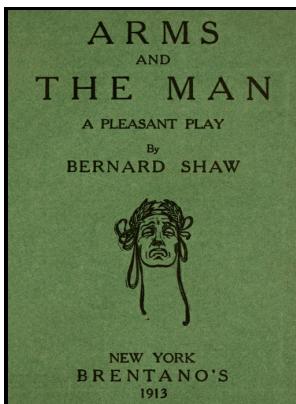


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**Afternoon Men, by Anthony Powell, is the funniest novel you've never read.**

Afternoon Men follows the trivial encounters and idle pastimes of the social set through William Atwater. A failed suicide by drowning also provides a great deal of dry humour. Hope you will like it and give your comments and suggestions.

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I found this copy in a secondhand bookshop when I was reading his twelve-volume series of novels, A Dance to the Music of Time. The characters want very little, do even less, and even the climactic bits are entirely anti-climactic -- very telling in a novel from 1931. It consists of insipid people doing insipid things and having insipid conversations.

**Afternoon Men**

Afternoon Men is written nearly wall-to-wall with dialogue, such that you have to piece together what's actually happening from the bits and pieces you overhear.

**Afternoon Men: A Novel, Powell**

In his memoirs, Powell makes a distinction between two kinds of novelist - the Perfectionists, like Flaubert or Henry James, who write and rewrite, making sure everything is just so and not a word is misplaced; and the Other Sort, like Dickens and Balzac, for whom no situation, detail or character which enters their minds is superfluous. I will certainly read it again.

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As Atwater pursues Susan, Lola pursues Atwater. Now I want to read everything else he wrote. Its young protagonist, William Atwater, has a terrible job at a museum that nonetheless affords him the leisure to recover from his hangovers and bone up on art criticism in the hope of getting a less terrible job.

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