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Hit or Miss

Sometimes we browse the Library's collection and are attracted by a title or description that appeals to our interests. Sometimes we guess wrong and sometimes we encounter a hidden gem. The old adage, "Never judge a book by its cover" should perhaps also apply to titles.

Featured This Month:

The Taos Truth Game by Earl Ganz

Should one review a book he didn't bother to finish? On the other hand, shouldn't one review a book not finished?

I got about a third of the way through this one and gave up. I was puzzled why anyone would bother to write a novel about a group of very bored people going from one drinking bout to the next and/or one bizarre sexual adventure to the next.

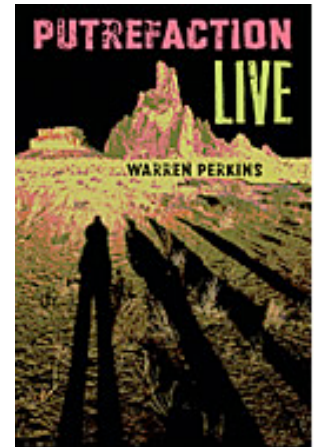
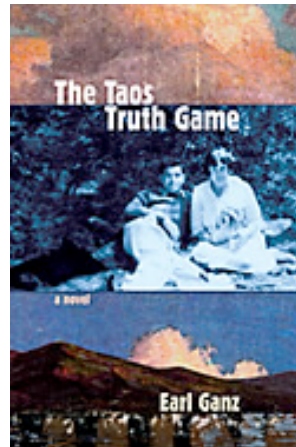
The book reminds me of several written in the 1920s and 30s by Louis Bromfield that followed bored, wealthy, alcoholic souls in their wanderings over the globe.

The subjects of this fictionalized history were real: Mabel Dodge Luhan, Myron Brinig, Tony Luhan and other members of the Taos artist community of the nineteen-teens.

Some might find it interesting. I concluded that I found none of the characters the least bit interesting.

Putrefaction Live by Warren Perkins

I nearly passed this one by because of the title. Who wants to read about putrefaction, dead or live? And the characters in the blurbs didn't sound particularly charming. The only reason I took it home was that the story took place in a place where I had worked. I was curious to see if the author represented Ganado and Hubbell Trading Post accurately. I didn't expect to finish the book.



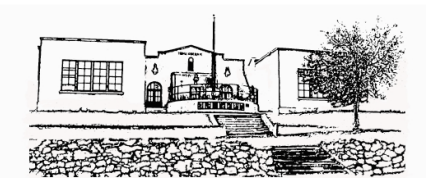
I read it in a couple of days. I liked the people in it, and felt I had met them during my stays at Hubbell. The story is credible, and I suspect is based on real life. The plot could easily have evolved into violence, but it didn't. Rather the modest mystery that helps carry the book was resolved gently, as one would expect in a land where the people claim to "walk in beauty." But the less than beautiful side of life for youth on the Navajo Nation plays out in a young man who is confused but likeable.

The author of this book is a physician who has lived in Flagstaff for over 20 years, and I wondered if the protagonist, half white, half Navajo, might be his younger self.

Reviews by Harley Shaw

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New at the Library

Fiction

The Bridges of Madison County by Robert J Waller
Morning Spy, Evening Spy by Colin MacKinnon
Spook Country by William Gibson
O'Hara's Choice by Leon Uris
Stones from the River by Ursula Hegi
Don't Look Down by Jennifer Crusie and Bob Mayer
An Episode of Sparrows by Romer Godden
Celestial Navigation by Anne Tyler
Sarum: The Novel of England by Edw. Rutherford

Nonfiction

The Wine Bible by Karen MacNeil
The Best and the Brightest by David Halberstam
Daybreak by Joan Baez
A Brief History of Time by Stephen W. Hawking
American Cassandra: The Life of Dorothy Thompson by Peter Kurth
Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland by Gerald Clarke
Earth in the Balance by Al Gore
201 Spanish Verbs by Christopher Kendris
Black Hawk Down by Mark Bowden
Henry VIII's Last Victim: The Life and Times of Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey by Jessie Childs
Little Gloria...Happy at Last by Barbara Goldsmith
The Good Pig by Sy Montgomery
Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation by Lynne Truss
Women and Writing by Virginia Woolf
Wild America by Roger Peterson & James Fisher
The Frugal Gourmet Cooks American by J. Smith

Classics

Metamorphoses by Ovid
Selections from the Tales of Canterbury and Short Poems by Geoffrey Chaucer
Flush by Virginia Woolf

Mystery

Nothing to Lose by Lee Child
The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths
Lost Symbol by Dan Brown
Hangman's Root by Susan Albert
By Michael Connelly:
City of Bones, The Closers, Lost Light, The Narrows, The Overlook, Trunk Music

Video

Being John Malkovich
All the Mornings of the World
A Civil Action
The Golden Bowl

Reference

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable ed. by Ivor H. Evans
The Barnes Book of the Opera by Gladys Davidson
The Oxford Companion to Music by Percy A. Scholes
Oxford Companion to English Literature
Columbia Dictionary of Modern European Literature
The Columbia Encyclopedia

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