

Irvin S. Cobb: The Rise and Fall of an American Humorist by William E. Ellis

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Description:

Humor is merely tragedy standing on its head with its pants torn.—Irvin S. Cobb Born and raised in Paducah, Kentucky, humorist Irvin S. Cobb (1876–1944) rose from humble beginnings to become one of the early twentieth century's most celebrated writers. As a staff reporter for the New York World and Saturday Evening Post, he became one of the highest-paid journalists in the United States. He also wrote short stories for noted magazines, published books, and penned scripts for the stage and screen. In Irvin S. Cobb: The Rise and Fall of a Southern Humorist, historian

William E. Ellis examines the life of this significant writer. Though a consummate wordsmith and a talented observer of the comical in everyday life, Cobb was a product of the Reconstruction era and the Jim Crow South. As a party to the endemic racism of his time, he often bemoaned the North's harsh treatment of the South and stereotyped African Americans in his writings. Marred by racist undertones, Cobb's work has largely slipped into obscurity. Nevertheless, Ellis argues that Cobb's life and works are worthy of more detailed study, citing his wide-ranging contributions to media culture and his coverage of some of the biggest stories of his day, including on-the-ground reporting during World War I. A valuable resource for students of journalism, American humor, and popular culture, this illuminating biography explores Cobb's life and his influence on early twentieth-century letters.

Irving S. Cobb was a humorist, not a comedian, as William E. Ellis stresses throughout his wonderful book on one of America's forgotten literary titans. Irving S. Cobb, of Paducah, Kentucky, was one of the best-known, best paid and most prolific writers of the early Twentieth Century but is all but unknown today. As an enthusiastic young writer and editor, Cobb left small-town Paducah in 1904 and was hired by the New York Sun. Within two years, his work began to emerge through his colorful language in descriptive columns that drew the public's interest. He soon drew plush assignments and found fame as a crime and features reporter for Joseph Pulitzer's New York World. Cobb turned his attention to short stories which appeared regularly in such popular magazines as the Saturday Evening Post and Cosmopolitan. To describe Irving S. Cobb's style to a modern audience, wrote in the style of Mark Twain or even Andy Rooney. Cobb did not rely on one-liners or sight gags. Instead, he made his readers chuckle with humorous tales that often ended with a moral twist. It is revealing that one of Cobb's best friends was Will Rogers while one of his harshest critics was H. L. Mencken. Like Rogers, Cobb's audience consisted of more the common man than Mencken's stable of intellectuals. As such, Cobb fought hard against Prohibition, while developing strong relationships with like-minded personalities such as Rogers, Damon Runyon and Grantland Rice. He became a member of the famed Algonquin Round Table of writers and editors and in 1922 he was among the first recipients of the O. Henry Memorial Award for short stories, an award that is still presented. Cobb was not afraid to shop his services at the expense of long-time relationships, becoming a literary free agent akin to modern college football coaches who abandon one loyal fan base for another that pays more money. Well established in the 1930's, Cobb ventured into new territory, moving west to work on movies, and he contributed scripts to such directors as Cecil B. DeMille and Hal Roach. Cobb became so well established in Hollywood that he was asked to serve as master of ceremonies at the 1935 Academy Awards where he presented five Oscars to "It Happened One Night" starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. Unfortunately, Cobb's writing was not timeless. Modern readers would have problems with his grating nails-on-the-blackboard characterizations of African-Americans that ranged from paternal to offensive while ignoring widespread discrimination and injustice. Those aspects of Cobb's humor do not translate well a century later. It becomes a tricky exercise when we judge historical figures through a modern lens, but to dismiss Cobb for that grievous fact would be to dismiss a body of work that was among the most popular in the literary world during his time. To condemn Cobb would be to condemn his audience and contemporary preferences and tastes. Ellis' warts-and-all view places one of America's more popular humorists into the proper historical perspective.

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