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Dornford Yates : Jonah And Co. (B-Berry Pleydell) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jonah And Co. (B-Berry Pleydell):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Wodehousian RompBy David L. VineyardLovers of P.G. Wodehouse will enjoy these once popular tales of the upper British middle class at play. Berry, Boy Pleydel, Jonah Mansel (who as Jonathan Mansel featured in Yates popular and more serious thrillers) and there wives and servants romp across England and Europe in fast low slung cars and quaint locations getting involved in everything from a bit

of casual smuggling to light hearted encounters with crime. At his height Yates was a serious rival to Wodehouse in England (he was never that well known in the States) for these tales, and if you can keep in mind the snobbery was part of the times you can still enjoy these delightful stories. Yates thrillers earned him a place among the big three of the British thriller, John Buchan and Sapper (H.C. McNeile) of Bulldog Drummond fame; in Richard Usborne's affectionate critical examination of their work *The Clubland Heroes*. Both his humorous tales and his thrillers are easily available and well written old fashioned adventure with a dash of Anthony Hope (*The Prisoner of Zenda*) mixed with racing salons across the forests and mountains of Europe, despicable villains, and damsels in distress. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Jonah and Co.* By Galilee M. Weldon I love this author, Dornford Yates. My deepest regret is that he didn't write more books. I own a copy of all his books in book form but decided to put this one on my Kindle for reading when I don't have access to my bookshelf. This is a part of a series written about 5 cousins, extending from before WWI to after WWII. The humor always leaves makes me chuckle through out, on this series, and the characters in the books about the 5 cousins appears, in minor roles, in all the books. There are detective type series, some love interests series and overall a wonderful commentary on the years pre-1950. I believe this author to be one of the best for a snapshot of the life and times as many of the things we take for granted today are being discovered and used. He makes you feel like the characters are stories about your own personal friends. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Living in an Age Gone By.* By annamor *Jonah and Co.* is a series of stories about a family who share their lives in the days between the Wars. There is a sense of dignity and tranquillity about them, but they continually come into conflict with people who bring harm and damage to them. The humour comes mainly from Berry, the head of the family, who frequently becomes involved in situations with hilarious consequences. Dornford Yates' writing brings back days of yesteryear, which is a refreshing change from where we live today - reading this book lifted me both with laughter and scenery from the past when people knew how to live with grace.

These are some of Yates' early short stories featuring the comic Pleydell clan, and on publication proved just as successful and popular as *Berry and Co* had been. They describe the chaotic journey of the young, well-to-do heroes as they cavort across France, and helped to establish Yates' reputation as a master of humorous fiction.

About the Author Born Cecil William Mercer into a middle class Victorian family with many Victorian skeletons in the closet, including the conviction for embezzlement from a law firm and subsequent suicide of his great-uncle, Yates' parents somehow scraped together enough money to send him to Harrow. The son of a solicitor, he qualified as a barrister whilst still finding time to contribute stories to the *Windsor Magazine*. After the first world war he gave up legal work in favour of writing, which had become his great passion, and completed some thirty books. These ranged from light-hearted farce to adventure thrillers. For the former, he created the 'Berry' books which established Yates' reputation as a writer of witty, upper-crust romances. For the latter, he created the character Richard Chandos, who recounts the adventures of Jonah Mansel, a classic gentleman sleuth. As a consequence of his education and experience, Yates' books feature the genteel life, a nostalgic glimpse at Edwardian decadence and a number of swindling solicitors. In his hey day, and as testament to his fine writing, Dornford Yates' work was placed in the bestseller list. Indeed, 'Berry' is one of the great comic creations of twentieth century fiction; the 'Chandos' titles also being successfully adapted for television. Along with Sapper and John Buchan, Yates dominated the adventure book market of the inter war years. Finding the English climate utterly unbearable, Yates chose to live in the French Pyrenees for eighteen years, before moving on to Rhodesia where he died in 1960. 'Mr Yates can be recommended to anyone who thinks the British take themselves too seriously.' - Punch 'We appreciate fine writing when we come across it, and a wit that is ageless united to a courtesy that is extinct' - Cyril Connolly