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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Although *Blackstone* is to be commended for rediscovering many older literary classics, these two early Huxley novels might better have been left to rest in peace. *Crome Yellow* (1921) depicts an aristocratic cast of eccentrics in a British country house who do nothing but talk...and talk.... *Antic Hay* (1923) shifts to a similar group of Bohemians in London who spend hours in elegant restaurants discussing art and philosophy. With so much conversation and so little action, reading these books aloud is unquestionably the best way to dramatize Huxley's brilliant dialog. Robert Whitfield does it full justice and proves that he is now one of the best narrators in the business. Recommended only for Huxley fans. AJo Carr, Sarasota, FL
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From the Inside Flap

"Futilitarian" best describes the type of desultory, pleasure-seeking intellectual Huxley pinned so mercilessly to the literary map in **Antic Hay**. Wickedly funny and deliciously barbed, the novel epitomizes the glittering neuroticism of post-First World War London.

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