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Sunny says

interesting short book with some very insightful quotes about a variety of subjects like revenge, marriage, love, envy, cunning, ambition, beauty, studying, anger ... its Francis Bacons few pages on each of those types of subjects. some interesting thoughts raised. around hundred pages only.

Megan says

I am totally taking it out of context, but I couldn't help but picture an old man talking to himself while I read. Like someone was trying to make small talk and casually said "hey Francis, I'm renovating my garden, do you think I should add roses?" Cut to Bacon saying "and that's how I feel about ponds" to a skeleton in a chair who died of boredom.

That being said this is a good book that has some wisdom that is still relevant to today and the stuff that isn't relevant now is interesting as it gives some insight into the minds and culture of people from the 16th century.

Ana Rînceanu says

For the most part, I liked Bacon's advice.

Colin says

Excellent little essays (to my mind an obvious model for those of A.C. Grayling) on philosophical and practical matters.

Aziff says

For the most of us who's grown up having our grandfather sit down and give us timeless advice, Francis Bacon's *Of Empire* would be but a reminiscent of such experiences. F. Bacon goes into the every general aspect of life and dispenses his wisdom on subjects such as ambition, negotiation, families and such.

Like the contemporaries of his time, F. Bacon's writings are reflective to an adage wisdom of his time, contextualized by his own experiences. That's not to say it wasn't a good read. I enjoyed *Of Empire* but to me, it would have made a more interesting case study and perhaps a platform to common sense. In this day and age, the form of wisdom found in this book likens itself to general advice that's now considered common sense to an extent.

Of Empire makes a perfect book to give to an adolescent taking his (yes, his, because this book was written with men in mind) first steps into adulthood. Although, the chapter on gardening and house advice would perhaps be far too outdated to take into consideration now.

It would be helpful to remember George Orwell's quote while reading this book: "The best books... are those that tell you what you know already."

Arf says

vulcan approved.

Oscar Fuentevilla says

De poquito en poquito en poquito lo acabé. No es para picarte, es para leer unos capítulos, luego otros, luego otros.

La mentalidad antigua de Baco lo hace más lento y convencional hoy en día. Sin embargo indaga en cada tema de manera intensa e interesante. Si siento que vale la pena para entender el pensamiento de aquellas épocas (1600). Si, eso es lo más interesante del libro: ponerlo en contexto de tiempo.

Brenden says

OF EMPIRE (GREAT IDEAS S.) by FRANCIS BACON (2005)

Jeff says

There are some nice pithy saying in this little book. Some interesting ideas about how to lead your life in the 17th century...much like Franklin's autobiography in the 18th century...and even some insights into Renaissance society. But as a whole, it's not a very compelling book(let). If I were a Renaissance literature scholar, I'm sure this would be far more interesting, but I didn't find much in Bacon's writing that really had much meat to it. And I'm a little confused as to why it's "of empire."

Zak says

he is telling already known things through everyday experiences in an unusually complex use of words that could be told in a easy way

Joshua Nomen-Mutatio says

The first two sentences of the book:

"IT IS a miserable state of mind, to have few things to desire, and many things to fear; and yet that commonly is the case of kings; who, being at the highest, want matter of desire, which makes their minds more languishing; and have many representations of perils and shadows, which makes their minds the less clear. And this is one reason also, of that effect which the Scripture speaketh of, That the king's heart is inscrutable."
