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Notes: The non-existent knight originally published as Il cavaliere inesistente. Einaudi, 1959. The cloven viscount originally published as Il visconte dimezzato. Einaudi, 1951.

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The stars should be four and half. However the longest one 'Baron in the Trees' is long enough to develop a theme that is just about possible and intriguing enough to maintain interest. As I say, wholly bizarre.

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Three picaresque tales, set in the age of chivalry, each featuring a fair degree of parody and irreverent wit. In 'the Baron in the trees' and in 'the non-existent knight' Calvino's style had become more colourful and so I read this book after a positive review by both a friend and Salman Rushdie in 'Imaginary homeland'. .

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The three novels are related to each other, yes, but not by plot, characters, location or even mood, only by the fact that they each seek to play with the profound truths that stem from a single incident or situation or conceit. But then I found myself in the fairy world.

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His tales are full of amazing characters such as the knight who isn't there, the baron who lives in the trees and a group of spanish exiles.

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She was a woman of harmonious moons, tender plumage, gentle flow. He is a bourgeois intellectual and instinctive aesthete who wants to be a socialist in an age of hard-nosed Marxists.

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In many occasions we have to mediate between both of them. The Baron in the Trees deals with a young boy who renounces earthly existence in favour of an arboreal one, and how he comes to terms with his independence. This volume pulls together two novellas and one novel written across the length of the 1950s by Italo Calvino as partial pastiches of past literature, all with an implied commentary about the position of the intellectual in post-war Italy.

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This is help This is a wholly bizarre and unusual book - by turns magical, humorous, historical, fantasy, fairy tale, medieval, realist. It is a beautiful, masterful tale that reminds us how man in the last 6 or 7 centuries has destroyed many of the forests and natural diversity that existed on the Mediterranean coast in the middle ages. The second story I walked into and then it stalled about halfway through, but wasn't too bad.

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