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Ernest Bramah : Kai Lung's Golden Hours (Classic Reprint) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kai Lung's Golden Hours (Classic Reprint):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Oddity from 1900By AccountantThe book is a series of stories told by Kai Lung, an itinerant Chinese story teller. The China involved is rather like the Mikado's Japan - a vehicle for making fun of Britain. I sought out this book because Dorothy Sayers used quotes from it to head chapters in one of the Lord Peter Wimsey novels. Recommended for those who enjoy Wodehouse, Sayers and other light-hearted wordsmiths of the early twentieth century and those who enjoy humorous adventure stories. Not recommended for the racial grievance oriented since Asian stereotypes are used for humorous effects in a good natured manner. (I also enjoyed Potash and Perlmutter which is similarly "offensive" to my own ethnicity by current standards.)9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Great readBy Bruce WilsonI love the over-the-top pseudo-chinese-classical style of Bramah's writing: "It is indeed unlikely that you could condescend to stop and listen to the foolish words of such an insignificant and altogether deformed person as myself. Nevertheless, if you could retard your elegant footsteps for a few moments, this exceedingly unprepossessing individual will endeavor to entertain you."If you don't like that style, you'll find it difficult to get past it to the entertaining and humorous stories of Kai Lung.The formatting could use some improvement (uneven margins on my iPhone, double line breaks for paragraphs), but it's not too bad.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ernest Bramah is greatBy Customeras are both of the Kai Lung books. Kai Lung is an itinerant story teller in ancient China, and these are some of his stories.Actually, of course, these are stories written by Ernest Bramah, who did NOT live in ancient China, but only pretended he did, but from a Western perspective they're still extremely good stories, and in reality they were written for the Western world.Enjoy.

Excerpt from Kai Lung's Golden HoursHomo faber. Man is born to make. His business is to construct: to plan: to carry out the plan: to fit together, and to produce a finished thing.That human art in which it is most difficult to achieve this end (and in which it is far easier to neglect it than in any other) is the art of writing. Yet this much is certain, that unconstructed writing is at once worthless and ephemeral: and nearly the whole of our modern English writing is unconstructed.The matter of survival is perhaps not the most important, though it is a test of a kind, and it is a test which every serious writer feels most intimately. The essential is the matter of excellence: that a piece of work should achieve its end. But in either character, the character of survival or the character of intrinsic excellence, construction deliberate and successful is the fundamental condition.It may be objected that the mass of writing must in any age neglect construction. We write to establish a record for a few days: or to send a thousand unimportant messages: or to express for others or for ourselves something very vague and perhaps very weak in the way of emotion, which does

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