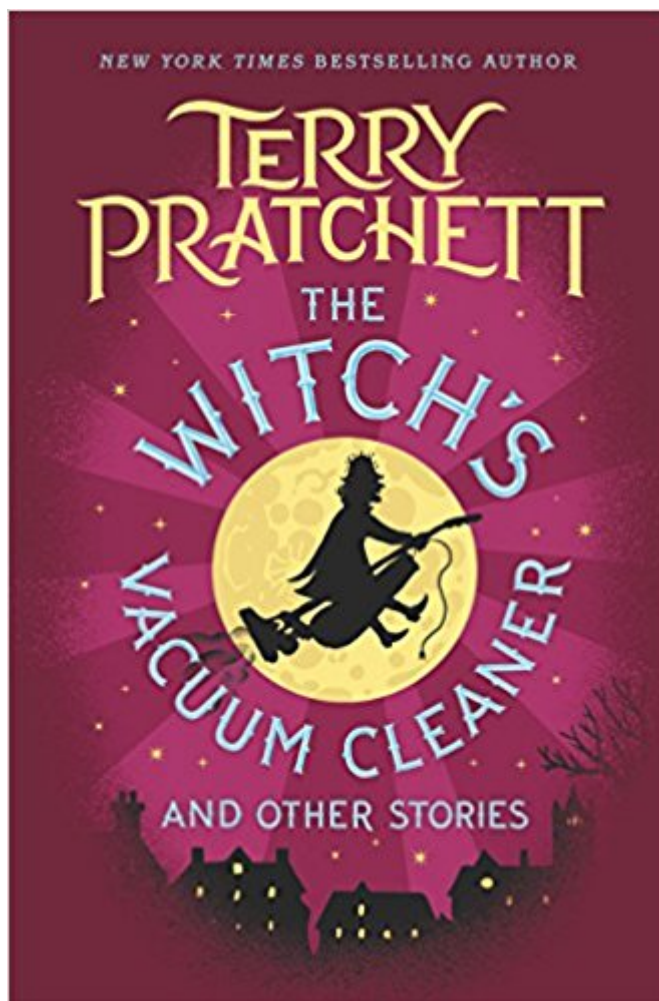




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Do you believe in magic? Can you imagine a war between wizards? An exciting journey in an airship or down in a submarine? Would you like to meet the fastest truncheon in the Wild West? The Witch and the Vacuum Cleaner is the second fabulously funny short-story collection from the late acclaimed storyteller Terry Pratchett. A follow-up to *Dragons at Crumbling Castle*, this second batch of storytelling gems features stories written when Sir Terry was just seventeen years old and working as a junior reporter. In these pages, new Pratchett fans will find wonder, mayhem, sorcery, and delight—and loyal readers will recognize the seeds of ideas that went on to influence his most beloved tales later in life. As Neil Gaiman says, “a Terry Pratchett book is a small miracle” and *The Witch and the Vacuum Cleaner* proves to be another miracle taking its place alongside Pratchett’s astounding and cherished body of work.

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“Terry was one of our greatest fantasists, and beyond a doubt the funniest.” --George R.R. Martin, New York Times bestselling author, praise for the author “A Terry Pratchett book is a small miracle.” --Neil Gaiman, New York Times bestselling author, praise for the author “A charmer and a guaranteed pleasure to read.” --Booklist --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Sir Terry Pratchett, OBE, was the author of more than 70 books, including the internationally bestselling *Discworld* series of novels. His books have been adapted for stage and screen, and he

was the winner of multiple prizes, including the Carnegie Medal. In January 2009, Pratchett was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of his services to literature. Sir Terry, who lived in England, died in March 2015 at the age of 66.

I love Terry Pratchett's stories and his imagination, even in his earlier years, brings a lot of wit and entertainment to the table. So why the low score on this one? Simply put, extremely poor formatting by the publisher. It was as if this project was slapped together in a hurry, without anyone looking to see whether or not the words were 3, 4, or even 5 times bigger than they should be. In each story there are words that are incredibly huge, font-wise, alongside the normal texted words. This did not allow me to enjoy the stories, but simply pulled me out of them altogether. I suggest the publishers pull the ebook, go back and try this again. So the one star is certainly not reflecting Pratchett's wonderful work (I am a fan), but rather the very poor formatting that came with this ebook edition. I am sorry to say I cannot recommend this read to anyone.

As always, a great read, especially for young readers (including the young at heart). Entertaining stories of sheepboys of the wild west of Wales, the tiny people of Even Moor going against giant difficulties, and the ever-popular weird stories of Blackburry, are part of this collection of wonderful adventures you are sure to enjoy.

It's Terry Pratchett at his earliest although with some upgrades. Of course it's a 5 star book. Couldn't be anything else. There are also glimpses at future books and themes. It's a wonderful book.

Juvenilia from Pratchett. These stories can't compare to his wonderful Discworld books, but they make a nice introduction to fantasy literature for younger readers.

Not as rich as the typical Pratchett; I bought it simply because I missed the wealth of wit and layers within his writing. Sadly, I still do.

Well conceived plots with whimsical twists. Delightful for 8 to 13 year old readers. Now must read more by this author. Linda Donaldson

Good book. Some stories were more engaging than others, but all were enjoyed.

Yay for more stories from Terry Pratchett! Reminded me how much I miss him.

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