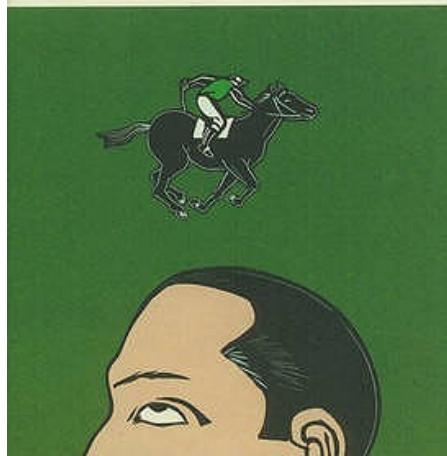


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Newly married to novelist Rosie M. Banks, Bingo bucks the current trend by being extremely happy, although he does tend to lose his shirt on various horses. This collection of wonderfully funny stories features a cast of outrageous characters.

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Vikas Datta says

Phenomenal

Douglas Wilson says

A collection of his short stories, always fun. There are a few Ukridge stories here, which I think is my least favorite Wodehouse character, but still worth the read.

Liz says

Nine short stories involving Bingo Little, Oofy Prosser, Freddie Fitch-Fitch, and Stanley Featherstonehaugh Ukridge. Amusing as usual.

Side note: From the Inspector Lynley TV series I learned that Featherstonehaugh is pronounced Fanshaw. I don't see how but that's how it is pronounced.

Adam McPhee says

[“I see you’ve got one,” he said.

“Got what?”

“One of those thingummies.”

“Oh

Jane says

Don't get me wrong; I love PG Wodehouse. However, in short story form and without Jeeves, it develops a feeling of sameness that makes it hard to keep plowing through. I chuckled a decent bit, so I'm happy.

Ray Otus says

Slipped in a quick Wodehouse between SF/F reads. Another uproarious collection of witty short fiction featuring the marital mishaps of Bingo Little, the wacky wooings of Freddie Widgeon, and the ever-entertaining schemes of Stanley Featherstonehaugh Ukridge.

Ian Wood says

An Egg eagerly rushed into the bar of The Drones Gentlemen's Club and addressed all the various Beans, Crumpets and Piefaces not engaged with throwing food around whilst their trust funds robbed the widow and orphan 'I say, have you heard, Wodehouse has published a collection of short stories about that ass Bingo Little?"

'Surely not!' exclaimed a Bean whom was wondering why he was struggling the read the newspaper he was holding upside down 'I mean to say as a minor character in the stories about Bertie Wooster and his man, Jeeves, he could hold his own but he has no star quality!'

'Fear not,' said a comforting Crumpet, 'I read the volume whilst I stopped drinking to suit the Doctor and some nonsense about renal failure and the book is a winner. Bingo's attempts to win out over his wife leave one with a smile plastered all over ones visage. Also Bingo only Drives four of the nine stories, with one supplied by Wodehouse regular Mr Mulliner and a further three about our favourite rogue Ukridge.'

'I say,' said the Bean whom was in no mood to be offering concessions to Crumpets from minor public schools, 'Pater bought me a degree in Maths at 'varsity and you have only accounted for eight of the stories.'

'You are, of course, correct,' continued the Crumpet, 'the other story concerns a 'Romance at Droitgate Spa' and I cannot help but think it is the greatest short story Wodehouse has ever written.'

'I see' concluded the Bean whose attention span had been exceed some time ago, 'bet you five pounds I can hit the wine waiter with this Bread roll.'

'You're on'.

Robin says

2 1/2 stars.

Some of it was very witty, but the jokes are mostly from a different generation and some were borderline offensive to the current generation. Also since I haven't read any of his other works, I felt out of the loop with jumping into this book, as if I missed something. There was also lack of detail and the story endings were all fairly predictable.

I wouldn't read this again.

Bert says

It feels wrong giving Wodehouse anything but 5 stars, so 5 stars is it...these were thoroughly enjoyable farces featuring an array of cads, scroungers and buffoons, often involving really rubbish gambling, having to put little trinkets "up the spout", and fail proof schemes such as Ukbridges' plan to raise money by having a girl flog flags for 'buttercup day'; "I hit upon the great truth, old horse - one of the profoundest truths in this

modern civilisation of ours - that any given man, confronted by a pretty girl with a tray of flags, will automatically and without inquiry shove a coin in her box." The Bingo Little stories were particularly funny, and through all the charm, effortless prose, and frothiness, you become aware of how cleverly plotted these things are too. Move over Papa Hem..

Shrewbie Spitzmaus says

Wodehouse rarely disappoints and this volume is no exception to that rule. In this collection of nine stories are episodes from the lives of lesser known Wodehouse characters including Bingo Little, Mr. Mulliner and Ukridge (Plum's longest running character). While the stories vary in their degree of hilarity, there's not one rotten one in the bunch and all are thoroughly enjoyable; two of them ("Sonny Boy" and "Romance at Droitgate Spa") were for me some of the funniest stuff I've ever read, causing me to laugh out loud long and hard. If you are unfamiliar with some of the lesser known (though well-trodden) characters in the Wodehouse lexicon, this is definitely a good introduction to them.

Brooke says

It is necessary to get my dose of P.G. Wodehouse every now and then! ?

Hákon Gunnarsson says

I've got an old paperback copy of Eggs, Beans and Crumpets and it is falling apart. The reason it is falling apart is simple, it has been read a few times. It is among my favorite Wodehouse short story collections that doesn't feature Jeeves and Wooster.

I begins with four stories about a well known Wodehouse character, Bingo Little. I really like these stories, I think they may be among the best Wodehouse wrote. They are at least among my favorites. Next we get a romantic romp that only Wodehouse could come up with. Typical for the author but still quite funny. Then comes one story about Freddie Fitch-Fitch (only Wodehouse could come up with a name like that) which involves love, money (or lack there off) and an aging uncle. The result is highly entertaining romantic entanglements. The last three stories feature Urkridge which is a character which has never been one of my favorite in the Wodehouse world, but still these stories are fairly good.

All in all, I would say this was a good introduction into Wodehouse. It is at least a book that I have had much enjoyment out of, and will most probably read yet again someday.

Tandava Brahmachari says

Not the strongest Wodehouse collection, though "Anselm Gets His Chance" and "Romance at Droitgate Spa" are both good. The first several stories are all about Bingo Little and a little too similar to go well all together in a batch like that. And a few Ukridge stories to round things out. A couple of my favorite lines are from the Bingo stories:

“He will have it in sackfuls some day, of course, but until he realizes on his Uncle Wilberforce—who is eighty-six and may quite easily go to par—the wolf, so far as he is concerned, will always be in or about the vestibule.”

[Bingo regarding his newborn son:] “The only thing that prevented a father’s love from faltering was the fact that there was in his possession a photograph of himself at the same early age, in which he, too, looked like a homicidal fried egg.”

Sarah says

read by Jonathan Cecil. Hoopla has this marked as part of the Jeeves and Wooster series, but I think that's a mistake. A couple of the main characters from these short stories were side characters in Worcester stories, but Jeeves and Wooster themselves are completely lacking. I thought it a nice enough addition to the J&W world, but the spouse is not yet familiar enough with all the characters and had trouble following. I finished the audiobook; he didn't.

Cheryl Bentley says

This isn't everyone's idea of humor, and I usually can't read P. G. Wodehouse straight through, but this collection of loosely related stories is easy to dip into. Wodehouse makes hilarious sport of the idle rich in England during the first half of the 20th c. The title comes from the ridiculous nicknames they ascribe to each other.

If you want to try out a bit of Wodehouse, I would recommend starting with the Jeeves and Wooster stories or the BBC series of the same name, starring the hilarious Hugh Laurie and Stephen Frye and available on YouTube. You just might like it, old crumpet.
