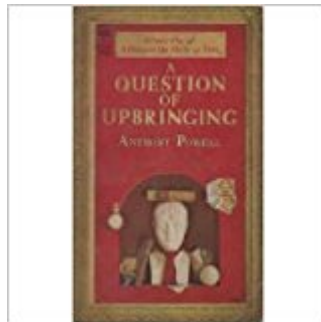


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Over the last several years, at literary cocktail parties perhaps, or their on-line equivalents, I've overheard various intriguing fragments of conversation regarding Anthony Powell's *A Dance to the Music of Time*. The fragments have been highly complimentary, seemingly to the point of hyperbole, along the lines of the jacket copy on my dog-eared, time-yellowed used bookstore edition: "many critics regard [it] as one of the greatest achievements in all modern fiction." Clearly, at some point, I had to give it a try. The first installment, *A Question of Upbringing*, takes place at Eton, Oxford, and in 1920's London. It is indeed very good fiction, although I'm still not sure whether I'm ready to go along with the jacket copy. But this is top grade stuff, no question: intelligent, funny, gripping, and satisfying both as intellectual nourishment and entertainment. I am particularly impressed with Powell's characters, which are vividly introduced with the help of visual metaphors. I actually wrote a craft analysis on that topic, which interested parties can read here:

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