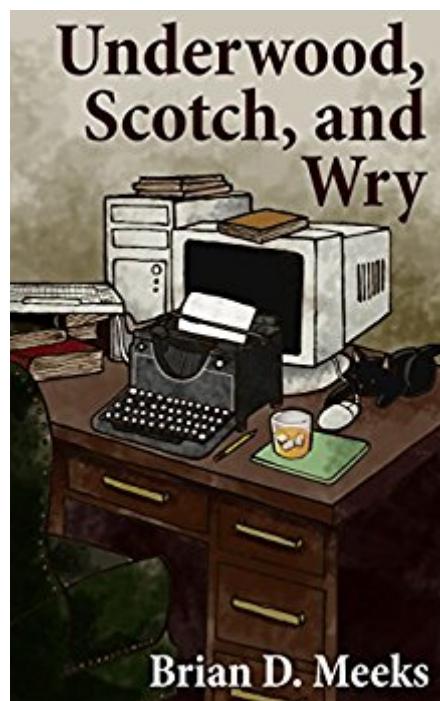


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Customer Reviews

I've not read Brian D. Meeks before (although I have all his Henry Woods books in my [very long] Kindle queue), so I can't say UNDERWOOD, SCOTCH, AND WRY is unlike (or even like) his usual work. I did find it an easy and fun read, finishing it in one night and the following morning. Like its protagonist, I am what the 21st Century calls a Late Adopter (and what earlier centuries called a Luddite). I recently tried, and grew increasingly bored with, Facebook. Twitter, to me, is still something cartoon characters hear after being hit on the head. So I felt a kinship with the confusion felt by word-dry-author/college-instructor Arthur Byrne when his college administration (all in need of a radical sticectomy) assigns him the chore of teaching Social Media Science 301, in the hope he will fall flat on his face and they'll be able to fire him. Byrne, who has not produced a book in two decades, protects himself with walls of arch observation (some would say sarcasm) and a moat of booze. He fortunately has a number of teaching assistants, whose academic careers will rise or fall with his, to ease him into the 21st Century. This is all handled lightly. We stay on the side of he-who-must-fight-unreasonable-expectations. We're helped by the fact, as trenchant as he may be, Arthur Byrne IS funny, his attitude toward those in authority and his interaction with his young T.A.s is funny. (You know how hard it is to be light and humorous instead of sounding elephantine and forced? Ask someone like P. G. Wodehouse who seriously worked at being effortless.) But what I came away from reading with was that Meeks accomplished several things at once.

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