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reader gets a real feel for the trials and joys of being part of the family. It is two of the family's twelve children that are the authors of this book. That one of the twelve children dies of diphtheria at the age of six is not mentioned. Even if family roles are somewhat dated, mom often defers to dad, it is nevertheless clear that when Mom says something the whole family listens and adheres. The audiobook narration by Dana Ivey is absolutely excellent. I loved it from start to finish. Her intonations used for the father and mother are priceless. I read this as a school assignment when I was in the sixth grade. I think it was first published in 1948. I have seen, within the last year, about a half hour of the old fifties era movie of it, starring Clifton Webb as the beloved father. I have not seen the Steve Martin one. If I'm not wrong, there's a second one with him, too. I grant that this extremely light memoir of family life in pre-World War One America paints an extremely rosy picture, but it is not unrealistic. There is room in this world for fond reminiscence. Basically, this book is a tribute to the parents of a family of twelve children. The family is clearly upper middle class, but the quality of life described is not available to those who fit the upper middle class bill today. One reason this book is worth reading in our fear-stricken age is that it is a reminder that, at least on the surface, a self-made man in the early 20th century could set up a virtual palace for his family, perform civic duties cheerfully and give his children a sense of well-being. The obvious question for anybody reading this review is, Is CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN a lie? Ultimately not. I believe it appeals to a sense of idealism. It is free of the snobbery of most memoirs of the privileged. It is not Jacob Riis. Look him up, my Goodreads pals. But it is not a flashy reflection of gaudy times. What I took from this book in sixth grade was that a family could believe in diligence, good works and duty and still be happy. If it's not true that most diligent people who do good and fulfill duties are happy, it probably is true that any happy person is diligent, does good works and fulfills duties. Quite delightful. Written in 1948, but set in the early 1900s through 1920s, this is chock full of fun history and nostalgia. It's written in second person, from the perspective of the children, as if one of the 12 is looking back on her early childhood with admiration. The tone is a little too rosy sometimes, painting the chaos of 12 kids as something light and flippant, easily handled as if the parents never really struggled with parenting so many children at once. But it's not meant to be. Quite delightful. Written in 1948, but set in the early 1900s through 1920s, this is chock full of fun history and nostalgia. It's written in second person, from the perspective of the children, as if one of the 12 is looking back on her early childhood with admiration. The tone is a little too rosy sometimes, painting the chaos of 12 kids as something light and flippant, easily handled as if the parents never really struggled with parenting so many

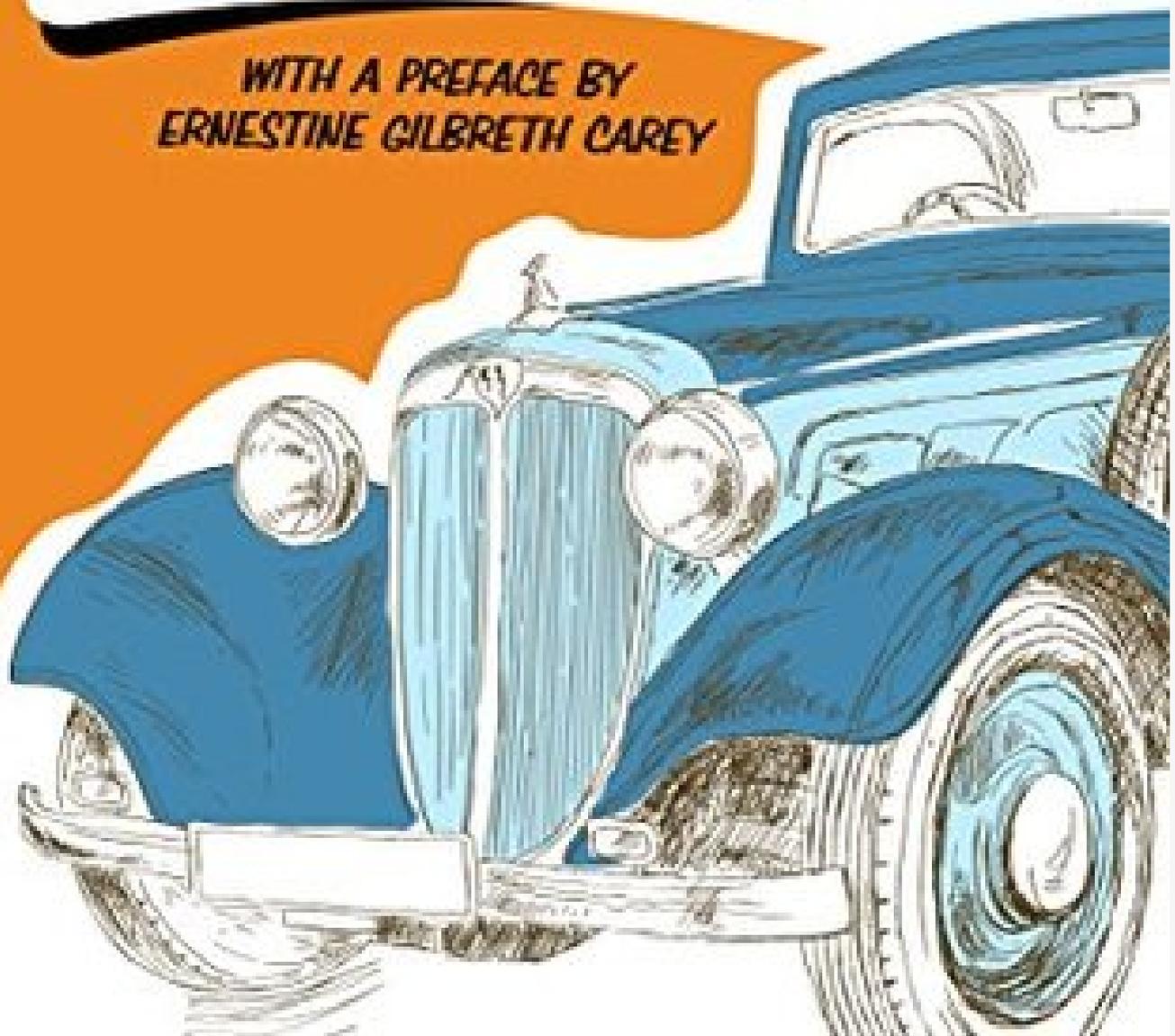
children at once. But it's not meant to be a heavy, thoughtful book about the drama of family life. It's an episodic romp through fun fads and fancies of the family, particularly the father's interests, in his efforts to teach the children. Mentions of the Victrola or Pierce Arrow and other signs of the time really highlight the setting in a vivid way. Yup, still as delightful as it was when I was a kid. Somehow I missed, back then, that Mother, too, was an engineer. And the bonus of re-reading it now is that I can go online and find out that the Time Motion analyses were real, and even see some of the films and promotional pictures. My family values efficiency/economy to a very high degree, but we're pikers compared to Gilbreth. I would have loved to learn Morse code the way these kids did. Really too bad Dad died so young, but many men did. Yup, still as delightful as it was when I was a kid. Somehow I missed, back then, that Mother, too, was an engineer. And the bonus of re-reading it now is that I can go online and find out that the Time Motion analyses were real, and even see some of the films and promotional pictures. My family values efficiency/economy to a very high degree, but we're pikers compared to Gilbreth. I would have loved to learn Morse code the way these kids did. Really too bad Dad died so young, but many men did back then. Anyway, yes, if you haven't treated yourself to this yet, it's about time you did. Oh, and I have no interest in a movie version. I have always had a special spot for this charming book, and always will. Although this book was sold to me as a 7th grader as a heartwarming memoir of children raised by an efficiency expert, I realized not too long thereafter that the book presented an insidious hidden agenda. In real life, the Gilbreth father was an acolyte of efficiency engineer Frederick Speedy Taylor (1856-1915), considered the founder of the theory of scientific management (Taylorism), as it had come to be called, destroyed the craft underpinnings of much of the manufacturing industry in the US, and segmented factory workers' activities into simple, repetitious, mind-numbing tasks. While this may have increased the wealth of the owners, and, over time, provided a steady wage for some industrial workers, a fairly decent critique of Taylorism, and in particular management's treatment of workers as replaceable cogs in a well-oiled machine, rather than human beings with inherent capabilities and imagination, can be found in Harry Braverman's *Labor and Monopoly Capital*. If I were subjected to the indignities inflicted on the Gilbreth children by their father, I would have gone on strike, or run away from home as soon as possible. The recent Steve Martin movies, of course, have little to do with the raison d'être of the book. Any movie with Steve Martin and Eugene Levy can be guaranteed to yield plenty of laughs. Not so the book.

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Cheaper by the Dozen

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