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# Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City

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Anna Quindlen first visited London from a chair in her suburban Philadelphia home—in one in all her liked youth secret novels. She has been again to London numerous instances since, during the pages of books and in person, and now, in Imagined London, she takes her personal readers on a travel of this maximum of literary cities. While New York, Paris, and Dublin also are vividly portrayed in Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City fiction, it truly is London, Quindlen argues, that has regularly been the star, either as a result of the primacy of English literature and the specificity of urban descriptions. She bases her view of town on her personal distinct literary map, monitoring the footsteps of her favourite characters: the areas the place Evelyn Waugh's brilliant younger issues danced until eventually dawn, or the place Lydia Bennett eloped with the dastardly Wickham. In Imagined London, Quindlen walks in the course of Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City the city, relocating inside of blocks from the nice books of the nineteenth century to the detective novels of the 20 th to the recent modernist culture of the 21st. With wit and charm, Imagined London provides this excellent urban its complete due within the panorama of the literary imagination.

Anna Quindlen è una giornalista e scrittrice americana che fin dalla più tenera età è un'appassionata lettrice e che diventa ben presto un'anglofila in absentia, come cube lei stessa, cioè senza mai essere stata fisicamente in Inghilterra. Evitare un viaggio a Londra sembra in line with molti anni una missione: il motivo è l. a. paura che los angeles città non sia all'altezza delle sue enormi aspettative. Così Anna viaggia in poltrona fino a quando dopo i quarant'anni non cede (apparentemente, in keeping with los angeles promozione di un suo libro). Questo è il resoconto di quel viaggio (e altri, successivi) e del tentativo di conciliare l. a. Londra reale con los angeles Londra creata dai libri. Imagined London è una lettura estremamente piacevole according to svariati motivi: Anna Quindlen ha una bella voce narrativa, parla di Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City molti libri e scrittori (alcuni che conosco molto bene, altri solo di nome) e ovviamente parla di moltissimi posti di Londra che hanno una rilevanza letteraria particolare. los angeles sua prosa è farcita di piccoli aneddoti, bocconcini di informazione che sono sicuramente piacevolissimi. Eppure Imagined London è in Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City step with me il classico esempio di inspiration meraviglioso (appassionata lettrice visita Londra rivivendola alla luce delle sue letture anglofile) tradotto in un'esecuzione che non arriverei a definire sommaria, né fallimentare, Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City ma piuttosto vagamente insoddisfacente. La pecca più grande a mio avviso è l. a. frammentarietà e l. a. scarsa organizzazione del testo. I capitoli sono apparentemente organizzati consistent with argomenti (l'impressione, almeno, è questa, inizialmente) ma non realmente. Di fatto i capitoli non sono organizzati né Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City in step with argomenti, né in step with zone, né in line with autori o gruppi di autori, né seguono un itinerario reale. l. a. confusione del testo non impedisce comunque di ammirare i riferimenti letterari, di prendersi nota di autori da approfondire o di libri da leggere, o di posti da visitare. Al di là di questo, è difficile puntare il dito sui difetti del libro (forse anche perché è il primo di questo genere che leggo). Probabilmente consistent with me è un problema il fatto che los angeles

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narrazione è spesso impersonale. Mi spiego meglio. Quando leggo di viaggi nei weblog che seguono, le persone si descrivono nell'atto di raggiungere un tal luogo (esempio: dove risiedeva l'editore di Charlotte Bronte) e pensare all'aneddoto legato (la visita di Charlotte al suo editore, che non riusciva a convincersi della sua identità - all'epoca i libri delle sorelle Bronte erano ancora pubblicati sotto pseudonimo). Continuando l'esempio delle Bronte, los angeles blogger in questione passeggia in step with los angeles urban (qui period infatti l'ufficio dell'editore) cercando le cose che presumibilmente erano già lì nel 1848, anno della visita delle Bronte, e che loro potevano aver visto all'epoca. Questo approccio è meraviglioso perché mi dà l'impressione di essere a Londra con los angeles narratrice, e anche di poter replicare personalmente los angeles visita. los angeles Quindlen invece parte dallo specifico (il suo amore in line with l. a. lettura, e alcuni aneddoti personali) in step with virare sempre verso il generico (nel tal quartiere c'è una tal through e una tal casa eccetera eccetera) senza condividere un'esperienza personale. Nonostante questo, molti capitoli sono davvero belli (ad esempio quello che parla della distruzione di Londra durante l. a. seconda guerra mondiale). Eppure, con un apporto personale maggiore, il libro sarebbe stato perfetto. In ogni caso questa Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City è una lettura che consiglio a chi è appassionato di Londra e di libri. Una sola avvertenza: l'autrice parla solo quasi di autori classici e in line with adulti. Quindi se non avete letto Thackeray, Dickens, Woolf, le sorelle Mitford potreste trovare poco interessante il parallelo letterario (oppure potreste cominciare a leggerli!). Qualche autore moderno c'è: P.D. James, Doris Lessing. Quello che manca è - ovviamente - tantissimo (non ne faccio una colpa all'autrice, come avrebbe potuto includere tutto?) ma soprattutto mancano riferimenti alla lettura consistent with infanzia. Sto pensando soprattutto a J. K. Rowling ma anche a romanzi più classici come quelli di Barrie (Peter Pan) e sicuramente molti altri Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City che non conosco o semplicemente che ora non mi vengono in mente. Detto questo, se il libro vi ispira ancora, vi invito caldamente a leggerlo!<http://robertabookshelf.blogspot.it/2...>

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