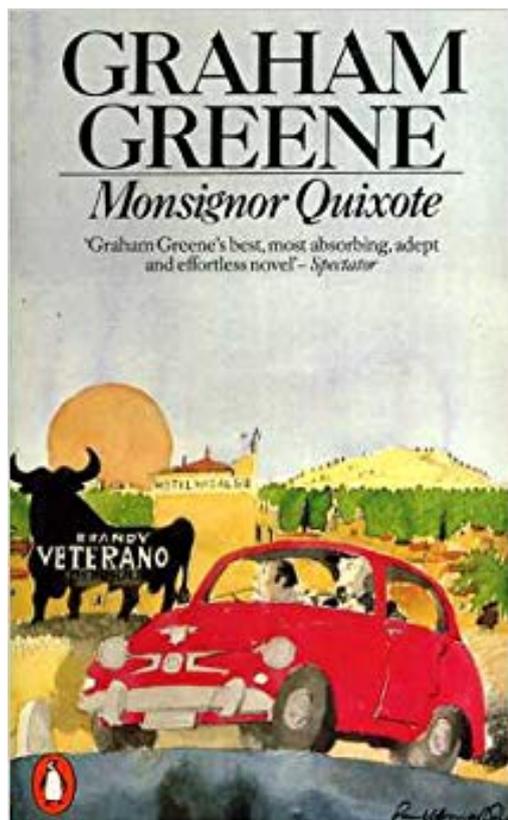


## Monsignor Quixote by GRAHAM GREENE



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## Reviews of the *Monsignor Quixote* by GRAHAM GREENE

Kizshura

This particular novel was chosen by the Spirituality Book Group at my church. It had been recommended by the Rector. We are in the process of discussing it thoroughly over a period of time. We are particularly enjoying the discussions between Fr Quixote and the former local communist mayor, whom he calls Sancho, about the spirit of Christianity and the spirit of communism.

Nahelm

Graham Greene might be the most empathetic and thoughtful twentieth-century author regarding the human encounter with religion. One of the few really good modern retellings of Don Quixote. Sometimes funny, too.

RUsich155

great work, plenty of wittiness, profound knowledge of human being feelings. How opposite positions can meet through tolerance, philosophy and love. A tender story of two men that take the road for a journey, but farther it is a big metaphor of a journey deep in each others soul - To read more than once - lines written by an exceptional writer who won't let down any reader

Washington

In "Monsignor Quixote" Graham Greene is at his best yet again regaling us with his infectious humor. The book compares favorably to Greene's other entertainments like "Travels with My Aunt" and one of my favorite short stories "A Shocking Accident," (Read it. You'll be glad you did). Father Quixote, a bumbling priest, and Sancho Panza, a former communist mayor of the village, are the protagonists in this comical tale that takes place in 1960s Spain. Following father Quixote's hospitality for a high-ranking Italian bishop and an assortment of amusing events, he's promoted to the title of monsignor to the utter surprise of his local bishop who considers him an idiot. To purchase purple socks and bib, insignia of a monsignor, father Quixote and Sancho head to Madrid on the priest's car named Rocinante after the steed in "Don Quixote." On the trip they bring along plenty of food and wine to abet their conversation. Father Quixote is a humble man who is oblivious to temptation, mistakes a condom for a balloon, has never seen a porno and is surprised to know he's staying in a brothel. His only excess is considering himself a descendant of Don Quixote. If one's familiar with Cervantes' masterpiece one would notice the parallels in the book's plot. Unlike traditional Catholic priests, father Quixote is beset by doubts about faith, love, temptation and forgiveness that often test his faith. I rate "Monsignor" higher than "Travels" which was a romp with "Our Man in Havana" a distant third. Read the first 30 pages. You'll be hooked!

playboy

More to it than it first appears . Excellent introduction, too.

Xlisiahal

This is my first Greene book and I liked it so much I'm now going to read all of his works. This delightful tale tells of the travels of a newly minted Monsignor Quixote and his Sancho Panza, the Communist former mayor of a small town. Through their wanderings the pair discuss important life and faith issues. I agree with another reviewer's observation that the book seems to be an argument between Greene and himself. Not only am I going to read more Greene, but I have just bought Cervantes' Don Quixote, which I had never read. This is a highly recommended book.

Wyameluna

Great book with a spoof on Don Quixote. Make sure you read Cervantes first!

In what I believe was his last novel, Graham Greene recasts Don Quixote and sets the tale in post-Franco Spain. A road trip full of adventure, philosophical and spiritual debate and unexpected friendships ensues when a newly promoted Monsignor leaves his small town parish in the company of the ex-Mayor who is a committed follower of Marx and Lenin. This is an engaging and cleverly conceived odd couple pairing in the hands of a master. Entertaining and thought provoking.

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