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In The World of Poo we follow our young hero Geoffrey s stay in Anhk Morpork, where he becomes fascinated by faeces and hopes to make the world s first excrement museum,

featuring a specimen from everything with arsehole or cloaca, a smelly hobby of which all and sundry seem disconcertingly accepting. This isn't your typical Discworld novel, with Pratchett leaving his crueller side outside the privy, and our boy Geoffrey is spared from encountering the Thieves Guild, catastrophic Wizard mishaps or C.M.O.T Dibbler's sausage in a bun. Instead, he enjoys a safe and leisurely meander about the Discworld's most famous and odourous city, surrounded by encouraging adults, friendly crap collectors, gravel excreting Gargoyles and pooping hippos, all of whom teach him schisse's varied forms such as smouldering swamp dragon pellets and the many historically real industry uses of merde. Though enjoyable to read as an adult, it certainly feels like a children's book, with quaint and cheerful illustrations and lacking any form of antagonist, though the occasional use of the word piss might make some parents balk at reading this to very young kids. It's still as funny as any Pratchett, with the usual dry humour, great footnotes, references to familiar Discworld characters and I was especially tickled by the hermit elephant. Anyone who does heavy duty gardening or watched read enough Horrible Histories to know how urine was used in the fabric industry probably won't learn too much from this book, but even if the idea of a night soil collector doesn't surprise you, the fact Pratchett tries to remove the metamorphical stink from the unspoken abject and, most importantly, stresses the need for and dignity of those who are prepared to do such dirty work is very commendable and well done. Surprisingly charming, definitely silly and extraordinarily adorable in places, *The World of Poo* is anything but shite despite being a literal shit book.

Disclaimer ARC for the American Edition via Netgalley This is a book about poop or poo or whatever other term you wish to use to describe what ends up after we digest things. Some people call it other things. I'm looking at you Count Dookie, sorry, Count Dooku. This is a book about poo for children so at no point is the s word used in case you were wondering. If you are a fan of Terry Pratchett and have kept up with the Discworld books, you will know that *The World of Poo* by Miss Biddle is a favorite book of young Sam Vimes, the son of the elder Sam Vimes and Lady Sybil. This means, for those of you who don't know, that *World of Poo* is like the books that Rowling put out that were used by the students in her Potter books. Or, if you prefer PBS, it's like a cook on *Downton Abbey* or *Upstairs, Downstairs* putting out a cookbook. If you are not familiar with Pratchett, Harry Potter, *Downton Abbey* or *Upstairs, Downstairs*, I don't think I want to talk to you. No offense. Whoever designed this book with Pratchett, or if it was Pratchett himself deserves I don't know what. Something. The design is impressive because it even has signed message for Sam Vimes from Biddle as well as a list of other works by Biddle. All the titles are rather well one book is called *The Wee Wee Men* for crying out loud. The illustrations are quite lovely as well. The story is about Geoffrey who discovers that he is quite interested in poo and wants to start a Museum of Poo. He then goes around collecting poo from all sorts of things. That's the basic plot. But since this Pratchett, you know that the book is far than that. Pratchett was the man who took a story about a god being a turtle and turned into a wonderful look at

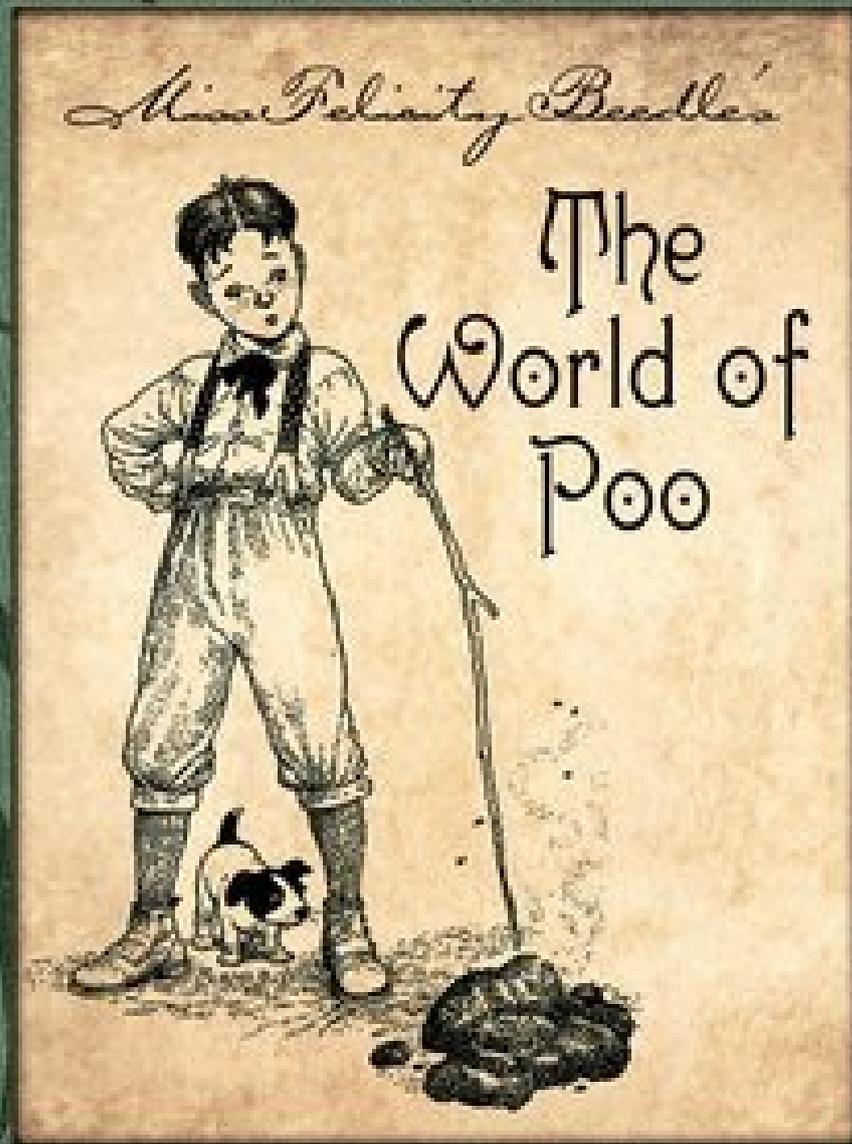
tolerance Pratchett takes a werewolf and dwarf and deals with racism and other isms He doesn't do sparkly vampire stalker tales And so packed into this book is an elephant patty's worth of information about the history of waste disposal While Geoffrey gets poo from swamp dragons, the facts about poo like night soil are real world It's a sly, gross, jokey way to actually teach about history and science Seriously, every science classroom should have this book And, importantly, beside a book about poo and history of its uses and disposal as well as all sorts of information about different species' poos, it is also a book about supporting a desire to learn While his grandmother is not overly thrilled at Geoffrey's interest in poo, she does support it The most moving and it is moving aspect of the story is how the adults respond to Geoffrey They think he is crazy, but since he is willing to learn, since he is in the quest of knowledge, they support him They don't suggest he play football instead They don't try to interest him in tea They actually arrange to further his knowledge That is so awesome If you have never read Pratchett before, this book will give a taste of his style Because the critics are right Pratchett writes for everyone The only difference between a child's Pratchett book and an adult one is the age of the protagonist The book takes place in the Discworld, but you don't need to know anything about the Disc to follow the story you might miss one or two inside jokes, but that's it This book illustrates Pratchett or Biddle's depth of knowledge as well as his humanist spirit It's about time it was available in the U.S.

@READ E-PUB • The World of Poo æ A Discworld Picture Book At Six O'Clock Every Day, Without Fail, With No Excuses, Sam Vimes Must Go Home To Read The World Of Poo, With All The Appropriate Noises, To His Little Boy A Picturebook That Picks Up A Story From Snuff, The Brand New Discworld Novel A scatological pearl from Ankh Morpork, stemming from Young Sam Vimes' infatuation with all things faecal ref Snuff The protagonist, a young boy urbaned out to his granny during the birth of his sister, finds his interest in poo is aroused when a passing bird dumps on his head With the exception of his maid, his interest is nurtured and encouraged by all concerned His highly placed and well-connected granny arranges trips to the Dragon Sanctuary, the Patrician's menagerie and, eventually, a day out with the King of the Golden River He learns about the gastroenterology of the gargoyle in a practical fashion. Not detailed enough to be considered a veterinary text book, this can only be seen as a light-hearted attempt to depict the class struggle, of the enthusiastic amateur infringing on the rights and practices of the working person, the thoughtlessness of privilege, literally and metaphorically, defecating on the proletariat What is considered the harmless peccadillo of a moneyed child actively deprives the worker of bread or, at least, its end product If this situation is allowed to continue the hard-pressed, huddled masses of Ankh Morpork will rise and take positive action to prevent the situation continuing Ironically, we can only hope that the arrival of yet another child with a silver spoon in its mouth prevents a further deterioration in this crossing of clearly negotiated lines of demarcation OUT, BROTHERS and SISTERS, OUT FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS, after appropriate and transparent balloting of all members of the union in keeping

with Ankh Morpork law, overseen by those excellent solicitors Morecombe, Slant and Honeycase I am so sorry, I am not quite sure who wrote that last paragraph The story is delightful, the illustrations excellent and the footnotes are as much fun as the main narrative If Harry King is the King of the Golden River, Terry Pratchett is the King of the Golden Spin off. . This was definitely one of the stranger things I ve read in recent years The World of Poo is a Discworld based children s book that is referenced quite a bit in the previous Discworld book I just finished, Snuff The main character, Geoffrey, develops a fascination with poo and starts collecting samples from various creatures he encounters, some of which are fictional Discworld creatures. The product page lists it as being geared toward ages 8 through 12 12 seems a little old to me, but I guess 8 sounds about right in terms of the simplicity of the story and language On the other hand, there are a few snide comments aimed at adults that seem likely to raise some questions I m also not sure the average younger child would fully appreciate the Discworld setting and be able to confidently sort through the mish mash of real and fake facts, unless they ve read some of the novels Anyway, it was a cute and very quick read, and it was a fun little tie in to the main books I may even have learned a thing or two from it, although I don t expect those things to have any major impact on my life , D . This story of a boy who develops a scatological obsession in a merry ol England setting was a delight Thus my first foray into Terry Pratchett s world was a resounding success

Terry Pratchett

PRESENTS



A DISCWORLD DELIGHT FOR
READERS OF ALL AGES

I'm not a big Pratchett or Discworld fan. I vaguely remember reading a couple when they first came out, but they're British humor, which tends to miss my funny bone. Then there were so many that it was plain crazy confusing. This is 39.5, I believe. Thankfully, it stands well on its own. It was well narrated, which made it a fun diversion, but most of all, the blurb hit one of my many sore points: the big deal people make about poo. Everything does it, but

people make such a big, disgusting, secretive deal out of it Ridiculous, but there you have it Pratchett poking fun at the secrecy plus getting it into conversation had to be a good thing It was also vaguely amusing at times The economics usefulness were well done Urine has been used throughout history for a number of things from tanning to washing hair Peter Freuchen s account of his first dance with his soon to be wife in Arctic Adventure My Life in the Frozen North had me laughing out loud He was tall, the ceiling was low, the woman he lusted after washed her hair to a gorgeous, lustrous shine in baby pee which made the slow dances tough since he had his face buried in her hair She felt good, but the smell Still, Pratchett could have done better He didn t get much into what is really fascinating about poo even though the boy was collecting it Scientists can tell a lot about an animal from its waste As a farmer a father, I ve spent a lot of my life dealing with it using it as an indicator of how an animal or baby is doing despite their inability to tell me in words I know how well the spring grass is coming into the fields by the texture, color, sloppiness of the horse poo When my pony colicked, I rejoiced when he delivered a steaming pile knew that he was better We look at the dogs to see if they have worms or why they aren t eating often find the answer by feathers or something else that shows they re scrounging snacks We used to examine the kids diapers to see how they were handling the change in diet as they grew.Anyway, I applaud his effort to bring the subject out of the closet.

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