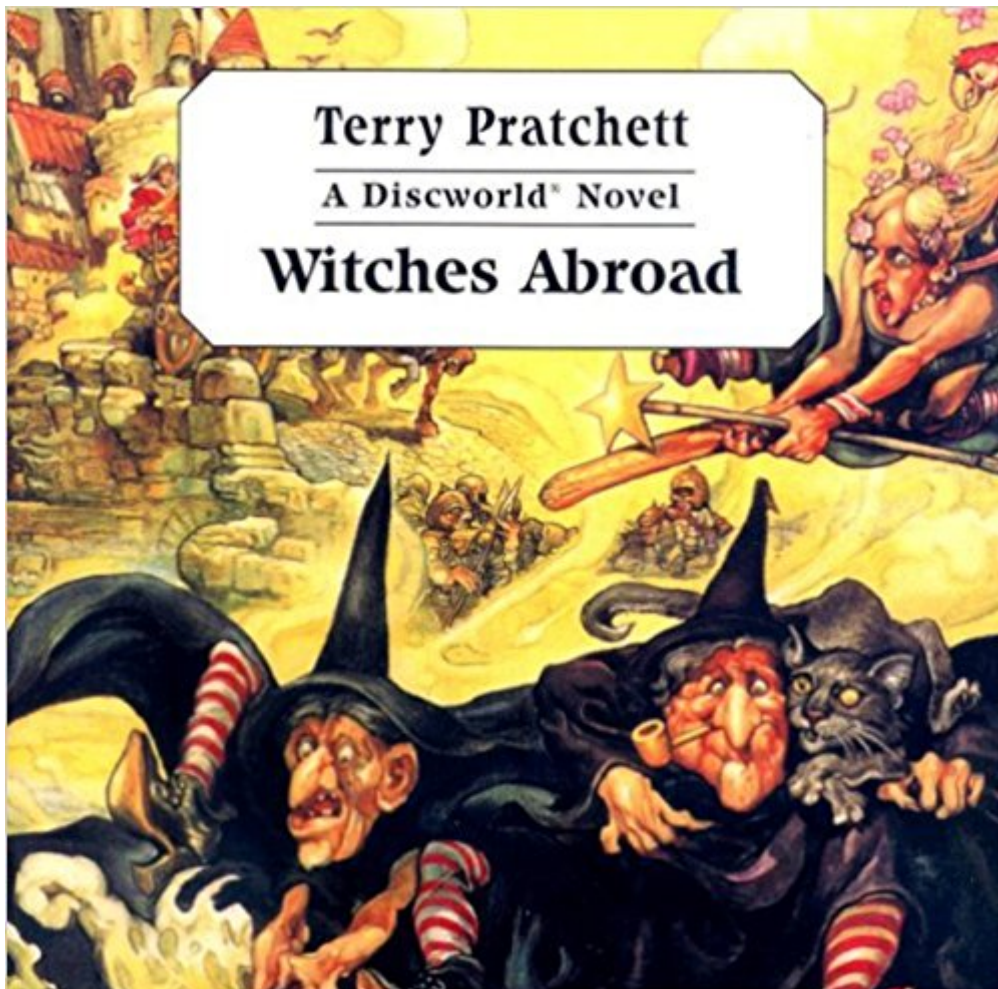




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Synopsis

How difficult could it be to make sure that a servant girl doesn't marry a prince? For the witches Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick. traveling to the distant city of Genua. things are never simple. For one thing, all they've got is Mrs Gogol's voodoo, a one-eyed cat and a second-hand magic wand that can only do pumpkins. And they're up against the malignant power of the Godmother herself, who has made Destiny an offer it can't refuse.

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Customer Reviews

"A true original among contemporary writers." --The Times
"Pratchett's writing is a constant delight. No one mixes the fantastical and mundane to better comic effect or offers sharper insights into the absurdities of modern endeavour." --Daily Mail
--This text refers to the Digital edition.

Terry Pratchett lives in Wiltshire. His Discworld series is a publishing phenomenon. He has been awarded four honorary doctorates. He won the Carnegie Medal for the Discworld novel MAURICE AND HIS AMAZING EDUCATED RODENTS. He was made an OBE in 1998. --This text refers to the Digital edition.

Unlike the Watch and Death novels, even some others in the Witch subseries, this book makes little pretense to deliver Pratchett's 3-P's--profundities, politics and philosophy--although we do get

something of a political lesson on the perils of utopianism. It's the funniest of all the Discworld stories. Even rereading it, I find myself laughing until I get tears in my eyes. WITCHES ABROAD lampoons just about every tourism cliché, and I suppose I got the biggest laughs from the parodies of riverboat gamblers on the Vieux (Ol' Man) River and Mardi Gras ("Fat Lunchtime" according to Nanny), plus a voodoo witch with a Russian name and a baba yaga house, which made her even funnier. Every fairy tale you can imagine is parodied and twisted around, even modern ones like THE WIZARD OF OZ. But the best lampoon is the hysterical two page Hemingway send-up in the bull chase sequence, turning that author's infamous cojones and humorlessness into something side-splitting. In spite of her inner urgings, which are brought out most forcefully in this novel, Granny Weatherwax is her usual sour but fundamentally decent self, making us prefer her direct tactlessness to her sister's slick manipulation. "Tact" is something Granny ignores. She perpetrates every paranoid suspicion generated by "ugly American" tourists and their British counterparts, and I've met both kinds while traveling in Europe. Nanny Ogg is almost too eager to communicate, and too certain of her "forn" vocabulary. Her malapropisms of languages and cuisine (crap suzette, anyone?) had me collapsing with laughter. Magrat, who for the most part bids farewell to the subseries after the next book, LORDS & LADIES, may be a wet hen but begins to show some mettle. Certainly she demonstrates good sense when she objects to the servant girl's name, Emberella, as sounding like "something you'd put up to keep the rain off." There's so much more that will keep you giggling -- a continuation of Pratchett's dwarf bread jokes, Greebo the Cat's amazing transformation, Nanny's introduction to the very short great lover Casanunda (whose name is one of Pratchett's best puns). All in all, WITCHES ABROAD would make a wonderful Christmas present for anyone who needs cheering up. Since it's readily available in bookstores around here, why is it currently NOT available through this website?

Excellent edition. Small, hardcover version. With flyleaf and an excellent cover art. It looks kind of like Barnes & Nobles classics edition but smaller and with thicker pages. I love the hell out of it, I'm building my Pratchett library with these editions. The only downside is that due to copyright issues not all Discworld novels are available in this format, though a good portion are.

love his books

Funny. Witty enjoyable.

Anyone who enjoys fantasy novels will love anything Pratchett, but *Witches Abroad* is easily one of his best. The witches are three of the most relatable characters in Pratchett's world, and this book will have you laughing out loud all the way through.

I am enjoying the story but have not finished it yet. I am reading it on my Nexus Google tablet and cannot see the footnotes on the pages that have them, which I know would be amusing. I tried changing to a smaller font and changing the margins hoping that would give more room for footnotes, but alas, nothing works. This problem takes away from reading it as an ebook!

My favorite book by the late great Sir Terry Pratchett. I learn something new every time I read it.

I am hopelessly enamored with Terry Pratchett's writing. He was a Master Storyteller, his tales steeped in tradition and irreverence. Settings, characters, and surprising turns of phrase are mixed with stunning insights wrapped in great FUN. I've read the series from its beginning, for no reason other than that's what I like to do with any series. It is not necessary, but I find it enriches the experience.

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