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Von Evelyn Waugh

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Von Evelyn Waugh : Decline and Fall (Penguin Modern Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Decline and Fall (Penguin Modern Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. evelyn kick's a**!!!!!!Von Ein KundeThis hilarious classic combines with entwines satirical humour a proportionate observation of british society in the early twentieth century with pure entertainment. Evelyn tackles scenes of ridiculous hilarity with wonderous talent this novel is pure genius. I loved the scene in the church. The characters are

perfectly formed in their originality and build most of the comedy of this brilliant novel well worth the time and money to read for all ages!!!2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pomp and AnarchyVon Ein KundeOne of Waugh's comic masterpieces, *Decline and Fall* stands as a hilarious meditation on the calamities imposed on the support players in a superficially dignified world. Waugh's brief first novel is a scathing send up of 20th century aristocracy and its institutions, beginning with public (i.e., private, in Britain) boarding schools and progressing on, uproariously and yet somehow logically, to the British prison system. All the stylistic reserve and precision of Waugh's later works are in place in this novel, the earlier sections of which are loosely based on the author's brief stint as a teacher at an all-boys school. But *Tom Brown's School Days* this isn't. Mad deans, criminal instructors, worldly lads and promiscuous parents all provide gusts of absurd comedy that keep this whirlwind of absurd happenstance and hypocrisy twisting. Protagonist Pennyfeather blithely ricochets between charges of indecency and pimping with little notion of his own culpability--indeed, there is none. When, at the novel's end, his fortunes run full circle, the valuelessness of aristocratic standing is confirmed, as is Waugh's early promise as a satirist of the first rank.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Comedy That CutsVon Robert KennedyOn one level, "*Decline and Fall*" is a wild farce of English manners complete with odd characters, dry humor, and impossible situations. In Waugh's humor, you can see the foundation for many British comics to come. (As an example, the "Sports" chapter alone could easily be transformed into a Monty Python skit.) Within his breezy and compact prose, Waugh delivers consistent laughs -- which makes the novel an enjoyable read. But underneath the surface, Waugh is a wicked and sharp satirist who takes on many of the pillars of British culture c.1920 including the church, the schools, class structure, and the prisons. He occasionally uses ghastly imagery to make his point. But the tone never falters, and the reader may choose not to give second thought to all the pillorying going on. (As an aside, "*Decline and Fall*" would make an excellent selection for a student required to read "satire". It is much more accessible than, say, *Candide*.)

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