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Fourteen tales of animals of extraordinary strong dispositions and the often calamitous events they precipitate.

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Lizzy says

Disappointing collection - often the animals are minor plot points or hardly relevant at all (maybe briefly mentioned). Nothing terribly new either, and some of the stories work better in context rather than excerpted in this sort of collection. Not a good flow of stories, and the theme seems forced.

So the rating is mostly for the editing/collecting, but the stories are as lovely as always.

Kate K. F. says

Wodehouse is always a fun read and this anthology combines a number of stories from the Jeeves and Wooster books along with ones from other collections. The last story truly stood out to me as its from the point of a view of a puppy that's trying to help a complicated master. All of the others were funny and enjoyable reads. I'd recommend this to anyone who enjoys Wodehouse with the warning that its a truly mixed bag.

Kate says

Apparently I wasn't in the mood for this.

Annalisa says

love love love love Wodehouse!

Jen says

Wodehouse is always a delightfully breezy author. These tales are an interesting compendium involving animals with even a story narrated by a dog character. Perfect read for anyone to grow acquainted with the author's style.

Bob Ladwig says

Tales from Wodehouse involving animals, most of these are actually excerpts from other novels by Wodehouse.

Rosemary says

A great collection of P.G. Wodehouse stories! The idea is that each story involves an animal in the plot in some way. Wodehouse loved animals and had a lot of pets, and that comes across here, although they're not always pets (the Blandings Castle pigs make a showing). In fact one of them isn't even a real animal, but an actor in a costume. Still it's a good idea for picking out stories for a collection, mixing well known characters like Jeeves & Wooster with others that most casual Wodehouse readers won't have come across before. It would make a good introduction to P.G. Wodehouse too.

Ryan P says

Collection of some great supposedly animal-themed stories including quite a few of Jeeves and Wooster. If you are an avid Wodehouse reader, you've probably read all of these before. A couple of them don't have animals at all save for the passing mention. Light read overall.

Holly says

Have read this compilation more than once -- includes some classic Wodehouse short stories in which one or more animals has an important role. A snake, a parrot, a cat, multiple dogs, a gorilla, and (of course) a prize-winning sow (and more) are featured in various stories. Includes the only story Wodehouse wrote in which a dog is the narrator ("The Mixer"). The humor stands up to multiple readings.

Chriss says

The stories collected in this volume are all selected from other books and collections, so there's nothing new in here. Also, in some of them there aren't really animals in the story at all so much as the humans are in an area with animals such as a racetrack.

In short, the stories are good but there's no reason to pick up this collection instead of one of Wodehouse's others.

Rebekah H. says

Hilarious. A great pick me up from Master Wodehouse.

Margie says

The best comfort reading in the universe!!!!

Tamsen says

This was my first Wodehouse - and I look forward to reading more, especially the Jeeves books. Thanks to Wodehouse, I have decided I would like to add "rummy", "what-ho", and "right-ho" to my vocabulary.

All of the stories were very good, and in particular, I liked the Jeeves/Wooster stories, although those were a little light on the bestiary part. The very best animal-related story was "The Mixer."

Susan says

I love just about anything Wodehouse. A Wodehouse Bestiary is no exception.

Juliana says

Growing up and watching Jeeves and Wooster on PBS, it was so great to read the source material and appreciate how close that adaptation was to the original.
