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Godzilla says

After finishing this I felt like I needed a shower, and it wasn't due to the unseasonably warm weather.

This book was recommended to me by a couple of different people, and I picked it up very cheaply second hand.

I'm glad it was a later edition, as it filled in numerous gaps that must have been there when the first edition came out.

I'd never really warmed to Mr Archer, and wasn't sure what I'd make of this biography. To be fair, it's not a complete hatchet job, he has had moments of redemption, but they seem so few and far between, and still relate to his self-promotion, that they pale into relative insignificance.

Archer is clearly an ego maniac, with huge chips on his shoulders. He has a lot of unpleasant characteristics, so much so that he almost feels like a caricature.

Just as damning is the way that he was never reined in, and simply allowed to get away with his behaviour.

Simply writing this review is making the need for another shower reappear!

It's not a pleasant read, but rewarding in the sense that whatever you thought of him initially, it's a million times worse than you thought

Anthony Murphy says

A book which deeply perturbed the subject it was written about. Reading the book, it came as no surprise as to the source of Lord Archers consternation.

I read this book around the time that he was imprisoned for perjury in 2001. It is a truly mind boggling read, studying a man who was such a prolific bullshitter that his tongue must have gone black if he ever by accident, told the truth.

I frequently found myself going back two or three pages to check on an apparent contradiction. Other times, I didn't have to work so hard. The books author, Michael Crick, very helpfully put the contradiction or paradoxes on the same page; nearly every page.

In summary, a book about a figure who achieved a high rank in politics, a multi million selling fiction author and a figure that James Thurber would think was far fetched.

Vivienne says

I enjoy his books so enjoyed reading about him, didn't realise when I started that it only went to 1995 which was a shame.

Himadhar Narayan says

One of the books I'll regret reading. The only reason being, it doesn't have a narration from end to end. A partial, incomplete story with very less of a plot. The three stars rating that I have given is purely for the narrative skills, and the usage of the language, its simple **Brilliant!**

Penina says

excellent
