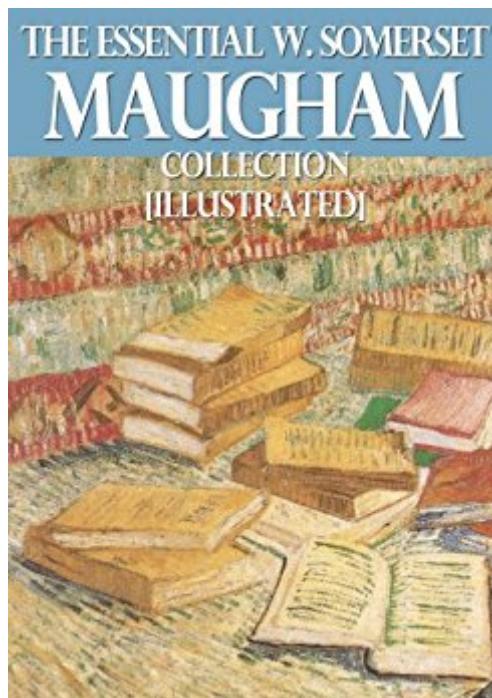


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This is an old book, I saw the movie on TCM channel and at the end they spoke about how the movie only covered a small part of the book and it was such a wonderful book. I usually read about a book a week, this took me at least six weeks to wade through! I would be curious to know how many pages it is in print. The story covers the first 30 years of a man's life and all the insecurities and turbulence that goes along with it in great detail. While the story is not a recovery story, anyone who has dealt with addiction in their life will gain a lot of insight into their own thinking. In other words how do relatively smart people make such stupid mistakes and have such messed up thinking! This book is definitely not for everyone, but if you've been through addiction or struggled with insecurity it is a great read.

The brilliance of Maugham's writing stands the test of time. His thoughtful observations on life, plots full of suspense and irony and his sparkling dialogue are keep me reading late into the night. His stories of the British empire and it's far flung colonies give an important background for understanding of international dealings in the present day.

This contains many of Maugham's works in one package. I loved the South Seas series of short stories. Some other works are a bit tedious by today's standards: "Of Human Bondage" and "The Magician" are long, and detail-filled, but still interesting. I didn't see any illustrations, but that is not important. This is worth reading, even if you pick and choose.

This gentleman could make a grocery list a fabulous reading experience. It isn't so much what he writes about, It is the way he writes.

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Love his short stories

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