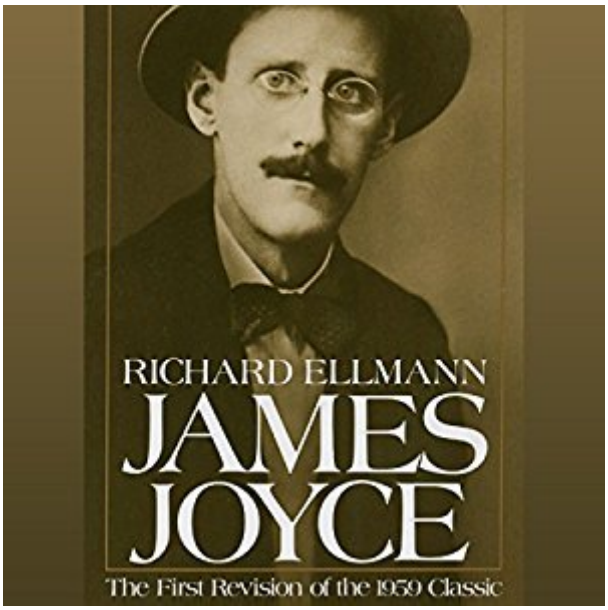
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Synopsis

Richard Ellmann has revised and expanded his definitive work on Joyce’s life to include newly discovered primary material, including details of a failed love affair, a limerick about Samuel Beckett, a dream notebook, previously unknown letters, and much more.

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Customer Reviews

Considering how cheap this was, I was expecting the quality to be awful. It’s really well made and super adorable.

If you are interested in the works or the life of James Joyce then this three volume set is essential. Get it straight from the horses mouth, no speculation, no intellectual interpretation, just the unfiltered thoughts of Joyce himself. I have been able to answer so many questions and mysteries about Ulysses, A Portrait of the a Artist As a Young Man, Dubliners, and Finnegans Wake, by reading through these thousands of correspondences. The one thing that would have made this volumeous collection better would have been a larger collection of replys to Joyce’s letters from his correspondents.

Richard Ellmann the late author of many scholarly biographies of literary luminaries (such as Oscar Wilde and William Butler Yeats) has written a classic work on James Joyce (1882-1941). The paperback version I read was an updated edition based on the 1959 book, This latest edition adds news material on Joyce. James Joyce was a wanderer who never saw Dublin after 1912. The

expatriate author lived in lower middle class circumstances with his longsuffering wife Nora Barnacle who he didn't marry until 1931. The Joyce family lived in Trieste, Paris and Zurich where the author died in his late 50s. Joyce eked out a living as a teacher of English and translator. He spoke several languages as was the most erudite major author of the century. Ellman's work is very detailed with footnotes and letters on almost every page. This may prove distracting to the general reader. Be warned that this work is scholarly and is not written in a popular style. Ellmann discusses the genesis of such classics as Joyce'sDubliners, Ulysses and the almost incomprehensible Finnegan's Wake. Joyce's life was centered around his writing and his family of Nora and the two children Georgio and Lucia)who had severe mental problems). His life was not an exciting one but a journey of the human intellect and soul to the mountaintop of the most innovative writing of the age. Joyce had severe difficulties in his eyesight suffering over a dozen operations to help his eyes. He was an eccentric Irish bard who sang his songs to all who would seek to explore his world. No one is more associated with Dublin that this Dante of the Irish capital. This biography took me over a week to read. It is slow going and not a page turner. It is, however, the one work you must read if you seek to understand Joyce. Ellmann has done his homework and produced a literary life masterpiece.

Purchased this as a graduation gift for an English Major who research Emily Dickinson. She was more excited about this than the Alex and Ani bracelet that I also gave her:)

I purchased this item for my awesome boss. He's fond of Kurt. I was hoping it would be a great magnet for his office. However, I noticed that the magnet in Kurt's head and the body shape of the doll make it awkward to hold a memo. I hope he's able to use it in his office.

I was excited to see a Langston Hughes puppet. These are good ways to keep our history alive for the next generation.

She enjoys hanging out with Shakespeare and Jane Austen (probably enjoys the company of Jane somewhat more).

Hilarious. My son did a presentation in school using his puppets and got an A.

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