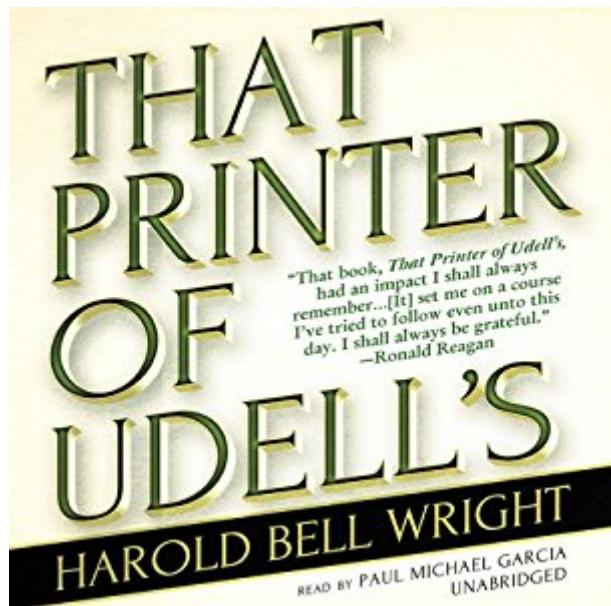


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# That Printer Of Udell's



## **Synopsis**

As a boy, Dick Falkner ran away from abject poverty and an abusive alcoholic father. Sixteen years later, he finds himself hungry of body and empty of spirit in a Midwestern town. Although he finds no help in this so-called Christian town, he is eventually taken in by George Udell, a local publisher and kindhearted man. Through hard work and Christian morals, this man, who becomes known as "that printer of Udell's", rises above his past to a new, inspiring life with God. Harold Bell Wright (1872-1944) was a best-selling author who is said to have been the first American writer to sell a million copies of a novel. More than 21 movies were made or claimed to have been made from his stories, including Gary Cooper's first major movie *The Winning of Barbara Worth* and the John Wayne film *The Shepherd of the Hills*. Behind all of his works lies the simple desire to write about the goodness of mankind.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What an inspiring message. It encourages the reader to put the Christ back in Christian, pointing out the blatant hypocrisy of the church at that time (still happening today) and a simple, common-sense approach to solving our problems as individuals and as citizens. It's a fun read as well, not preachy, not boring and one-dimensional at all.

I have not finished this book and do not know how it ends, however, so far (about half way thru), it is a wonderful book. It shows the hard times people go thru and how people of strong character

struggle, but make it regardless of adversity. It also reveals how someone can be very turned off by the hypocrisy of church members, but can still come to Christ in spite of it. It shows so very realistically how little the modern church is actually following Christ. This is an old book which is out of print and out of copyright. It is not only available on , but it is also available for free from [...]. Whether you are a Christian that enjoys reading about the struggles of others coming to a full knowledge and relationship with Christ, or a non-Christian that wants to know what a true Christian is like, you'll like this book.UPDATE: 04/15/2013Finished the book and it was as good as I thought. Most things come together nicely, but it did seem a bit rushed in the last couple of chapters, but that is to be expected. There was at least one surprise that I didn't see coming. A most enjoyable book. I have recommended it all my friends.

The value of this book is in it's historical connection to Ronald Reagan. As a young boy he was greatly impressed and interested in the story. It's easy to see the parallels between the character and his own life and one wonders to what degree one influenced the other.

Charming old book with the latest copyright being in 1911! Some things that we presently consider politically incorrect (edited out of more recent editions of Mark Twain, for instance) are still in this book, but that makes the mirroring of the time the book was written accurate. This is another of those books that I found myself staying up far too late to read because I simply couldn't put it down. Suggest that you may want to begin a list of characters, as you read along, so that you can check your list, rather than trying to find the place in the book where you think you may find a clarification of some person.

Harold Bell Wright is an older Christian writer and former pastor with solid, biblical messages, and well-rounded characters. I bought it because they were reading it on bbnradio.org on Christian Classics, and it was so engrossing that I wanted to read it. There are villains who are very villainous, people who are led astray by them, deception and restoration. There are lukewarm, and hypocritical characters in action and church membership as sham, but then there are the outstanding ones who lead and go forth taking the Gospel of Christ. There is mystery, and dastardly deeds, and many lessons for all,. I especially enjoyed the biography of the author in this edition. I don't want to give away the plot- It was written back in the 20's and 30's so there is that element, but it speaks loudly to today- the church is again lukewarm and getting ready to be spewed out of His mouth like Laodicea (Rev. 3), there are hypocrites in the congregation as well as those who are the genuine

article- true believers in Christ by their life and witness who shine. As the Bible clearly says in Jesus' parables, there are both wheat and tares- the false and the true. It's a meaty read, and I'd definitely read it again.

It's an engaging story. I definitely recommend it as a good read and a period piece from the time of the American Prohibition movement. The nobility of the primary character and his drive to succeed is very appealing. I strongly commend the attitude towards work, as a means of personal worth. Wrestling with the idea of what differentiates the "deserving poor" from a simple bum on the street is of great value to our nation's discussion on the problem with the current Welfare State. I don't resonate with the Prohibitionist position on drink as a moral evil. The attitude is analogous to the modern gun debate within our society. Are guns evil? We fail to mention that we expect our policemen, military professionals and security guards to use them well, if seldom. It is still worth reading to help give one perspective on social issues seen through the lens of time.

Harold Bell Wright weaves a compelling story into an idea of action to unite people to work together for the less fortunate. It is a study of attitudes among church goers, but not necessarily Christian. Social and class separation play in shaping negative attitudes. The narrative is a challenge to whoever reads the novel to examine their own attitudes. It's very thought provoking, plus the characters are well developed.

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