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Thirty years' worth of Evelyn Waugh's inimitable travel writings have been gathered together for the first time in one volume.

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Martin says

Four-star average score for the individual books collected in this omnibus, with an extra star just because it collects ALL of Waugh's travel writing, including the political book Robbery Under Law, about Mexico in the 1930's.

You know, for a 1064-page book, this was a pretty quick read.

Further, more in-depth review of the individual books collected to come later.

Will says

Pretty entertaining travel writing by a legendary author, although it gets a bit tedious occasionally.

Deb says

Am finishing up first book in volume - Labels, published in 1929. At over 1000 pages this is definitely not a book to read all at once. I love the Everyman Library, just as I love Modern Library, and Library of America collections. The introductions, chronologies, and historical context of world events and other literature really inform the text for me. I like to see how there are recurring themes in literature at certain times. Am looking forward to exploring more.
