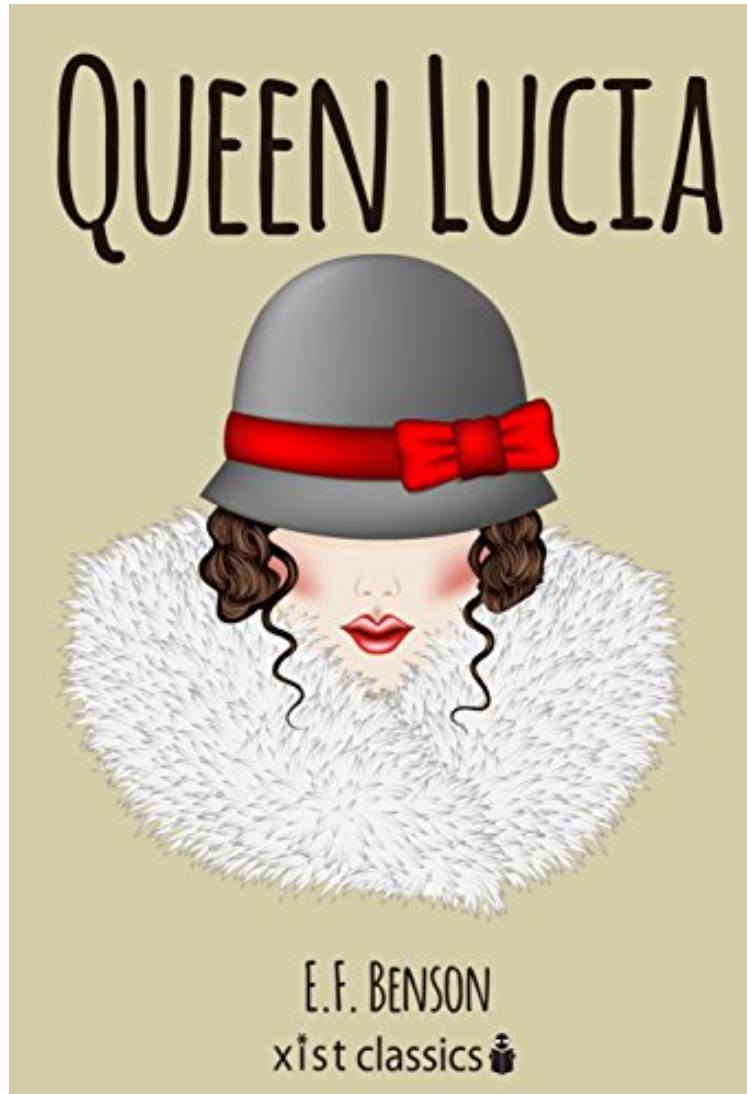


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Von E.F. Benson : Queen Lucia (Xist Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Queen Lucia (Xist Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the 3 funniest novels ever writtenVon Ashley Lambert-MaberlyAnd the other 2 are also by Benson ... well, tied with Toole's "Confedearcy of Dunces" and Keenan's "Blue Heaven."There's a slow start with the first chapter--Benson's humour is entirely character-based, so you needs must meet the character before the jokes can begin--but once they begin, they don't let up.Luckily (because you'll want more, more more after this book) there are others in the series.

This first book sets the pattern: wealthy, intellectually-pretentious, English housewife Lucia wants to be thought of as the exemplar of good/interesting taste, and will stop at nothing to achieve her goal. The characters are all frightfully interested in the most trivial things, and it's screamingly funny. If you like Benson, try Beverley Nichols (oh, and do read the other two funniest novels ever written, mentioned above--you owe it to yourself.) Note: a 3 star ranking from me is actually pretty good; I reserve 4 stars for tremendously good works, and 5 only for the rare few that are or ought to be classic; unfortunately most books published are 2 or less. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Au reservoir! Von Ein Kunde An almost asphyxiatingly high level of camp at times but very, very funny. Less in the spirit of camp, but the real joy of this and other books in the series, is the acute observation of character. E F Benson seems to have had Jane Austen's eye for human folly (little mercy is shown). Pretentious, scheming, snobbish, attention-seeking... there's probably more of Lucia in most of us than we would care to admit. Outrageous though she is it's hard not to root for her, if only that she is surrounded by even greater fools. I urge you to meet her. Wonderful, wonderful books. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. You Will Treasure This Novel Von David M Haley I discovered Lucia through the television presentation of "Mapp Lucia". I immediately bought all six novels (despite the unleavened presence of Miss Mapp in one of them). That was fourteen years ago. My copies of these works are now dog-eared, and I'm surprised the ink hasn't faded from excessive eye contact. Elizabeth Mapp embodies the perfect villain, and reading Lucia's triumphs over her is a balm to the soul. The characters of Benson's supporting cast become just as real and vivid as do his leads. One wishes to transport to Tilling of the 20's and 30's and participate in the machinations of the two ladies. I even learned to play bridge to enrich my apprehension of the texture of these novels. Read one! You'll soon be hooked.

Kurzbeschreibung Meet Queen Lucia, the character that inspired the BBC show, Mapp and Lucia The hours of the morning between breakfast and lunch were the time which the inhabitants of Riseholme chiefly devoted to spying on each other. E.F. Benson, Queen Lucia E.F. Benson's Queen Lucia is a delightful and humorous novel about upper-middle-class British people in the 1920s and 1930s, set in the seaside town of Tilling. Xist Publishing is a digital-first publisher. Xist Publishing creates books for the touchscreen generation and is dedicated to helping everyone develop a lifetime love of reading, no matter what form it takes Get your next Xist Classic title for Kindle here: <http://amzn.to/1A7cKKl> Find all our our books for Kindle here: <http://amzn.to/1PooxLl> Sign up for the Xist Publishing Newsletter here. Find more great titles on our website. From Kirkus s There is some irony in the fact that Benson, the creator of everything from plays to sober biographies, is best remembered for his series of "Lucia" novels, delicious satires of the pretensions and foibles of provincial middle-class life in Britain in the 1920s and '30s. Still, given Benson's droll send-ups of the bitter battles waged by matrons desperate to live out their fantastical versions of upper-class elegance and wit, and his shrewd readings of the ways in which our longings can make us both bizarre and sometimes appealing, it's very likely an irony he would have savored. His six novels chronicling the rise and fall and rise ad infinitum of Mrs. Emmeline Lucas of Riseholm are now being reissued as trade paperbacks. Queen Lucia, the first in the series, follows Mrs. Lucas (Lucia to her most intimate friends) through a lengthy and often hilarious campaign to derail the career of a would-be rival to the throne of cultural arbiter. The plot, however, is less important than the pratfalls. The six Lucia novels form a kind of epic portrait of striving gone mod, and it's good to have them appearing once again. -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. Werbetext The first book in the outrageously funny Mapp and Lucia series