

A DOG'S HEAD

Jean Dutourd's A Dog's Head is a wonderful piece of magical realism, reminiscent of Voltaire, Borges and Kafka. With biting wit, Dutourd presents the story of Edmund Du Chaillu, a boy born, to his bourgeois parents's horror, with the head of a spaniel. Edmund must endure his school-mate's teasing as well as an urge to carry a newspaper in his mouth. This is the story of his life, trials, and joys as he searches...



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A Dog's Head doesn't have the same poetry that is attributed to most other works of "magical realism," an aspect of the genre that I particularly like. Although the metaphor is pretty straightforward and maybe even a little heavy handed, I did have a visceral reaction to...

For me, there was much to take away from this book. It's only 150 pages long, but "packs a punch" has never been truer. A book that would be especially...