

wholesome vigor and downright amusement. Certainly not a book for highbrows; but one that should be enjoyed by anyone who reads to be entertained.

Rollicking Adventure

OCCASIONALLY one finds a book with a certain zest, a forthright love of adventure and the open road in it that, whether or not the tale is finely written, makes it memorable, makes it one of your favorite novels. Such a story is "The Unseemly Adventure" by Ralph Straus (Holt). It is another escape novel — about how a young man escapes from a dominating mother, runs away with a tramp, and finds himself and a wife. The tramp is a delightful soul — Appleby Magnus is a sort of twentieth century Bacchus. He is wise, gay, bibulous, lovable. Not since "The Beloved Vagabond" have I read a story that swings along with such