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MK says

Robinson Crusoe #3 is not a novel, it's not fiction at all, other than Defoe keeps up the pretense of writing as Robinson Crusoe, instead of himself.

It's what it say it is, serious reflections. It's mostly essays and philosophizing on religion, Divine Providence, the devil, spirits and more. An interesting bit during one of his essays was his use of other planetary bodies in our solar system to aid him in his discussion of the spirit world. I didn't take the time to look up how much knowledge was available at the time of the writing about the solar system, but his discussion of the planets, and dismissing as impossible any possibility that there could be inhabitants on any of the planetary bodies (except, perhaps, the moon :D), was interesting. I also liked the first chapter, "Of Solitude".

I really wanted to read the two appendices, which dealt with contemporary accounts of the rescue of Alexander Selkirk, whose real life marooning was what Defoe based his story of Robinson Crusoe on. They were short, but interesting.

Backing up the 'read date' from today to Dec 31, because this was a 2018 book for me, not a 2019.
