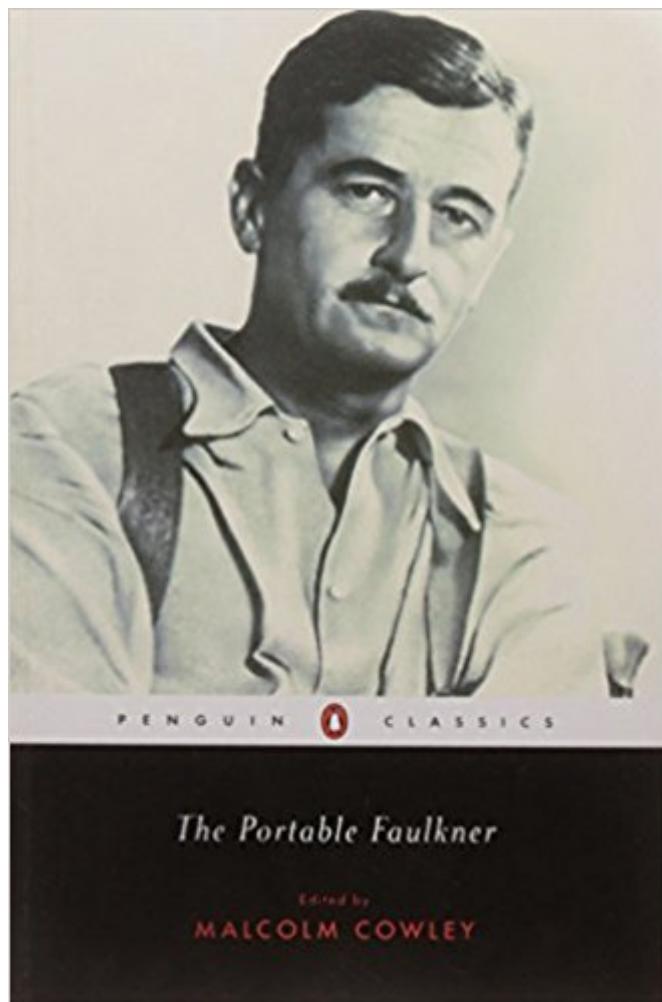


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William Faulkner (1897-1962) was born in Mississippi and was the recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature and the Pulitzer Prize. Malcolm Cowley (1898-1989) a

leading literary figure of his time, wrote numerous books of literary criticism, essays, and poetry.

This book contains the key short stories and novel excerpts that caused Faulkner's reputation to soar beginning in the mid-1940s. Although he had been active since the 1920s, this book was the one that made him a household word.

What more could I add to the praises this volume has got? Every night at bedtime I read a few pages aloud to my wife, who'd never read Faulkner

The introduction by Malcolm Cowley clarifies essential traits of Faulkner's craft and the selections are excellent.

Wow! great introduction to Faulkner .

I am going back and reading Faulkner again after 35 years and I get so much more out of the text. This edition is in very good shape and I'm proud of it.

Still the best intro to Faulkner out there BUT WHY ISN'T THIS RELEASED ON KINDLE YET?!

Had to read sections for a class.....just wish he had used periods to end sentences!!!!!! Some sentences are a page long or longer.....one tends to lose the reason for the sentence in the first place!

An influential collection, partly responsible for the late 1940s resurgence of interest in America's greatest author, this construction of Faulkner's narrative world is certainly no substitute for any of the novels. But it has its uses: readers who don't plan to read more than 3 of Faulkner's best novels may find some of Cowley's excerpts a reasonable consolation; Cowley's chronological ordering not only clarifies Faulkner's fictional world but exposes its organic unity; with the exception of "Barn Burning," most of the essential short fiction (including the frequently excerpted "The Bear") can be found here; the concluding commentary and genealogy which Cowley elicited from Faulkner himself is both helpful and a kind of Faulknerian literary piece in its own right. A slight "down side" (apart from some questionable excerpting and over-emphasis on chronological at the expense of "narrative" time) is Cowley's somewhat "dated" aesthetic judgements (though at times refreshing,

since the author was applying them to a "non-canonical" writer). As for "Burn Burning," it's readily available, free of charge, on the Internet.

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