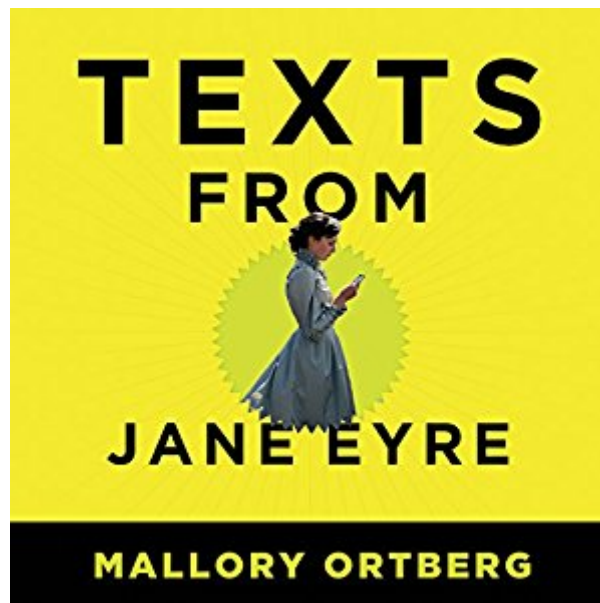




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Texts From Jane Eyre: And Other Conversations With Your Favorite Literary Characters



Synopsis

Mallory Ortberg, co-creator of the cult-favorite website The Toast, presents this whimsical collection of hysterical text conversations from your favorite literary characters. Everyone knows that if Scarlett O'Hara had an unlimited text-and-data plan, she'd constantly try to tempt Ashley away from Melanie with suggestive messages. If Mr. Rochester could text Jane Eyre, his ardent missives would obviously be in all-caps. And Daisy Buchanan would not only text while driving, she'd text you to pick her up after she totaled her car. Based on the popular Web feature, Texts from Jane Eyre is a witty, irreverent mash-up that brings the characters from your favorite books into the 21st century.

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Customer Reviews

This is an affectionate skewering of your favorite literary figures of the last 2,000 years.

Quality-of-execution-wise, Mallory Ortberg manages to keep everyone recognizably in character while translating their sentiments and their communication styles into contemporary terms and forms. Concept-wise, well...you obviously jumped right on something called "Texts From Jane Eyre." And it is freaking HILARIOUS. A couple of these have appeared in her online work, but most were new to me. The few sections that were based on books I hadn't read, I was at least familiar enough with the basic premise/characters that I "got it." Medea, petulant Achilles, Pride & Prejudice, and E.A.Poe are, to my mind, instant short-form comedy classics. One complaint. No, two complaints. TOO SHORT I NEED MORE, and also omg how did you not do "Vanity Fair"?! COME ON, that one is PERFECT. A sequel is required, with Vanity Fair. Also Ivanhoe.

Malory Ortberg is a humorist and one of the editors on The Toast, an online blog well worth checking out. She has the brilliant idea to present great love stories in literature through modern texting. So any sexual content is mild but very witty and hilariously funny. I only wish I had bought the printed book, rather than getting it on Kindle. The texts are very carefully placed on the page for maximum effect and that design element is lost when you use Kindle.

This book was a fun afternoon read. I was giggling and the conversations between the characters were spot on. This is a great book for when you need a good giggle and are a book worm, or in my case a book dragon. Book Nerds of all kinds will love this book. I did.

This made my day so much brighter! If you love snarky humor mixed with tech and literary references, you'll enjoy this book. My favorite, I think, was Emily Dickinson: "when I die I wish to be buried in that Shawl I wish to be buried - in ten Thousand Shaws - ""you're not dying you're just afraid of the stairs""No Coward Soul Is Mine I fear no Step'd Floor""do you want me to just bring it to you""if you are already going to be coming Upstairs will you also grab my slippers by the Door and also -""yes?""some - Tea" This is a great example of what you're in for. Also, Peeta/Katniss and Ron/Hermione were hilarious, too!

A great concept with so-so execution. Some texts are really quite funny, and others are just sort of dumb. Be forewarned that no matter what your sense of humor, if you haven't read the originals the texts won't be funny. That said, there is a good range of genres and books from different time periods represented, including Nancy Drew and the Babysitters Club in addition to weightier classics. This is probably best as a bathroom read or for the coffee table. It's something to digest in short bursts and could possibly spark fun conversations with other avid readers. While some reviewers found it uproariously funny, I personally wouldn't recommend buying it if your goal is to be out of your seat laughing with sore ab muscles from constant hilarity; it will most likely disappoint if held to that standard.

I love this so much that I want to quit my job, renew my teacher's certificate, and return to the classroom. I mean, NOT REALLY. I love my current job, and have you seen how American public education is being gutted from within? SHEESH. But I did have a solid 10-second fantasy this morning about sneaking this book into the classroom to augment English classes because it would be a solid supplemental text. I'm still laughing about Gilgamesh.

Mallory is a wonderful 21st century humorist and her first book was fantastic. Many readers enjoy her daily musings on Twitter and frequent short pieces on The Toast. Texts from Jane Eyre is Mallory in her element, satirizing literature with pithy, poetic wit. Texts is a fun, quick read with laughs coming out of nowhere. My personal favorite was her take on Oliver Twist. Mallory is the type of author you wish would take requests. I'd love to see her write an entire satirical high fantasy or sci-fi novel. As her loyal readers know however, no one tells her what to do.

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