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Author David Dwight Wells once noted, "The best criticism that the author received of 'Her Ladyship's Elephant' was from an old lady who wrote him that it had made her forget a toothache."

Her Ladyship's Elephant Details

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Chris says

Well, I finished it. It's not bad; there's a certain almost charm to it. But it isn't great. I would have been perfectly fine never reading it.

Bettie? says

opening: **Harold Stanley Malcolm St. Hubart Scarsdale, Esq., of "The Towers," Sussex, sat uncomfortably on a very comfortable chair. His patent-leather boots were manifestly new, his trousers fresh from the presser, his waistcoat immaculate, while his frock coat with its white gardenia, and his delicate grey suede gloves, completed an admirable toilet. He was, in short, got up for the occasion, a thoroughly healthy, muscular, well-groomed animal; good-natured too, fond in his big-hearted boyish way of most other animals, and enough of a sportsman to find no pleasure in winging tame or driven grouse and pheasants. He was possessed, moreover, of sufficient brains to pass with credit an examination which gave him a post in the War Office, and had recently become, owing to the interposition of Providence and a restive mare, the eldest son.**

In spite of all this, he was very much out of his depth as he sat there; for he was face to face with a crisis in his life, and that crisis was embodied in a woman. And such a woman!—quite unlike anything his conservative British brain had ever seen or imagined before the present London season: a mixture of Parisian daintiness and coquetry, nicely tempered by Anglo-Saxon breeding and common sense—in a word, an American.

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Darcy Elizabeth says

Set in late 19th century England, this light-hearted and amusing story tells the adventures of a Lady who inherits an elephant with the stipulation that she cannot sell it or give it away.
