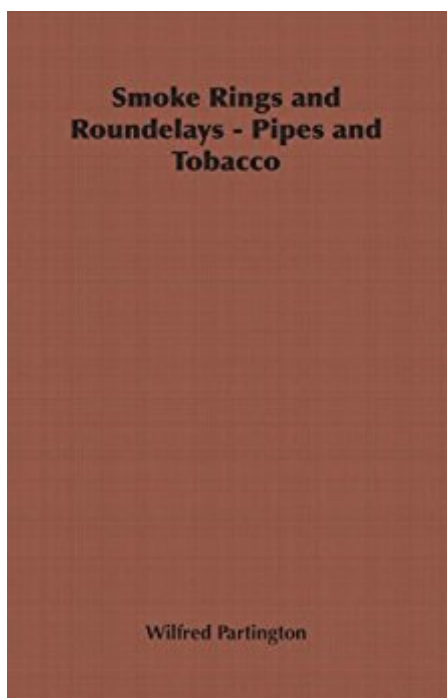


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A very substantial,nice looking,hardcover (there is no dust jacket) in keeping with the era this was originally (1924) published. The paper used is a nice cream-white with a pleasing thickness to it. Its 297 pages,not including the 20 page appendix,which is a bibliographical list of the authors and their works. A perusal of the chapter headings (Tobacco,Women and the Weed,Virtues of the Leaf,Snuff,The Philosophy of Smoke,as examples) is very informative in itself.Having been a pipe

smoker for many decades,I decided many years ago,to hunt around and find all the volumes about pipes and tobaccos I could find. Over the years I had heard about this volume,but had never seen one,let alone had the chance to purchase it. This reproduction fits the bill very nicely.Contained in this fine book are many odes,in both prose and verse,on the pleasures of pipe-smoking,cigars,snuff,tobacco,and related subjects. Most of the writings are by authors unknown to me. However,there are names most people will recognize: J.M. Barrie (who wrote the famous "My Lady Nicotine"),Charles Dickens,Baudelaire,Lord Byron,Joseph Conrad,Rudyard Kipling,Longfellow,and so on. There is even a short piece by a woman (a rarity),Lady Isabel Burton-who informs other women that smoking should be allowed lest husbands be driven from their own homes. But its the many pieces by,now,unknowns and by authors who remain anonymous,that give this collection its life. Some pieces simply extol the virtues of smoking,while others have their messages cleverly wrapped in verse.This is a book that should be read in bits and pieces,over time. As with smoking a pipe,part of the enjoyment is taking the time to relax and ponder whatever comes to mind. So it is with this informative,historical,and just plane fun to read book. The various pieces are designed to make one think,but the style of writing keeps things on a friendly,non-clinical level. No matter if you smoke a pipe or cigars,or take snuff,there's something here for everyone. For anyone who has a keen fondness for the art of pipe-smoking,this is a good addition to the library. Buy it before its gone.

This is a wonderful little (320 pages) collection of various poetry and writings concerning smoking tobacco, and mainly on pipe smoking, though there are sections devoted to cigars, cigarettes and snuff. What I found to be pleasant about this book is that due to the short length of most of the poems and stories, you can use a bookmark and read 20 or 30 minutes at a time, and then take care of other things and return at your leisure...hopefully with a nice briar full of Cavendish, and continue where you left off. I fully expect this will be a book I will keep in my library and return to again and again over the years.

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