

bee's Gormenghast, alga's gormenGhastly

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 28 Jun 2001, 08:01

bee wrote:

I hadn't imagined that my negative opinion of the show would be as controversial as it turned out to be. Here's another of my opinions. I don't think it's controversial, but here goes: Titus Groan and Gormenghast (i.e. the books on which the show is based), are classics and everyone on this list would enjoy them immensely.

And alga, she found the show Ghastly, unwatchable.

Ha-ha! I found the book unreadable twelve years ago, abandoning it soon after the library fire; yet I found the tv show (first half, so far) quite entertaining, at times I laughed out loud.

I was hesitant to watch it at all, since I didn't like the book, but I also remembered how I didn't like the most-recent, live-action ALICE IN WONDERLAND (with Martin Short as Mad Hatter) when it first ran on tv, yet I liked it when I saw the thing on video . . . which made me suspect that the commercial interruptions were what was really bothering me the most.

Different people, different tastes--as usual.

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Alex David Groce — 28 Jun 2001, 13:08 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

mantis said:

Ha-ha! I found the book unreadable twelve years ago, abandoning it soon after the library fire; yet I found the tv show (first half, so far) quite entertaining, at times I laughed out loud.

Hmmm... You might want to give it another try--it's been five years now, but I recall my interest rising considerably at some point after the fire. _Titus Groan_ has the considerable virtue of containing the best "now it's personal" fight scene in all of fantasy literature. I liked both _Titus Groan_ and _Gormenghast_ and still took considerably longer to get through them than I do most books of that length--I had to mix them with other reading to avoid overdosing on whatever it is about Peake...

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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