



this volume. In one way I was disappointed in this book, (No table of contents, no page numbers, and the summaries are way too short) but in another way I found this book humorous and somewhat entertaining. Since I had read most of the books mentioned in this text I found the very brief illustrated stories a fun read. Some of the many books listed in this text includes the following: The Da Vinci Code, Lord of the rings, The old man and the sea, The war of the worlds, Nineteen eighty-four, The Bible, The picture of Dorian Gray, The adventures of Tom Sawyer, The name of the rose, The call of the wild, Naked lunch, and then there were none, A clockwork orange, Of mice and men, On the road, The catcher in the Rye, Ulysses, First blood, Watchmen, One flew over the cuckoo's nest, Gulliver's travels, Pet cemetery, The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy, Romeo and Juliet, Frankenstein, Fahrenheit 451, Brave New world and many other classic books. You should keep in mind that if you are seeking an intellectually stimulating summary review of 90 great classic books this volume you will be disappointed; however, if you enjoy reading a unique, cartoon illustrated and humorous approach to these 90 books you will like the book. I found this book amusing and fun to read. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Never Trust a politician: A critical review of politics and politicians). 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Mini-reviews that fall short both in humor and in accuracy. By Suzanne Amaral. I've read a few books like this one, that sum up the classics so you can feel you've read them even if you haven't, and I have no problem with that concept---as the saying goes, so many books, so little time. However, this is a very weak entry into that genre! Each summary is done in a 4 panel cartoon format, with text only in the last 3 panels. Even that could work, if the author didn't try to make the last part of each summary a joke. The jokes ALL fall flat, and are often repetitive---something like "Warm fuzzies for all!" is used over and over. When I read summaries of books I've read in full, they were inaccurate in almost every case---totally missing the point of the book in an effort to be cute or silly, which might be okay if they really were cute and silly. For example, the last panel of Alice in Wonderland says "In the end Alice wakes up to find it was all a dream and tells her sister about it who gets her Grateful Dead CDs and acid for her next birthday" (lack of punctuation is the author's choice, not mine!) The choice of books also seems a bit odd. I like Stephen King fairly well, but really, is Pet Semetary a classic book? Even if you want to include a book by him, pick Carrie or 'Salem's Lot or one of his better known and better written books! I give this two stars instead of one because in a few cases, it did lead me to want to see what the books it used were all about in their full form. I might try One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest or The Picture of Dorian Gray. Any book that gets someone wanting to try a classic deserves 2 stars. But in this case, no more. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Would Never Buy Again. By Mike in Miami, FL. Not worth it to me. Would never buy from this series again. Poorly covers the stories as far as I'm concerned (compared to ones I'd read entirely and felt a better overview were possible).

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From Publishers Weekly. This collection of humorous cartoons uses the four panel grid to provide Cliffs Notes crack: a super-rush of literary info in no time flat. Whole epics like Ulysses are reduced to four panels actually three since panel one is always used for the title and not much else. The book selection includes a nice mix of warhorse classics and more modern fare. A Confederacy of Dunces and American Psycho as well as genre favorites The Lord of the Rings and Watchmen. The descriptions of each of the 90 books offered are best when they list the plot twists and developments, but Lange includes his own comic punch lines for most of the stories. The cute and amusing cartoons use a scratchy style reminiscent of a less polished Ivan Brunetti or Johnny Ryan. The rhythm of the four panels makes this a tough book to put down and will provide a quick brushup for folks going literary party hopping or book fair wandering. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author. NICOTEXT is a Swedish publishing company that harvests fresh ideas in the areas of humor, culture and entertainment around the globe. With the goal of creating new and innovative book projects, the company creates books not found anywhere else--books the publishers and founders would want to buy for themselves. Nicotext are makers of the new generation coffee-table books. Nicotext releases 15 new titles every year, many of which are likely to change the world.