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Mr Mulliner, raconteur par excellence of the Anglers Rest, has some amazing stories to relate. Take, for example, young Lancelot. He is a bohemian - or was, until he had to look after his saintly uncle's cat Webster, and was startlingly transformed.

The World of Mr. Mulliner Details

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Aimee says

I tracked down this book for one six page story (Another Christmas Carol) that was recommended by one of my favorite authors, Connie Willis, in the appendix of her book of Christmas stories. I love Wodehouse, and so far this book has not disappointed. It's hilarious, and makes great before-bed reading when I want to make sure I'm not going to dream about the Blitz as I'm reading Willis' "Blackout."

Anne Killheffer says

I keep this book right next to my bed and read it when I feel discouraged about life. Wodehouse's sense of invention, his wit, his keen eye for the funny parts of human nature.... I feel better just thinking about it right now.

Many lines in these stories have become standard conversation between me and my husband. "What are a few orphreys between friends?"

Life is better with Wodehouse, some toasted English muffins and cocoa nearby.

Bill Tomison says

Probably an acquired taste, but a guilty pleasure. Much of the old BBC Wodehouse Playhouse stories can be found here, by Jove. P.G. knows how to send his Mulliners into some hilariously inventive scrapes - or perhaps you might find them formulaic and predictable, but still worth a hoot, what?

Also grant there are one or two instances of words we no longer find racially acceptable in conversation; just bear in mind they were acceptable in the 1930's, and leave them where they belong, in the past. Chomp on your pipe instead. (not that you can smoke it anywhere anymore, of course).

Miriam says

Some of the stories are laugh-out-loud hilarious, others are hilarious, some are simply funny. Overall, I would say it averages out to four stars, although there are definitely some five-star stories in there.

Artem says

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Joell says

When the world is getting me down, Wodehouse, especially the Mulliner stories, pick me up.

Douglas Wilson says

Excellent.

Frank says

P.G. Wodehouse writes British humor at a consistently humorous level. "The World of Mr. Mulliner" provides 42 excellent samples of his short story prowess. Mr. Mulliner, sitting the Anglers' Rest and drinking warm scotch and lemon, spins tales of the life-changing adventures of his many relatives. The tales involve his relative's attempts to get or to avoid the state of matrimony. The tales are clever, engaging, and very funny, and involve stoic grand dames, movie magnates, grandly mustachioed upper classes, curates, and cats. I found that I could not read more than one or two at a sitting because I wanted to extend my enjoyment of the stories. Very funny stuff.

Kent says

Entertaining, and a great introduction to dry British humor. Some of the lines in Wodehouse's writing are absolutely brilliant in their ability to convey an idea memorably - sort of like high-class Southern colloquialisms.

Here is one of my favorites from this book:

"All alone in a dark world that smelt of mice, Frederick Mulliner gave himself up to gloomy reflection. He had just put in about two minutes' intense thought of a kind which would have made the meditations of Schopenhauer on one of his bad mornings seem like the day-dreams of Pollyanna . . ."

Somdutta says

This is one of the best P.G Wodehouse books which I have read till date. With hot Scotch and Lemon at Angler's Rest Mr Mulliner is always full with anecdotes which amuses and enlightens the readers with the characters in the "The World Of Mr Mulliner". Quite an amazing family Mr Mulliner has, where different members have traits , the presence of which helps them to handle any weird situations they fall into or what may befall them. Sometimes its Lady Luck who smiles upon them and they are safe and sound in the comfort of their own home. Needless to say , like all Wodehouse novels this book also has humor and wit, a combination of which P.G Wodehouse is an expert at.

Sriram says

Outlandish plots, hilarious metaphors and the cozy atmosphere of the Anglers' Nest where you'll find Mr. Mulliner nursing his hot scotch and lemon, served by the attentive Mrs. Postlethwaite.

In the midst of "sour mashes", "gin and tonics" and other assorted people at the bar, Mr. Mulliner reigns supreme, spinning his yarns about pale young curates, stern Bishops, Vicars, "Buck-U-Uppo", public school headmasters, Dukes, Earls and other members of the peerage.

Delightful reading, the twisted plots always seem to lead to a happy ending...

The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His Heaven;
All's right with the world!

-Robert Browning.

Marka says

The best and funniest of Wodehouse, if one can dare to say such a thing. My favorite is Honeysuckle Cottage, or maybe Those in Peril on the Tee, or maybe the series surrounding Mulliner's Buck-U-Up-O...really, how can one decide? Essential reading!

Susan Katz says

I'm entering in all the titles on the shelf by Wodehouse. I know I've read others, but this is what I kept.

Peter Tillman says

Omnibus. Includes Buck-u-Uppo, my Mom's favorite & other great stories.

Lauren says

This book was fairly entertaining, but not as good as the Golf Omnibus, and not nearly as good as any of the Jeeves and Wooster stuff. Even by Wodehouse standards, the characters in this collection of vignettes were too one-dimensional, too predictable, and the conclusions of the conflicts too absurd. I was particularly bothered by the female portrayals, as well as one brief brush with racism. Definitely skip this and find some Jeeves instead.
