Christmas 2014 Quiz Supplement

Anthony Powell’s Pre-War Novels Quiz
Set by Bruce Fleming

Afternoon Men
1. What discovery precipitates Pringle’s unsuccessful attempt at suicide?
2. Which character, the ‘drunken commentator on life’, was inspired by Powell’s friend, Bobby Roberts?
3. What dramatic occurrence in AM is said to exemplify ‘a vast Heath Robinson mechanism lumbering gloomily down the vistas of triteness’?
4. What is Mr Scheigan’s forename?
5. Which two characters in AM briefly served in the same regiment during the War?
6. Explain why Atwater feels obliged to give a blind man a shilling.
7. What, in modern parlance, is the nationality of the mistress that Undershaft is said to be keeping in New York?
8. Which character intervenes at a party to extricate a comatose girl from the bathroom and give Pringle a false nose to wear?

Venusberg
1. All clues considered, the action of Venusberg is most likely to have taken place in which ‘new country’?
2. Who predicts that Lushington will have a love affair and receive a small amount of money in an envelope?
3. What is the name of Pope’s fiancée?
4. What fate befalls Count Scherbatcheff’s grandmother on the Nikolai Bridge?
5. According to the head of the American legation, Frau Mavrin is the sort of dame who would do what if taken in adultery?
6. To what office is Waldemar promoted in the course of the novel?
7. As his boat disembarks at the end of the novel, what strange scene does Lushington witness that prefigures an important motif in A Dance to the Music of Time?
8. What ruse does Lushington resort to in order to persuade Count Bobel and the two nightclub girls to vacate his hotel suite?

From a View to a Death
1. Explain the significance of the publication Through the Western Highlands with Rod and Gun.
2. What is the triangular piece of land over which Mr Passenger and Major Fosdick are in dispute about shooting rights?
3. Who, after Marshall the butler, is the second person that Zouch sees on first arriving at Passenger Court?

4. Zouch (being a superman) does not care for reading, except for a few favourite books, which he reads over and over again. Name any one of them.

5. What are the names of Joanna Brandon’s dogs?

6. What is the cause of the embarrassing scene at the end of Torquil Fosdick’s cocktail party?

7. “Betty said, ‘Oh, it isn’t kindness with father. It’s cruelty.’” What possible skulduggery might she have been alluding to here?

8. What is the name of the journalist and obsessive rambler that Zouch meets while out walking with Mr Passenger?

**Agents & Patients**

1. What, so far as he can be said to have one, is Blore-Smith’s occupation at the start of *Agents & Patients*?

2. What is the name of Mrs Mendoza’s flower shop?

3. Reference to a reservoir and a statue of its founder suggest that the Maltravers live in which district of London?

4. Fill in the blank in the following exchange between Blore-Smith and Chipchase.

   ‘I’ve always wanted to see _____.’

   ‘Well here you are, then.’

   ‘This?’

   ‘All of it.’

5. What, apart from a cocktail of opiates, does Gaston de la Tour d’Espagne allegedly have in his veins?

6. Which recurrent minor character is first seen wriggling out of a deal in the Frott Gallery and ends up by inviting Blore-Smith to Saint Tropez?

7. Why is Schlumbermayer so keen that Broadacres should be the location for the psychoanalytical film?

8. The Berlin episode is based on a visit Anthony Powell made in 1932 to which of his friends, then working in the film industry?

**What’s Become of Waring**

1. At the séance organised by Mr Lipfield, what song does the group sing to encourage the spirit, Mimi, to communicate?

2. Tiger Hudson first begins to suspect ‘Waring’ might be a plagiarist while studying his book about which country?

3. The character Roberta Payne appears to be based on which Duckworth’s author, who later introduced AP to George Orwell?

4. According to the narrator, what potentially dangerous habit exemplifies Bernard Judkins’s method of ordering his life?

5. What and where is ‘The Amphitrite’?

6. To which territorial army regiment do Lipfield and Hudson both belong?

7. Name one of the narrator’s two motives in visiting the Pimley household in Camberley for the second time.

8. What is the relevance of the revolutionary theorist, Georges Sorel, to the action of WBW?
Cats in Music and Literature
Set by Keith & Noreen Marshall

1. Which of AP’s cats can you name?
2. Who had a cat called Jeoffry?
3. Who composed with a cat snuggled in his waistcoat?
4. Which poet wrote about Mr Mephistopheles?
5. Which novelist wrote about a cat called Thomasina?
6. Which rock composer and lyricist had a cat called Mimi?
7. Which children’s book features a Cheshire Cat?
8. Name the Stravinsky piece scored for female voice and three clarinets.
9. Who was married by a turkey who lived on a hill?
10. Which silent film cat just kept on walking?

Christmas Prize Competition
Name That Character

Give a name to a character in Dance who was not named by Powell
(eg. workman with kipper in opening of QU)

Maximum five entries per person.

The prize is a year’s membership of the Society or Society merchandise to the same value (please state your preference).

Entries by post or email, with your name & address should be sent to:
Prize Competition, Anthony Powell Society
76 Ennismore Avenue, Greenford, UB6 0JW, UK
Email: comp@anthonypowell.org
by the closing date of 31 January 2015.

The winning entry will be the one which most amuses the Editor.
The winner will be announced in the Spring 2015 Newsletter.

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2014 Christmas Crossword
Set by Julian Miller

On completion, an AP title is revealed, running along the top and the bottom of the grid.

Across
9. Resting upon too much deceit (9)
10. It’s a lot of fun if you join together! (5)
11. Criminal stole part of falafel, once (5)
12. Terrible ebola after diseased rats examined by early measuring device (9)
13. Artist in Fargo made a hotchpotch (7)
14. Setting could be challenging (7)
17. Florentine painter came back to sip pilsner (5)
19. The German returned somewhat dow (3)
21. Officer spoke of the heart of the matter (7)
22. Misshapen snail crawls over body of man – beasts! (7)
24. O, I hope gas could get in the throats (9)
26. Earth shaken to the core (5)
28. Discovered in daily diary from ancient coastal region (5)
29. Jazz singers from Brum, perhaps, given protective covers (9)

Down
1. Time away from work by upper class chap (4)
2. Therapist – he might be real? (6)
3. Stretching out, but no tail gone (10)
4. Maiden conceals a strong woman (6)
5. “M. Hulot” turned up inside, older and troubled (8)
6. Kennedy’s game? (4)
7. Perhaps Latinise tedious recitals (8)
8. Jane seeing orb – heart of orb (4)
13. Some folk, some music – type of acid! (5)
15. Tidy up the shattering mess! (10)
16. Turbulent seas following last of fog gives the vapours (5)
18. Kind of barricade could be said to appear in half of Palo Alto (8)
19. Busy ball managed to offer English dessert (8)
22. In anorak, I’m boy with elbows out (6)
23. Middle part worthy, could be cultivated (6)
24. From the start, one night last year was unique (4)
25. Singer begins performance in a French way (4)
27. Hardy woman upset Southerner (4)

Answers to the quizzes and crossword will be printed in the Spring Newsletter