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Review

"Hand it to your youngest and he will undoubtedly be highly entertained by the saga of Dinah and Dorinda and their misdeeds; give it to your best friend and he will be entertained by the delicate satire on every page."
— *The Boston Globe*

"A wildly eccentric adventure of two sisters who set out on a complicated mission to rescue their father from prison in an enemy country. With a motley crew of characters, including not only the obligatory governess but also a splendid dancing master, this is a gloriously unpredictable tale of escalating bad behavior, magical transformations, slapstick humor, sophisticated satire and, throughout, a war-time preoccupation with food, involving irresistibly detailed lists."
— *The Guardian*

"Eric Linklater's *The Wind on the Moon* (1944), winner of the Carnegie Award, is a wildly inventive fantasy that just begs to be read aloud."
— *The Horn Book*

About the Author

Eric Linklater (1899-1974) wrote scores of novels for adults and children. He also was a journalist in India, commander of a wartime fortress in the Orkney Islands, and rector of Aberdeen University.

Nicolas Bentley (1907-1978) drew the pictures for the first edition of T.S. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*.

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