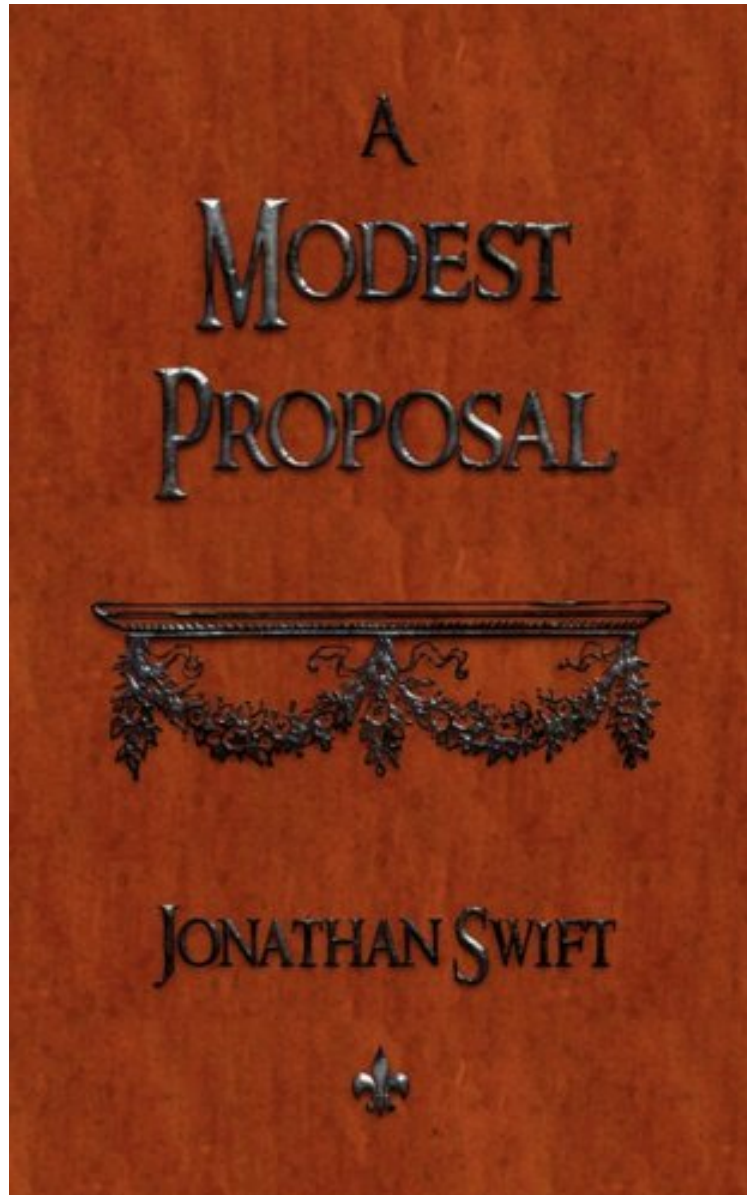


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**Jonathan Swift : A Modest Proposal** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Modest Proposal:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "And giving some pleasure to the rich..."By John P. Jones III Jonathan Swift was an Anglo-Irish essayist and satirist whose work was produced in the early 18th Century. His

most famous work is Gulliver's Travels (Dover Thrift Editions). As serendipity would have it, I was discussing the issue of immigration, in its many forms, with an Anglo-Irish friend. I offered a satirical as well as an extreme solution – with a straight face – but he was not taken in, and said: “Oh, you mean like selling poor children to the rich, so they can eat them.” In this “instant” age, we shared that commonality of having read Swift’s “A Modest Proposal” written in 1729. I had read it in high school, and decided that a re-read was essential. Way back then, Ireland had a population of only a million and a half. Swift calculates that there were “200,000 breeders,” and suggested that males be able to “serve” four females, a particular ratio that has a familiar ring. The people are often referred to in the same manner as animals, in terms of breeding, upbringing, and ultimate disposition. Swift frequently uses the term “Papists,” a term no longer in vogue, and indicates that his “modest proposal” would lower their numbers, a goal that he posits as worthwhile and essential. It was good political satire in 1729. It ended so abruptly, and open-endedly that I had to independently check to determine if this Kindle version did not omit the ending – as was done in regards to a Shakespearean play I had read. But no, this version is complete. As for the satire, with our current crop of political leadership, it would be increasingly difficult to differentiate a satirical quip from an (dis)honestly held policy statement. As for Swift’s proposal, I modestly provide 4-stars. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "A young, healthy child well nursed, is, at a year old, a most delicious nourishing and wholesome food...By Don Kidwell...whether stewed, roasted, baked or boiled." Never in my life would I have guessed that the same author of the classic "Gulliver's Travels" could come up with this outright horror tale. Obviously it's meant as satire, but talk about raising the hairs on the back of my neck! How about this passage for sheer terror "A child will make two dishes at an entertainment for friends, and when the family dines alone, the fore or hind quarter will make a reasonable dish, and seasoned with a little pepper or salt, will be very good on the fourth day." Had to save the second half of the book for dessert as my hunger for horror is quite quenched for now, but definitely a most satisfying book that will yet linger on my palate well after the oh so brief taste! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. one of the best commentaries on The Famine (Ireland) By Customer one of the best commentaries on The Famine (Ireland). More than that, it's a timeless satire on conditions that could be prevented or at least alleviated, if only we stopped thinking about ourselves - what we need, what we want, what we're interested in, what we don't want to give up and consider what we can give to others, what they need.

An unabridged edition of Swift's 18th century, satirical classic

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