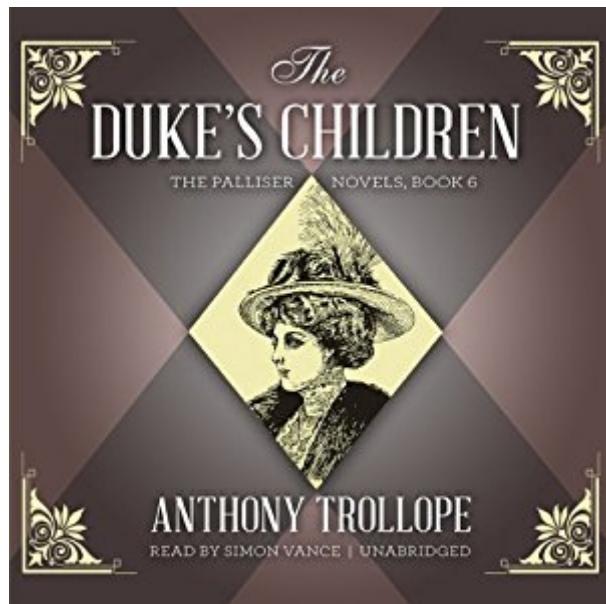


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The Duke's Children



Synopsis

The brilliant conclusion to the Palliser novels, this touching story follows the elderly Duke of Omnium, the former prime minister of England, as he struggles to overcome his grief at the loss of his beloved wife, Lady Glencora. To complicate matters, he must also deal with the willfulness of his three adult children as he tries to guide and support them - his plans for them are quite different from their own. While his two sons, sent down from university in disgrace, rack up gambling debts, the duke's only daughter yearns to marry the poor son of a country squire. Though the duke's noble plans for his children are ultimately thwarted, he comes to realize that parents can learn from their children as well. This final Palliser novel is a tale of love, family relationships, loyalty, and principles, as well as a compelling exploration of wealth, pride, and the strength of love. Anthony Trollope (1815-1882), the author of 47 novels, was one of the most prolific and respected English novelists of the Victorian era. He is best known for his series of books set in the English countryside as well as those set in the political life, works that show great psychological penetration.

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Customer Reviews

The Dukes Children is Vol. 6 and the last volume of Anthony Trollope's Palliser series of novels. It continues and concludes an epic series that shows the modern reader a world long gone and brings to life "real" people, some of whom we admire and some of whom we hope will "lose". I recommend the reader start with vol. 1 of this series and read all six volumes. The Oxford series of these novels are very well executed and a real treat for booklovers.

Interest, but like wading through deep mud at times

This story is the last one in the Palliser series and it is an excellent portrayal of the British system of inheritance.

I read the whole Pallisers series some time ago, and promised myself that I would reread them (along with the Barsetshire novels) when I retired and had plenty of time to indulge in long, lazy winter afternoons in front of the fire. Sadly I have to admit that the recollection was sweeter than the reality. The Duke's children are a bit of a drag, just like the novel. It's too long, of course, with too many digressions, and too much moralizing, which I suspect was considered cant even by Trollope and the average educated reader even in his day. Yes, the general principles were, no doubt, publicly embraced, but probably the average person was much more Glencora-like than Plantagenet-like. Mabel is a clear reflection of Laura Standish, with the same "tragic" end, but what is fascinating is Trollope's understanding of the unjustice, in most ways, of women's societal position, but his acceptance and defense of it. In any case, the novel suffers the absence of Glencora, who was a truly charismatic and accessible human character. Do read The Duke's Children to complete the history of the Pallisers, but be prepared to recognize that the next generation of the family is nothing to write home about.

An okay read, but not really special. I think this was one of those books edited and converted to digital by volunteers. It shows.

Another Trollope masterpiece

Thank you

This is a wonderful book, full of fascinating insights into its characters. Not the best Trollope I've read, but near the top.

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