



ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM
 Sherwood Anderson's Masterpiece "MANY MARRIAGES"

By Sherwood Anderson
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 Reviewed by Ted Robinson

One has little doubt that when all the hysteric attacks that will surely be made upon this book shall have ceased, it will remain in the opinion of the unprejudiced critic as Sherwood Anderson's masterpiece. For in it he has made such marked advance in technic, in sense of values, in sheer skill of analysis, and has so evidently arrived at the full maturity of his power, that this may well be considered his climax.

"Many Marriages" will receive one sort of review from the literary critic and another from the psycho-neurosis, and however much its author rationalizes the actions of John Webster, these actions are orthodox symptoms of a pathic mentality. The book is at its core a study in abnormal psychology.

But what would be no more than a clinical record in other hands is made by the genius of Sherwood Anderson a work of sheer art. It is art that will repel the squeamish, shock the conventional, drive the delicate-minded to anger and disgust. The method pursued by John Webster in trying to justify himself to his daughter and explain himself to his wife is grotesque and insane. His exhibitionism, his narcissism, stand out in ugly nakedness.

And yet, in the very rationalizing of these symptoms, a modern philosophy of emancipation from the clutches of the past emerges with power.

If a garden is worth making, worth working in, it is worth planning for. Those who have never planned a garden just as they wanted to have it, have missed one of the keenest joys. It's a mistaken idea that we must be an architect to plan a garden. The fundamentals once studied, and followed, will show the right methods and rewards will blossom in the form of gratifying results. As guides—and unusually good ones for the amateur because they are written for amateurs is The Amateur's Book of The Garden Series. The series includes six volumes:

- The Vegetable Garden
- Planning Your Garden
- Lawn Making
- House Plants

Roses
 The Flower Garden
 They are edited under the direction of Leonard Barron and each volume has many helpful diagrams and sketches. They are all published by Doubleday, Page Co.

Whimsy, Satire and Scandal
 "THE HOUSE OF THE FIGHTING COCKS" By Henry Baerlein
 Publisher: Harcourt, Brace & Co., \$2.00

This is a truly delightful book and not to be missed by those who find joy in the adventures of Don Quixote or in Montaigne's wisdom and amusing anecdotes. It is a picaresque novel of Mexico in the time of Maximilian and the story related by Juanito, an Indian lad, tells of his adventures with Don Eugenio, "ex-librarian of the Bishop of Zaragoza in Aragon;" an engaging Spanish rogue, Maria, who is casually rescued from a passing soldier by Don Eugenio; and Don Arcadio, a mad philosopher. The story itself is vastly entertaining and the characters well drawn, but the chief delight of the book is Don Eugenio with his humorous appreciation of the ways of man. He discourses on a variety of subjects, often of religion in whimsical conversation, and proudly displays his knowledge of books. One minute a keen thrust of satire wins our admiration and the next we are rocking with hearty laughter over some scandalous episode. It is a book to be owned, for one reading will never suffice. Cornelia Ougtree.

"Imbromptu" by Elliot H. Paul, published by Alfred A. Knopf, tells the story of a poor young man and woman with uncontrolled emotions and with the restlessness of the modern generation.

Two Lives of Christ
 "LIFE OF CHRIST"

By Giovanni Papini
 Publisher: Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$3.50
 "JESUS OF NAZARETH"

By John Mark
 Publisher: D. Appleton & Co. \$1.09

There are many lives of Christ and many of them are very fine, but it is a real event when a literary man of Papini's rank gives himself to the task

of writing a new one. You have a right to expect freshness, originality, style and beauty. They are all there. Renan's life of Christ is the only one with which to compare this one but Papini's is better because it is truer. Renan was a priest who had lost himself in the fog of doubt. Papini, who had been all but an atheist, had returned to the full light of faith. The spirit of scepticism and a certain dilettanteism pervades the work of Renan which mars the exquisite beauty with which it is written. There is nothing of this in Papini and yet he is not the slave of tradition. You will rise from the reading of this book with the feeling that you have had a new and revealing picture of Jesus Christ.

It will add to your appreciation of Papini if you will read at the same time "Jesus of Nazareth" by John Mark. It was a beautiful thought to print this Gospel in the form of a present day book. It was the first and most picturesque of the Gospels. The editor has added nothing to the authorized text except the chapter headings and these are illuminating and suggestive.

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