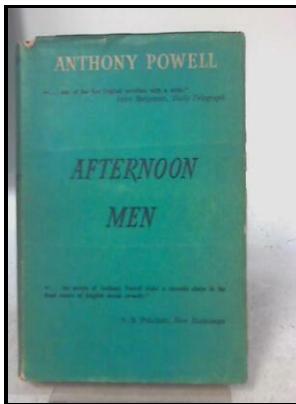


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It's a bit bleak and certainly not generous writing, but I found it very, very funny. Race, is very upset over the delay in serving lunch — though this annoyance is expressed before the fatidic note is found — in spite of the fact that she has been allowed to benefit from the granted austere hospitality of difficult, outré, often harsh and peculiar Pringle, together with a dog that is not even house trained — we learn that the visitors will get adapted to this situation which must have been quite offensive. That's all I was asking from Powell.

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The most eventful part of the book is part III, where Pringle decides to commit suicide by drowning after seeing his fiancée fooling around with one of his friends and house-guests. It is dialogue-heavy, often with multiple characters maintaining separate threads of conversation, never quite weaving together, producing a musical quality redolent of theatre.

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Did I mention how funny the book is? Snatches of phatic conversations redolent of Elliot. Like other early novels about the Bright Young Things—Waugh's Vile Bodies, Green's Party Going, Connolly's The Rock Pool, etc etc—Powell's first published book gives rise to a categorical I-need-to-read-pretty-much-everything-by-this-author vibe.

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His characters will not arouse any sympathy from the reader, however you cannot put this book down. Very minimal wear and tear. Afternoon Men provides an important perspective on the development of one of thi Afternoon Men follows the trivial encounters and idle pastimes of the social set through William Atwater.

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Just when we think the novel is not going to go anywhere Powell threatens to give us a bit of drama, only to pull back at the final moment—it works really well and is quite amusing. It looked interesting although I had no idea when or where I acquired it. You must come and see me some

time.

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He got out once, but they put him back in again, and as the taxi drove off they saw him leaning through the window talking to the driver. It was an engaging, quick, read despite the fact that nothing really happens for most of the book.

Afternoon Men, by Anthony Powell, is the funniest novel you've never read.

Afternoon Men is a revelation to sophisticated readers of every stripe, but especially to a certain kind of artist manqué on the brink of discovering that life is a more difficult business than he ever had reason to expect.

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