Mike and Psmith

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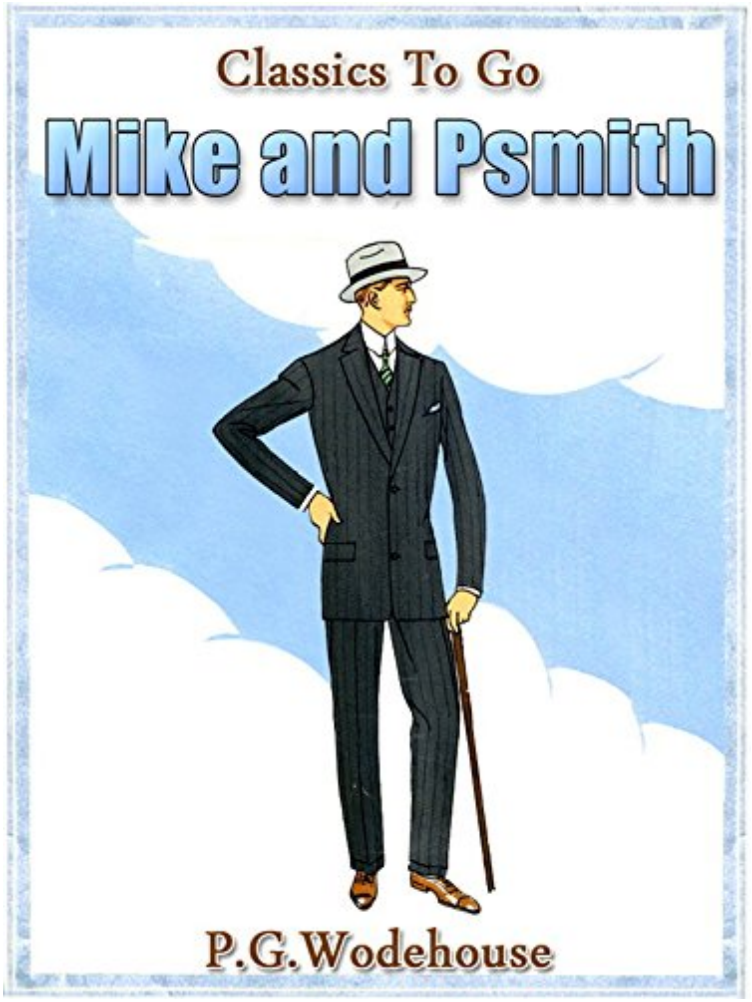

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Von P. G. Wodehouse : Mike and Psmith before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mike and Psmith:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hilarious Antics and Pranks of Boarding School ScampsVon Donald MitchellMost people who have read P.G. Wodehouse have focused on his Jeeves and Blandings Castle stories. In those books and short stories, the aristocratic bumblers often refer fondly back to their old school chums and the rollicking times they had while there. The Drones Club is often the starting site for trying to recreate those halcyon days. Occasionally, Bertie Wooster is called upon to interact with some school or another and those tales are often brilliantly funny as he climbs in and out of where he isn't supposed to be.I recently read Plum Sauce, the excellent P.G. Wodehouse companion, and found that Mr. Wodehouse had also written a number of earlier books and stories based on school days. I wondered what they would be like.An

early offering was called Mike, from 1909. The book is now titled Mike and Psmith (pronounced "Smith" according to the book and the author). Psmith became a major character for Mr. Wodehouse in latter years, so this is his origin story. Psmith will remind you of a young Gally (who is often found in the Blandings stores).The story begins simply enough. Young Mike Jackson is happily enjoying the end of his public school (that's a private school in the UK) education before heading off to Cambridge to start his university studies. He's about to become the captain of the Wrykyn cricket squad and is the team's star batter.Life is good only briefly for young Mike, however. His father had warned him that another bad report about his academic performance and young Mike would be shipped off to another school. When that report arrives, he father packs him off to cricket and social Siberia, Sedleigh.Mike vows to be as indolent as ever in his academics and to refuse to involve himself in cricket for such a lowly place. He's joined in this attitude by Psmith who arrives as a recently expelled new student at about the same time. The two find that they're from the same part of England and social class, and quickly team up against those whom they see as little more than mildly amusing bumpkins.Their attitudes allow them to be quite effective in pulling the wool over the eyes of his housemaster who is easily manipulated in many amusing ways. Those same attitudes put both young men right in the sights of an increasingly angry and vengeful form master who supervises their academic performance.The conflict continually escalates in humorous ways that had me happily laughing aloud on many pages. I also enjoyed the story because it brought back memories of many wonderful pranks that I helped play when I was in high school.All of the conflicts are eventually resolved in typically unexpected and very ironic ways.Now, for those who don't know a cricket pitch from a bocce court, I suggest that you not be inhibited by that sport's appearance in this book. You'll get the general idea, and that's all you really need.If you would like to have some specific ideas of what Mr. Wodehouse meant by Bertie's relations with all of his old school chums, be sure to read Mike and Psmith. It's a corker!1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very enjoyableVon Ein KundeI have to confess that I am a Wodehouse addict. I read the predecessor to this book (Mike at Wrykyn) when I was fifteen and had always wanted to read Mike and Psmith. Re. this book, Wodehouse had me in stitches most of the time - the portions relating to Mr. Downing are hilarious. Cricket is also a focus of this novel. If you are like me and miss the game, this will bring those school time memories flooding back.For those who haven't read a Psmith novel before, I highly recommend them. It is said that Wodehouse created the Jeeves and Wooster characters as 2 spin-offs from Psmith and you can certainly see the connections! On the whole, another Wodehouse classic.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very humorousVon Ein KundeI first read this book when I was 13, and it was the third Wodehouse book I had read. Some people say Wodehouse is boring; never! Wodehouse's English is so nicely crafted, it gives his stories a vivid character. Particularly Psmith's charactre is notable, and his mannerism and ingenuity make one laugh. There are some scenes in the book that are really hilarious(to me, at least) such as where Psmith and Mike talk to the headmaster about the study and the scene with the shoes. This is a humorous romp through boarding school, and a worthwhile book to put your nose into.

Kurzbeschreibung'Wodehouse is the greatest comic writer ever.' --Douglas Adams 'Wodehouse's idyllic world can never stale. He will continue to release future generations from captivity that may be more irksome than our own.' --Evelyn Waugh In this book we make our first acquaintance with R. Psmith, whose humorous speech and mannerisms combined with his genius for quickly solving his way out of a jam make him such a memorable character.Pressestimmen"Wodehouse is the greatest comic writer ever." --Douglas Adams"Wodehouse's idyllic world can never stale. He will continue to release future generations from captivity that may be more irksome than our own." --Evelyn WaughWerbetextHad Wodehouse written of none but Mike and Psmith, he would be cherished today as the best and brightest of our comic authors. - Stephen Fry