. Still, I wasn't quite surprised. i have identified approximately Pratchett's fight with Alzheimer's for a while. i have recognized it was once only a subject of time prior to it began to effect his work. That said, even a a little bit lackluster Pratchett e-book is lovely good, and that i loved the book. i do know all of the characters, and it really is great seeing them again, whether the storytelling wasn't as much as Pratchett's traditional standard. yet I learn the publication back this month, and that i loved it even more the second one time around. True, the finishing is not as robust as a few of Pratchett's books, yet I in truth cannot inform what troubled and dissatisfied me the 1st time around. If I needed to guess, i might say that i used to be most likely looking forward to the publication to be bad, and that coloured my preliminary reading. i used to be most likely additionally predisposed to skepticism via the short creation the place Pratchett pointed out that he had dictated lots of the book. When the entire making a song is done, i believe this e-book is set 4.5 stars. (With Pratchett's most sensible being round a 6.) yet i am rounding up provided that he bought me excited about a plot that facilities round soccer, anything that i actually could not care much less about.

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