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Betty says

You just can't beat Ruark--he dies too young.

John W. says

A little tedious at times. I was always wanting him to get back to the story. 4 or 5 pages describing something I considered to be trivial was enough to make me stop reading and set aside for a time. It is over 800 pages and divided into 4 books.

The overt racism was also challenging for me. I don't remember that era being that bad, but then again I'm not from the south. It also came across as the opinion of the author and not vital for the story. I feel Ruark would not be someone that I would want to be friends with.

I've started to read this book many times over the years but could never get past a few pages. Getting ready to donate much of my library and picked this to read before boxing it up. I gave a rating of 2 stars and I feel that is being generous. If I were selling this at a garage sale I would feel I was over charging at \$0.25.

April says

I found my copy at a used bookstore going out of business, so it's an old one, the cover falling apart. I love Ruark's writing, though, so it was worth reading in print — it's a complete reading experience.

The main character is Craig Price, and the story begins with his childhood, follows through his life journey and successes, and ends with his downfall. At first, it's like a Horatio Alger story — he's from very poor circumstances, but he's bright and ambitious, eager to succeed. So he rises and rises until he's this huge tycoon. However, he has made some morally ambiguous moves in his rise to success, and many of them later bite him in the ass. He also loses some conscience in the end and does some despicable things, so after coming to love and admire him, you end up despising his character for the things he does.

It's a very long, almost epic story about the life of Craig Price — not the sort of thing you see in fiction these days — but the writing is beautiful, the character development great. It's a great journey of a read, and the descriptions of people, places, and things are simply unlike any other. Ruark is always very lyrical that way.

Loved the book.

Costacoralito says

A epic rags to riches story that seeps with descriptions of southern culture and lifestyle, economic success and calamity, love and betrayal. It es an easy read and the prose is great. This book would make a great

movie or TV series.

David Ward says

Poor No More by Robert Ruark (Henry Holt & Co. 1959) (Fiction). This is a long out-of-print novel that begins with a business tycoon and then explains how he grew from humble rural beginnings into his present role. My rating: 7/10, finished 1984.

Ron Antonucci says

And again in 1971.

Salvatore Leone says

Terrific writing. A story about a poor boy who grows up to have it all, or seems to, and what happens to him.
