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It's no good trying to keep up old friendships. It's painful for both sides. The fact is, one grows out of people, and the only thing is to face it. W. Somerset Maugham, Cakes and Ale or the Skeleton in the Cupboard

Reader's Opinions

This is a novel that starts out brilliantly and becomes less interesting as the narrative progresses. Purely as a reader, I found the douchebaggish Alroy Kear the most appealing character, and his rivalries with the narrator Ashenden more engaging than the storyline of the author Edward Driffield, so sparsely sketched as to be almost...