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'I have nothing to declare', Wilde once told an American customs official, 'except my genius'. A socialite, a wit, a man who flaunted convention and was unafraid to shock, Oscar Wilde was a great writer and a great man. This collection demonstrates the brilliance of his vision, the audacity of his style.

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Aasem Bakhshi says

For that matter who doesn't acknowledge that Wilde was a misunderstood genius, but one wonders what this hotch-potch was meant to serve to a reader. Its definitely readable but probably by a 15 year old who might want to have a collection of Wilde's quotable quotes on bedside. Its hard to imagine that its a Penguin 'classic'.

Sofia says

Genius as always!

Anne Cullen-wright says

Obviously the quotes are wonderful, but too much space (nearly a third of the book) given to Steven Fry's boring foreward.

Maria Chatzistogianni says

It is basically a collection of quotes. Albeit interesting quotes, most of them on the wise side. Worth the read.

Gerry says

The book is well worth its five-star rating if for nothing else than the lengthy introduction entitled 'Playing Oscar' by Stephen Fry!

Fry tells us that he has not known a time in his life when he was not aware of Oscar Wilde (my daughter could probably empathise with him for when young she would listen to 'The Trials of Oscar Wilde' - the book I was then reading - when she was going to sleep as I decided it was the sound of my voice rather than the story content that lulled her to sleep!) and he writes historically of the great man and also of his role in the film.

One interesting story from the making of the film was when he was approached by a man in Hyde Park during a break in filming who asked him what was going on. When he answered that they were filming a movie of the life of Oscar Wilde, the chap declared 'I have a record of him singing live.' Fry queried this only to be told, 'Yes, at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas. The best version of "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" you could ever hear.' Would it be Coward or Wilde who was flattered?

The main body of the book contains the usual quotes, quips and maxims that Oscar trotted out with quite a

few unusual ones present. Whatever they are and however often they have been heard or read, it is never a drudge to read what Oscar had to say because he was always entertaining and always, as he said, 'put my genius into my life' ... don't we all?

Mugren Ohaly says

Although interesting, the contents of this book can easily be found in an internet post.

Kate says

Admittedly, my favourite part was the introduction by Stephen Fry. Overall there were some really good quotes and some I'm not too fond of. I have every intention of reading more of Wilde's work and perhaps even getting through more than the first 20 pages of The Picture of Dorian Gray.

Veronika Kaufmann says

A book I carry with me always. Nothing but genius.

Tom says

Simply a collection of quotes from a misunderstood genius. Hard to truly get a grasp about the man himself from this collection alone. I now want to read some of his works to gain a better understanding.

Ioannis Savvas says

Ο τ?τλος τ? λ?ει ?λ?α. Καταπληκτικ?ς σκ?ψεις, παν?ξυπνες φρ?σεις, απαρ?μιλλο χιο?μορ. Δεν ?χω να δηλ?σω τ?ποτα, παρ? μ?νο "γοητευμ?νος".

Spiros says

?νας γρ?γορος και ε?στοχος τρ?πος για την καταν?ηση των αντιλ?ψεων και πεποιθ?σεων του ?σκαρ Γου?ιλντ.

K. says

I would only recommend this if you're considering reading a book by Wilde, but you're not sure. This book is

a decent way to determine whether or not you'll like his other works.

Lia says

Oscar, wat heb je toch een wicked sense of humor. Altijd fijn om te herlezen op een zondagochtend. Nu verder met een andere favoriet:

Women love us for our defects. If we have enough of them, they will forgive us everything, even our intellects.

Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray, 1891

Benedict Collins says

the best toilet book i know

Stina says

"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying."

"You can never be overdressed or overeducated."

"You don't love someone for their looks, or their clothes, or for their fancy car, but because they sing a song only you can hear."

"Everything in the world is about sex except sex. Sex is about power."

"I can resist anything except temptation."

NO REGRETS

OSCAR WILDE IS THE BEST FOREVER AND EVER AMEN

JUST PICK THIS UP IT'S LIKE FIFTY PAGES

YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE

HE WAS A SAVAGE

DEAL WITH IT

